



## **LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 22, 2024

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Ryan Pearson, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Mike Brandstetter.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **State of Local Public Transportation in Pierce County.**

Alexandra Mather, Governmental Affairs and Ryan Wheaton, Planner, Pierce Transit introduced themselves. Mather shared that Pierce Transit provides 4 services including bus, paratransit, rideshare and micro transit and has over 292 square miles of service area with 877 employees and is funded 85% from sales tax. She reviewed Pierce Transit's vision and priorities, equity index and community partnerships.

Wheaton provided an overview of major initiatives including base modifications to reconfigure and expand the footprint to allow electrifications and future high-capacity fleet, the post COVID era bus system recovery plan, improving connections to increase access, mobility and safety as well as high-capacity transit enhanced bus lines. Discussion ensued.

#### **2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review Update: Public Engagement, Project Scope, and Timeline.**

Tiffany Speir, Long Range and Strategic Planning Manager provided an overview of the public engagement process for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review update which included 19 Planning Commission meetings and 9 City Council meetings, 2 websites noting that the

upcoming engagement opportunities are scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. Speir then reviewed the scope of the updates and shared that the full package will be reviewed this year by the Planning Commission, followed by the City Council with final action needing to be completed by December 31, 2024 with an interim progress reporting being completed by 2029. Discussion ensued.

### **Special Events Update.**

Mary Dodsworth, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director and Lani Neil Recreation Coordinator, provided an overview of the special events that took place in 2023 and those scheduled for 2024. Discussion ensued.

### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 5, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Presentation declaring February, 2024 as Black History month.
2. Youth Council Report.
3. Clover Park School District Report.
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with KPG for the 100<sup>th</sup> Street project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for AHBL for planning services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Parametrix for the design of the Military Road project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of a franchise agreement with Zayo for communications. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)

### **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Caulfield shared that the Association of Washington Cities is supporting a state legislative request to revise the 1% property tax cap to a 3% cap. After discussion, the City Council is not in support of this initiative at this time.

He then shared that Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) was awarded \$5 million from the Washington State Housing Trust Fund in support of their 25 unit housing project on Gravelly Lake Drive, which now fully funds the project.

He reported that last week, he met with representatives from Partners for Parks to receive an update on their capital campaign in support of the H-Barn project. An update will come forward at a future City Council meeting.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- January 25, State Capitol Hill Day meetings with State Legislators, State Capitol, 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 5, 6:00 P.M., City Council photos, City Council Chambers
- February 7-8, Association of Washington Cities City Action Days, Saint Martin's University

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Pearson shared that he attended the Welcome Walk and this week he will attend the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting.

Councilmember Belle thanked those who presented this evening. Belle requested that the City Council review the flag policy and formalize it, this item will come forward at a future meeting.

Councilmember Lauricella shared that he attended the Welcome Walk and thanked those who presented this evening. Lauricella spoke about the Partners for Parks funding and meeting with residents of the community.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that last week he attended the Planning Commission meeting, Pierce County Regional Council meeting and enjoyed the Welcome Walk.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that this week she will attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing Social.

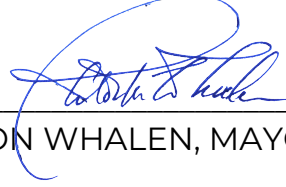
Mayor Whalen shared that last week he attended the Welcome Walk and the Pierce County Regional Council meeting.

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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 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 10:08 p.m. At 10:23 p.m., Mayor Whalen extended the Executive Session for an additional 15 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 10:32 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.



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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK