



## **LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 20, 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, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi (virtual).

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember Patti Belle.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Presentation of the 2024 Stormwater Outreach Calendar.**

Diana Halar, Stormwater Compliance Inspector provided an overview of the 2024 Stormwater Outreach Calendar, which this year marks its 13<sup>th</sup> year and features the Oak Grove Elementary and Firwood Secondary School. Mayor Whalen presented Ms. Watkins, Principal with Certificates of Recognition for students who participated by submitting artwork for the calendar.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the proposal to build an apartment complex on the Lakewood Library site and requested the City Council reconsider de-annexation from the Pierce County Library System.

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the proposal to build an apartment complex on the Lakewood Library site and requested the City Council reject the proposed project.

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls*, spoke about illegal immigration, pressing the school system to produce results and recognizing propaganda.

*Dan Durr, Lakewood resident*, requested the City Council delay consideration of Ordinance No. 793 and Ordinance No. 794. Durr requested the City clarify the difference between accessory dwelling unit's and short term rentals and does not allow daycares to operate in any zone.

*Ebrahim Mirjalili, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the November 15<sup>th</sup> Edgewater Master Plan Open House meeting and questioned why the City didn't attempt to acquire a property on the lake that was for sale.

## **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 23, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of October 30, 2023.
- C. Approval of minutes of the City Council meeting of November 6, 2023.
- D. Motion No. 2023-105  
Approving the 2024 Human Services Funding Recommendations.
- E. Motion No. 2023-106  
Approving the 2024 Lodging Tax Funding Recommendations.
- F. Motion No. 2023-107  
Authorizing award of a construction contract to Sound Pacific Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$5,132,292.91, for the construction of the Hipkins Road Improvement Project.
- G. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 4, 2023.
  - 2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 4, 2023.

3. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 5, 2023.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS 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 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget**

There being no testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 7: 31 p.m.

### **ORDINANCE**

#### **Ordinance No. 792 Amending Lakewood Municipal Code Title 3, Revenue and Finance, Property Tax Exemptions for Multifamily Housing, Chapter 3.64.**

COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 792. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 792 TO DELETE REFERENCES OR DEPICTIONS TO THE RESIDENTAL TARGET AREA (RTA) PROPOSED EXPANSION AREA FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 792 TO DELETE SECTION G. AND REMOVE ANY REFERENCE TO A TWENTY-YEAR EXEMPTION. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 792 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 793 Adopting amendments to Title 18A related to zoning and development regulations.**

THERE BEING NO MOTION, ORDINANCE NO. 793 DIES.

**Ordinance No. 794 Adopting amendments to Title 18A related to zoning and development regulations.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 794. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO DELETE AMENDMENT NO. 12, UPDATING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS RELATED TO SHORT TERM RENTALS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 794 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 796 Relating to ad valorem property taxes; establishing the amount to be raised in 2024 by taxation on the assessed valuation of the property of the City; and setting the property tax levy rate for 2024.**

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 796. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution No. 2023-12 Adopting the 2024 Fee Schedule.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

### **Tenzler Library Log Relocation Update.**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth provided an overview of the history of the Tenzler Log and options for relocation. Dodsworth shared that it is recommended that the log be relocated to Fort Steilacoom Park in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and be incorporated into the Nisqually Loop Trail improvements. Discussion ensued.

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City Manager Caulfield shared that on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 p.m. a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at the intersection of Lake City Boulevard and Washington Boulevard to celebrate the JBLM North Access Project re-opening.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lauricella wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he looks forward to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and reopening of Washington Boulevard.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he plans to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Washington Boulevard.

Councilmember Anderson shared that he met with Congresswomen's Strickland's team and Garrison leadership at Joint Base Lewis McChord to discuss the potential of freeing up land on JBLM along the security perimeter for residential development. Anderson shared he will be absent from the November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Deputy Mayor Moss wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Whalen shared that he last week attended the Lakewood United meeting and this week he will attend a Pierce Transit Runner Program event, the JBLM North Access Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

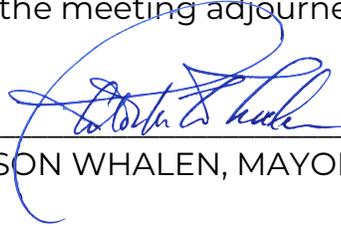
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Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the city litigation or potential

litigation. The City Council is not expected to take action following the Executive Session other than to adjourn the meeting. The City Council recessed at 9:20 p.m. At 9:39, Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended for 20 minutes. At 9:59, Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended an additional 5 minutes. The City council reconvened at 10:07 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.



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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK