



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 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: 4 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Patti Belle and J. Trestin Lauricella.

Councilmember Excused: 3 – Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson and Paul Bocchi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Whalen paused for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring November as Native American Heritage month.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TO HANFORD MCCLOUD, NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE.

Proclamation declaring November 11, 2023 as Veterans Day and November, 2023 as Veterans Appreciation month.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 11, 2023 AS VETERANS DAY AND NOVEMBER 2023 AS VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH TO MAJ BRIAN MOLLOY, BRIGADE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, 2/2 STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM.

Proclamation recognizing November 6 – 12, 2023 as Operation Green Light for Veterans.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 6 – 11, 2023 AS OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS TO EASTER IULI, DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER, AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON.

Proclamation recognizing Gomer Roseman, Pierce County Habitat for Humanity.

COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING GOMER ROSEMAN, PIERCE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

Business Showcase.

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE PRESENTED A CERTIFICATION OF RECOGNITION TO TAMMY FAELNAR, AA MEATS AS THE NOVEMBER 2023 BUSINESS SHOWCASE AND SHARED A VIDEO HIGHLIGHTING AA MEATS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Chase Washington shared that this year's Youth Summit will be held on May 25th at Harrison Preparatory School and the theme is Youth Empowerment. Neveah Tutt shared that students are working on a gift bag card for the Holiday Parade and Jacqueline Rodriguez Leal spoke about attending the Arts Commission meeting.

Clover Park School District Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Board President Alyssa Anderson Pearson shared that the CPSD Board will place a 2024 Replacement Educational Programs and Operational Levy on the February, 2024 ballot. She shared that CPSD was awarded a \$2 Million grant to focus on STEM instruction, parent teacher conferences are November 15th – 17th, free meals are available to all students at all schools and spoke about inclement weather notifications. She shared that the blinking lights have been removed from the school zone in front of Lakes High School but the school zone speeds still remain in place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance from Casey Crook and Harriett Triquart.

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about parents having a negative view of the education system, the need for education in order for democracy to survive and about sanctuary states.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke about an individual who came to her family's property looking for shelter. Manetti encouraged the City to invest in healthcare and mental health crisis management for those living on the streets of Lakewood.

Stephanie Cardinal, Lakewood resident, spoke about drivers speeding through intersections and requested the City raise the fine for running red lights or install signage around busy intersections.

Casey Crook, Lakewood resident, expressed concerns about the building of an apartment complex on the former Lakewood Library location.

Saki Litov, Puyallup resident, spoke about the terror that took place in Israel on October 7, 2023 and requested the City Council denounce terror in any form.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 16, 2023.
- B. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$4,181,494.14, for the period of September 16, 2023 through October 20, 2023.
- C. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$3,104,573.75, for the period of September 16, 2023 through October 15, 2023.
- D. Motion No. 2023-98

Approving the 2024 Federal, State and County Legislative Agenda and Policy Manual.

E. Motion No. 2023-99

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for state governmental affairs.

F. Motion No. 2023-100

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Johnston Group for federal governmental affairs.

G. Motion No. 2023-101

Authorizing the award of a construction contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$2,615,490.84, for the construction of the Ardmore/Whitman/93rd Street project.

H. Motion No. 2023-102

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Robert W. Droll Landscape Architects, for services to design and engineer American Lake Park access improvements.

I. Motion No. 2023-103

Authorizing the execution of an Employment Agreement with John Caulfield.

J. Motion No. 2023-104

Appointing Jeff Cox to serve on the American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Advisory Committee through June 2, 2024.

K. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of July 27, 2023.
2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 26, 2023.

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

R E G U L A R A G E N D A**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS****This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2023 Annual Development Regulation code amendments.**

Speaking before Council were:

Dave Durr, Lakewood resident, spoke about the privilege and responsibility of property ownership, the ability to be creative with property, assessor dwelling units and short term rental requirements.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:24 p.m.

This is the date set for a public hearing on the proposed code amendments to the Lakewood Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) Program.

Speaking before Council were:

David Iverson, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of the proposed code amendments to the Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) Program.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke in opposition to the Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) Program.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:32 p.m.

This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2024 Property Tax Levy Ordinance.

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke in support of lowering taxes to make the community more attractive.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:36 p.m.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2023-11 Authorizing the City Manager to sign documentation for submission to the Office of the Treasurer, State of Washington, for Tax Increment Financing project analysis review.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that the City will be hosting a battery manufacturing company from the Republic of Korea who has an interest in relocating to the Lakewood Industrial Park.

He complimented the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for receiving a \$100,000 grant for parks maintenance to be used for improvements at Harry Todd Park.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- November 11 and 12, Fall 2023 Community Cleanup, 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Waste Connections Transfer Station, 3869 94th Street SW
- November 29, Flag Changing Ceremony, Blue Steele Coffee Company
- November 29, 14th Annual Fallen Officer Food and Blood Drive
- December 6, 8:00 A.M to 10:00 A.M., Employee Recognition Event, Clover Park
- December 9, Association of Washington Cities Elected Officials Reception
- December 9, Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Event, Lakewood City Hall

- December 13, 6:00 P.M. City Council Special Meeting with State Legislative
- January 5, City Council and 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Community Dinner, Thornewood Castle

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lauricella recognized AA Meats as the Business Showcase.

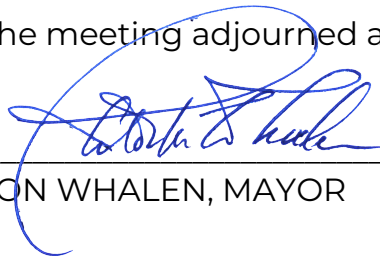
Councilmember Belle thanked all those who were in attendance at this evenings meeting.

Deputy Mayor Moss expressed appreciation for those in attendance who received Proclamations this evening.

Mayor Whalen thanked those who participated and attended this evenings meeting. Whalen spoke about the Public Safety Discussion with Legislators that took place last week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK