



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

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

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Municipal Court Judge Lisa Mansfield conducted the Oath of Office for Paul Bocchi, J. Trestin Lauricella and Ryan Pearson.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Ryan Pearson, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO NOMINATE JASON WHALEN FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE MOVED TO NOMINATE MARY MOSS FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring January 15, 2024 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 15, 2024 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE TO KIMI IRENE GINN AND SYLVI JOHNSON, MLK COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Lincoln Estrada shared that this month students researched effective ways to administer opioid funds and anticipate working with the Community Services Advisory Board to make recommendations to the City Council.

Youth Councilmember Angel Calderson Ramirez shared that the Youth Summit will be held on May 27th with a focus on Youth Empowerment and on January 15th there will be a Party at the Capitol from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clover Park School District Report.

Alyssa Anderson Pearson, Clover Park School District (CPSD) Board President thanked the civic organizations who supported students during the holiday season. She shared that a Replacement Operations and Educational Levy will be on the February 13th ballot, three new Boardmembers were sworn into office this month and CPSD is recruiting for paraeducators and bus drivers.

Transportation Improvement Projects Update.

Public Works Engineering Director Paul Bucich provided an overview of the Ardmore/Whitman and 93rd Street project and the Hipkins Road from 104th Street to Steilacoom Boulevard project. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Ebrahim Mirjalili, Lakewood resident, spoke about the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation and topics not on the agenda.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke about the Hipkins Road Transportation Improvement Project Update.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about the Hipkins Road Transportation Improvement Project Update.

Ursula Haverbeck, spoke about topics not on the agenda.

Gabe Gipe, spoke about topics not on the agenda.

Erik McCallister, spoke about topics not on the agenda.

Maddie, spoke about topics not on the agenda.

Sean Chisholm, Lakewood resident, spoke about topics not on the agenda.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 4, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of December 11, 2023.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of December 13, 2023.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of December 14, 2023.
- E. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of December 18, 2023.
- F. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$5,081,708.55, for the period of November 16, 2023 through December 15, 2023.
- G. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$3,484,956.16, for the period of November 16, 2023 through December 15, 2023.
- H. Motion No. 2024-01

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce Transit for police services.

I. Motion No. 2024-02

Authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Washington State Office of Public Defense, in the amount of \$68,000 for public defense services.

J. Motion No. 2024-03

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Townzen & Associates, Inc., for building plan review services.

K. Motion No. 2024-04

Authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Pertee, Inc., in the amount of \$100,983, for design services related to the 112th Street SW and Idlewild Road SW projects.

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

1. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 2, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that AMTRAK Cascades announced they will be adding back two more daily roundtrips and the Washington State Housing Finance Commission has awarded \$55 Million in support of the Kendrick Landing Development.

He shared that Friendship City Danzouk, China has invited the City Council to visit in December, 2024.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- January 5, 6:00 P.M., 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) Community Connector Event, Thornewood Castle
- January 16, 6:00 P.M., City Council Photo, City Hall Council Chambers
- January 20, 11:00 A.M., Welcome Walk, Fort Steilacoom Park
- January 25, Homeless Point In Time Count
- February 3, Caring for Kids, Happy Hearts Dinner & Auction, McGavick Conference Center
- February 7-8, Association of Washington Cities (AWC) City Action Days, Saint Martin's University

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pearson thanked those for welcoming him and shared that he looks forward to 2024.

Councilmember Lauricella thanked those who presented this evening and spoke about balancing public safety, development, and the natural environment with the Hipkins Road project.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he looks forward to a new year and spoke about highlighting the work done in 2023 in the Council Corner article of the next Lakewood Connections magazine.

Councilmember Bocchi spoke about compliments received regarding the roundabout at Fort Steilacoom Park entrance.

Councilmember Belle wished everyone a happy new year and shared that she looks forward to the Youth Summit and the 2/2 SBCT Event.

Deputy Mayor Moss wished everyone a happy new year.

Mayor Whalen shared that he looks forward to working with the City Council collaboratively, thanked those who presented this evening and spoke about highlighting the work that has been completed in 2023 with the community in the next Council Corner article. Whalen shared that last month he attended the Service Academy Ball and participated in a police ride along.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK