



LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 2024

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Partners for Parks Update.

Dave Betz and Alan Billingsley, Partners for Parks introduced themselves. Betz provided an overview of the history of the H-Barn restoration project. Billingsley shared that the campaign is on schedule and half of the funding has been secured. Discussion ensued.

Review of Lakewood Police Department 2023 Annual Report.

Chief Smith introduced himself as well as Assistant Chief Unfred, Lieutenant's Chris Westby, Andy Gildehaus, Jeremy Prater and Peter Johnson. He reported that calls for service increased to 53,921 and the response time on life threatening calls was 4.3 minutes and other priority calls was 8.1 minutes. He reviewed services provided by each of the specialty units as well as the work of the Community Safety Resource Team, Behavioral Health Mental Health Contact Team and the Office of Professional Standards. He spoke about community outreach conducted such as Shop with an Officer, Holiday Meals, the Citizens Academy and National Night Out. He then shared that there were 1870 total arrests in 2023, motor vehicles thefts are down 57% and collisions were down totaling 1057. Discussion ensued.

Review of code amendments related to fines and forfeitures for parking.

City Attorney Wachter who was joined by Lieutenant Chris Westby reported that law enforcement is experiencing ongoing issues with illegal parking and current fines do not sufficiently discourage repeat offenders. She shared that it is recommended that the City Council authorize a penalty for these parking infractions. Discussion ensued, the City Council does not want to pursue impound as a penalty and would like to see additional options for the financial penalty. An Ordinance will come forward for City Council action on February 20th.

Review of City Council Rules of Procedure.

City Attorney Wachter shared that it is recommended that the City continue with the current process and procedure for public comment. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Recognizing the Clover Park School District Daffodil Princesses.
2. Proclamation recognizing Micheal David Bugher for his service to the City of Lakewood.
3. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Olson Bros. Pro-Vac, LLC for surface water infrastructure cleaning and inspection services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with McDonough & Sons, Inc. for street sweeping services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Amending Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 9 related to fines and forfeitures for parking. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
6. Flag Policy Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that advance of the City Council retreat, Consultant Michael Pendleton would like to meet for one hour with each Councilmember to prepare, meetings will be scheduled on March 11th or 12th.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- February 22, 5:30 P.M., Boys and Girls of South Puget Sound Legacy of Hope, Hotel Murano
- February 27, 6:00 P.M., Mayors Coffeehouse, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion
- March 12, 11:30 A.M., Habitat for Humanity Changing Lives Luncheon, Hotel Murano
- March 15, 4:00 P.M., American Lake Veterans Hospital Centennial Celebration
- March 15, 7:00 P.M., Dr. Claudia Thomas Award Gala, McGavick Conference Center
- March 20, 11:30 A.M., Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Annual Meeting, Hotel Murano

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pearson shared that he attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Edgewater Park meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter recognized the Hidden Heroes campaign and crime trends in the city.

Councilmember Bocchi thanked Chief Smith for his presentation this evening and shared that last week he attended the Planning Commission meeting and this week is the Pierce County Regional Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the Lakewood Chamber Luncheon, the graduation ceremony and shared that she will be inducted into the Joint Base Lewis McChord Civilian Hall of Fame.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Lakewood Chamber Luncheon, Lakewood Rotary where Major Brunson presented and a Pierce County Annual Bar Association event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK