



**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, October 30, 2023

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Mike Brandstetter.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of October 9, 2023.

B. Motion No. 2023-97

Authorizing settlement of Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 23-2-06560-9 between the City of Lakewood and Heirs and Devisees of Edith Josephine Takemoto.

C. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 22, 2022.
2. American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 9, 2023.
3. Community Services Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 20, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Park Sign Design Project Update.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth introduced presenters from Tangram who presented the signage project process and updates from the feedback process, stakeholders, and advisory board members. They completed a site survey and shared their vision to include modern architecture and City of Lakewood branding in the designs. They displayed six concepts with mock-ups of different designs and then detailed next steps. Discussion ensued.

Review of proposed 2024 Federal, State and County Legislative Agenda and Policy Manual.

Assistant to the City Manager Michael Vargas and state lobbyist Shelly Helder, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs, shared a list of changes to the State legislative agenda and policy manual to include updates on pursuit policy and policy changes to floodplain language, public safety, juvenile crime, geographic equity in discharge from state facilities, a request for state coordination for military affairs, and provided that more changes can be seen in Council documents. Vargas continued to detail the Pierce County and Federal legislative agenda changes including the opioid settlement funds process, juvenile crime update to align with state policy and dive deeper on education for at-risk youth and their families, support for water concern issues, and additional changes to better align with state policy manual. Discussion ensued.

Review of Multifamily Tax Exemption Code Amendments.

Economic Development Manager Becky Newton and Community and Economic Development Director / Assistant City Manager Dave Bugher presented the proposed Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) code amendments. Bugher highlighted the history and overview of the program which began in 2002. Newton then presented recommendations to include an increase of minimum unit requirements from 4 units to 15 units, a 20-year program in Lakewood Station and Springbrook areas with a prohibition in the Downtown residential target area (RTA), the maintenance of A-tier program to encourage development in RTA areas, and creation of an administrative review process. Newton also shared two additional RTAs for expansion and shared that a public hearing on the proposed amendments is scheduled for November 6, 2023. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2023 Annual Development Regulation Code Amendments.

Long Range and Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir provided an update on twelve 2023 Annual Development Regulations (ADRs) amendments. The first ten amendments are technical changes in response to code cleanup, which included permission for standalone truck/trailer parking, permission for electric fences, definitions for unusual use permits, correction of inconsistencies between Title 17 and 18A, moving sign permit regulations, updates to appeal timeframes, clarification on flex space buildings, removing a redundancy in mobile/manufactured home land use, updates to lot size standards, and updates to Air Installation Compatible Use Zone section. She reported that amendment 11 covers expansion of land use zones to allow child care facilities and amendment 12 proposes updates to regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared that a ribbon cutting for the JBLM North Access Improvements is scheduled for November 22, 2023, weather dependent. He provided an update on the Ardmore-Whitman project bidding process and the Hipkins Road project, a partnership with Lakewood Water District, for sidewalk and intersection improvements. He shared that the City will move forward with the 2 year Community Satisfaction Survey. He then shared that Parks and Recreation Director Dodsworth met with Seahawks' Wide Receiver Doug Baldwin about a possible opportunity for his foundation to come to Lakewood. He shared the Edgewater Master Plan update from the previous Tuesday, which included an overview of the history of the park as well as public comment and interactive activities. He then shared that he attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) District 6 event with Deputy Mayor Moss. Discussion ensued.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- November 1, Meeting with Pierce County, State Legislators, and Mayor Whalen about public safety
- November 2, 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) Elected Officials Council recognizing Bill Adamson with Association of Defense Communities Champions Award
- November 11 and 12, Fall Community Cleanup, Lemay
- November 29, 8:00 A.M., Flag Changing Ceremony For The Fallen Four, Blue Steele Coffee Company
- November 29, Annual Fallen Officer Food and Blood Drive, Lakewood Police Station
- December 6, 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., Annual Employee Recognition Event at Clover Park Technical College Rotunda

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lauricella thanked everyone who presented during this session. He also thanked Mary Dodsworth for her work in the Edgewater Park meeting. He then shared his experience about the feedback process on the parks.

Councilmember Belle agreed with Councilmember Lauricella's experience at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and told everyone to stay safe for Halloween.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared she attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) District 6 event which was productive and thanked the City Manager for his work.

Mayor Whalen shared that this week he will attend the Pierce County Mayor's Public Safety Discussion meeting and the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) meeting. He then shared that he attended the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club meeting, which mainly focused on lake treatment options.

Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public official. The City Council is not expected to take action following the Executive Session other than to adjourn the meeting.

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. Mayor Whalen extended the meeting five minutes at 9:47 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



AMELIA HERNANDEZ
ACTING CITY CLERK