



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 2023

City of Lakewood

Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Whalen; Deputy Mayor Mary Moss; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of 2023-2024 State Legislative Agenda and Policy Manual, 2024 Federal Policy Agenda and Pierce County Policy Manual.

Michael Vargas, Assistant to the City Manager introduced Shelly Helder, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs, Chief Patrick Smith, and City Manager Caulfield.

Helder provided a high-level overview of what is expected to happen during the 2024 State Legislative Session noting that it is a short 60-day session, is the 2nd year in the biennium and will focus on adoption of supplemental operational, capital and transportation budgets.

She shared that the 2024 State Legislative Agenda will focus on public safety specifically the City requests the Legislature: 1) Provide tools to address auto theft and property crime, including increased state funding to grant programs to support regional enforcement and prosecution efforts; 2) Make refinements to the restrictions on vehicular pursuits; 3) Commit ongoing state funding for therapeutic courts to satisfy the new state drug possession law; and 4) Supply stable state funding for co-responder programs, such as the City's Behavioral Health Contact Team. Discussion ensued and a 5th request will be added regarding juvenile crime.

Helder provided an overview of the request regarding Geographic Equity in Discharge from State Facilities and reviewed proposed changes to State Legislative Policy Manual. Discussion ensued.

Jake Johnston, Johnston Group reviewed the 2024 Federal Policy Agenda. Discussion ensued.

Michael Vargas, Assistant to the City Manager reviewed the Pierce County Policy Manual. Discussion ensued.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 16, 2023
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Police Commissioning and Awards Ceremony. – *Chief Patrick Smith, Lakewood Police Department*
2. Recognition of Gomer Roseman, Habitat for Humanity.
3. Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nisqually Indian Tribe. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the 2023 Electrical Services project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Appointing Amelia Escobedo to serve on the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board through December 31, 2026. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Appointing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Appointing Lakewood Arts Commission members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Naming the plaza area on Motor Avenue, Colonial Plaza. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
9. Review of 3rd Quarter (2023) Police Report. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that changes to the legislative agenda will be brought back for City Council review on October 30th followed by adoption on November 6th.

He then shared that Bill Adamson, South Sound Military and Community Partnership (SSMCP) Program Manager is being recognized as an Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Community Champion.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- October 13, 5:00 P.M., American KAPWA Community Celebration, Thomas Middle School
- October 14, 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Truck & Tractor Day, Fort Steilacoom Park
- October 18, 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Pierce County Thriving Together for Small Businesses, McGavick Conference Center
- October 30, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., AWC District 6 Meeting, AWC Headquarters
- November 1, 6:30 P.M., Public Safety Roundtable, University Place City Hall

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he visited the Puget Sound Wildlife Refuge where there were over 100 volunteers beautifying the area with native plants.

Councilmember Lauricella shared that he looks forward to Truck and Tractor Day.

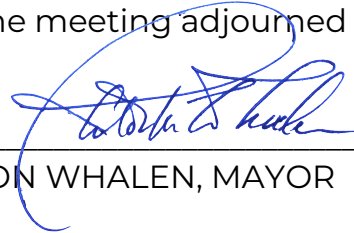
Councilmember Anderson shared that the City will need alternate for the Puget Sound Regional Council and spoke about the design for the temporary Lakewood Library location.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she looks forward to Truck and Tractor Day and shared that Lakewood Multicultural Coalition is working with the Clover Park School District to support youth in the community.

Mayor Whalen shared that Late Night at the YMCA has been a successful program for youth in the community. He shared that last week he attended a Habitat for Humanity event in Tillicum with Governor Inslee, the Economic Development Board Manufacturing Day and looks forward to Truck and Tractor Day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK