



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2024

City of Lakewood

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflakewoodwa>

Telephone via Zoom: +1(253) 215-8782

Participant ID: 868 7263 2373

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, Ryan Pearson, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of 2024 citizens' advisory board, committee and commission work plans.

Michael Vargas, Assistant to the City Manager reviewed the American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Advisory Committee workplan, the Lakewood Arts Commission workplan, the Community Services Advisory Board workplan, the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board workplan, the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board workplan, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee workplan, the Planning Commission workplan, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board workplan, the Public Safety Advisory Committee workplan and the Youth Council workplan. Discussion ensued.

Review of City Council liaisons to citizens' advisory board, committee and commissions.

The Mayor and City Councilmembers reviewed the 2024 liaisons to citizens' advisory board, committees and commissions. Discussion ensued.

Review of 3rd Quarter (2023) Financial Report.

Deputy City Manager Tho Kraus provided an overview of activity in all funds through October 30, 2023. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Presentation of the 2024 Larry Saunders Service Award.
– *Lakewood Community Foundation Fund*
2. Business Showcase. – *Veterans Roofing*
3. Authorizing the execution of a consultant contract with Parametrix for the design of the Military Road project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Approving the Public Art Policy. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Approving the 2024 citizens' advisory boards, committees and commission Work Plans. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Reappointing Linda Smith to serve on the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board through December 31, 2027. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Designating Elizabeth Pearson to serve as the City of Lakewood representative on the Pierce County Conservation Futures and Open Space Citizen Advisory Board. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
8. This is the date set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution regarding the Clover Park School District 4-year replacement educational programs and operations levy coming before the voters on February 13, 2024. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that the weather forecasts are predicting strong winds tonight and tomorrow followed by possible snow and freezing rain later in the week and into this weekend.

He then shared that the Pierce County Human Services is considering using parts of the Western State Hospital campus for a temporary homeless encampment.

He reported that the City recently received \$48,571 from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Retro program for year 2020, the City submitted its Tax Increment Financing (TIF) project to the State Treasurer for their 90-

day review and Waste Connections notified the City of its rate adjustment as authorized in the franchise agreement noting and the new rates will go into effect on March 1, 2024.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- January 16, 6:00 P.M., City Council photos, City Council Chamber, before regular City Council meeting
- January 20, 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., City of Lakewood Welcome Walk/ Meet your Neighbors, Fort Steilacoom Park
- January 25, State Capitol Hill Day meetings with State Legislators, State Capitol in Olympia
- January 25-26, 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count (PIT) 2024
- February 3, 5:00 P.M., Caring for Kids Happy Hearts Dinner Auction, McGavick Conference Center
- February 7-8, AWC City Action Days, Saint Martin's University
- February 22, 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound's Annual Legacy of Hope Event, Hotel Murano, Bicentennial Pavilion
- March 12, 11:30 A.M., Habitat for Humanity Changing Lives Luncheon, Hotel Murano, Bicentennial Pavilion
- March 15, Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Gala, McGavick Conference Center
- March 20, Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board Annual Meeting; Hotel Murano, Bicentennial Pavilion

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle shared that she attended the Lakewood Arts Commission meeting.

Councilmember Pearson shared that he attended the City Council and 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Community Connector Event.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that this week he will attend the Tillicum/Woodbrook and Lake City Neighborhood Association meetings.

Councilmember Lauricella shared that he attended the City Council and 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Community Connector Event.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he provided Council Remarks at the Clover Park School District Board meeting and this week he will attend the SSHA³P meeting.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the City Council and 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Community Connector Event.

Mayor Whalen spoke about the City Council and 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Community Connector Event.

Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel 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 9:07 p.m. At 9:37 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended for an additional 15 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 9:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK