



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 11, 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: 7 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Municipal Court Update.

Municipal Court Judge Lisa Mansfield provided an overview of traditional court functions, a new court program called Domestic Violence Moral Reconciliation Treatment, the Therapeutic Court model and Veterans Court. She then shared judicial engagement opportunities that she participated in this year. Discussion ensued.

Review of Public Art Policy.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth and Lani Neil, Recreation Coordinator presented the draft public art policy as recommended by the Lakewood Arts Commission. The public art policy will come forward for City Council approval in January 2024. Discussion ensued.

Review of Reader Board sign proposed locations.

Communications Manager Brynn Grimley shared that several locations were reviewed for potential reader board sign installation. She shared that once the City Council selects preferred locations, the next step is to prepare a Request for Proposal and begin the bid process. She shared that it is recommended to replace the Lakewood police station sign due to the age and inefficiency of the existing sign.

Discussion ensued and the City Council recommended Fort Steilacoom Park, South Tacoma Way at Pierce Transit and Gravelly Lake Drive at Colonial Plaza as locations for the reader board signs.

Review of research on Establishing a Lakewood Creative District.

Assistant to the City Manager Michael Vargas provided an overview of the requirements to create a Creative District in the City of Lakewood. He reviewed program benefits, eligibility, certification requirements, costs and options for funding through grants. He shared that first steps are to create and certify a community planning team to develop a plan for the Creative District. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DECEMBER 13, 2023 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING:

1. City Council and State Legislative Delegation Meeting to review 2024 State Legislative Agenda.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DECEMBER 14, 2023 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING:

1. City Council and Pierce County Councilmember Hitchen Meeting to review 2024 Pierce County Legislative Agenda.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Attorney Heidi Ann Wachter provided an overview of the City Council Rules of Procedure related to Public Comments. Discussion ensued and a review of the Rules of Procedure will come forward for discussion at a Study Session in the 1st Quarter 2024.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle shared that she attended the Association of Washington Cities Elected Officials Essentials and wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he will be absent from the Special Meeting of December 14, 2023. He then spoke about reviewing the Sheriff and Police Chiefs Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Lauricella shared that last week he attended the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting, the Association of Washington Cities Elected Officials Essentials, the Holiday Parade and this evening he

provided Council Remarks at the Clover Park School District Board meeting. Lauricella thanked Judge Mansfield for her presentation and shared that he plans to participate in the Jingle Bell Run 5k. He shared that he will be absent from the Special Meeting of December 18, 2023.

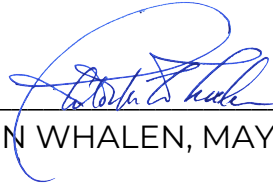
Councilmember Anderson shared that he will be absent from the Special Meeting of December 14, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that last week she attended the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting and the Holiday Parade. She shared that she will be absent from the Special Meeting of December 14, 2023.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Tacoma Pierce County Chamber Public Officials Holiday Reception, the Holiday Parade, the Thornewood Castle Holiday Celebration and the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners meeting. He shared that he plans to attend the Jingle Bell Run 5k.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK