



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 27, 2023

City of Lakewood

Council Chambers

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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 Whalen; Deputy Mayor Mary Moss (arrived at 8:03 p.m.); Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Don Anderson.

Youth Council Members Present: 3 – Irie Henkle, Jhoselyn Valenzuela Mendez and Alexandra Corona- Hernandez.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Youth Council meeting.

Youth Councilmembers introduced themselves and provided an overview of the Youth Council's purpose, the 2023-2024 workplan and accomplishments. Discussion ensued.

Review of Lakewood Municipal Code 1.20 related to the City logo and Seal.

Communications Manager Brynn Grimley provided an overview of appropriate use of the city seal, logo and brand guidelines. She shared that no changes to the Lakewood Municipal Code are recommended based on the need for versatility and flexibility in the city's use of its logos so they can be used interchangeably, based on the where they will be applied. Discussion ensued.

Review of City Parking Policies and Regulations in Anticipation of implementing Middle Housing and ADU Requirements and 2044 Growth Targets.

Long Range & Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir provided an overview of current city parking policies and regulations and summarized requirements of middle housing and accessory dwelling unit (ADU) densities in advance of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan amendments. Discussion ensued.

Prosecution Services Update.

City Attorney Heidi Ann Wachter shared that the overall caseload and hearings have dropped since 2016. She highlighted the prosecution philosophy and case outcomes noting that 36% of cases end in dismissal of charges. She spoke about a City of Marysville Ordinance that set mandatory minimum jail sentences. Discussion ensued and a review of options related to mandatory minimum jail sentences will come forward for City Council discussion in 1st quarter 2024.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DECEMBER 4, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Youth Council Report. – *Alli Laska, Jhoselyn Valenzuela Mendez, Siddhartha Pant and Bentley Wester, Youth Councilmembers*
2. Clover Park School District Report. – *Carole Jacobs, Board Vice President*
3. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Olympic Region Traffic Management Center Communications Services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Heritage Bank Northwest for banking services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Systems for Public Safety for fleet maintenance services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the award of a construction contract for the Pine Street from 84th Street to 83rd Street project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)

7. Authorizing an amendment to the BERK Consulting services contract related to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review and reallocating ARPA funds for the expansion of the Comprehensive Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Appointing Planning Commission members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
9. Appointing Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
10. Adopting the 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that 334 vehicles participated in the fall community clean up event and the flock safety cameras are serving as deterrent to criminals stealing vehicles in Lakewood, with a 50% decrease over the last few weeks.

He reported that the City met with the Department of Social and Health Services to discuss the transfer of ownership of Historic Fort Steilacoom buildings and equipment and next steps will be to identify anticipated maintenance costs if the city were to take ownership.

He reported that continued discussions with Camp Murray related to further improvements and access at the American Lake boat launch. He shared that next steps are to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding to outline both parties commitments which is expected in 1st Quarter 2024.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- November 29, 8:00 A.M., Flag Changing Ceremony, Blue Steele Coffee Company, 11401 Steele St S #108, Parkland, WA
- November 29, 6:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., 14th Annual Fallen Officer Food and Blood Drive, Lakewood Police Department
- December 6, 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., Annual Employee Recognition Event, Clover Park Technical College Rotunda

- December 9, 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., AWC's Elected Officials Essentials Workshop 2023, online
- December 9, 4:00 P.M., Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Event, Lakewood City Hall
- December 13, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Joint Meeting City Council and State Legislative Delegation, City Council Chambers
- December 14, 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Joint Meeting City Council and Pierce County Councilmember Jani Hitchen, City Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle thanked the Youth Councilmembers who were in attendance this evening.

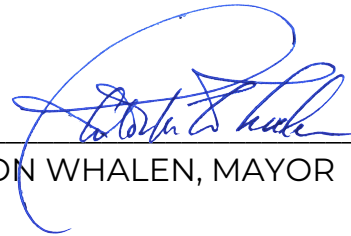
Councilmember Lauricella shared that he attended the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the reopening of Washington Boulevard and this week he will attend the Flag Changing Ceremony at Blue Steele Coffee.

Deputy Mayor Moss requested that the Youth Councilmembers get the opportunity to sit on the dais when they provide updates to the City Council in the future.

Mayor Whalen shared that last week he attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Pierce Transit Puyallup Runner, the JBLM North Access Improvement Project Ribbon Cutting ceremony and he interviewed candidates for the Planning Commission positions. He shared that this week he plans to attend the Flag Changing Ceremony at Blue Steele Coffee and the Fallen Officer Food Drive at Lakewood Police Station.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK