



## **LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 4, 2024

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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 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.

### **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Proclamation recognizing March 2024 as American Red Cross month.**

COUNCILMEMBER PEARSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH TO DAN WIRTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN RED CROSS.

#### **Proclamation recognizing March 2024 as Women's History Month.**

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO DEPUTY CITY MANAGER THO KRAUS.

#### **Recognizing the 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program Participants.**

SYLVIANN ESTRELLA, BLUE SCOOTER MEDIA PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2024 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PROGRAM. MAYOR WHALEN AND DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO THE 2024 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, AMIDJAH DILWORTH, SYLVIANN ESTRELLA, GENESIS GIBSON, CHRISTIAN JONES, CHRIS MACON, CARRIE MCLENNAN, DAVID MILLER, E'LIJAH MCCHRISTIAN, DARRYL OWENS, SEAN STEPHENS AND LARRY WOODS.

**Youth Council Report.**

Youth Councilmember Violet Johnson spoke about a Youth Violence Summit she attended in August, 2023 where there was discussion related to juvenile crime and safe spaces. A result of is an event where youth will run legislation and a Safe Spaces bill will be presented to the State Legislature.

Youth Councilmembers Chase Washington and Siddartha Pant spoke about work that students are completing to prepare for the Youth Summit that will be held on May 25 at Harrison Prep.

**Clover Park School District Report.**

Krissy Kim, Clover Park School District (CPSD) Boardmember shared that the levy passed with 59% approval rating. She shared that March 11-15 is Classified Employees Week, March 9 at 12:00 p.m. is Merle Hagbo Field Dedication at Clover Park High School and on March 9 from 9:00 to 2 p.m. the STEAM Fair will be held at Harrison Preparatory. She congratulated Trista Osgood who accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and Deepak Chaudry was selected into the Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The City Council received written comments in advance from Casey Crook, Tom Galdabini, Kurt Reidinger and Bob Warfield.

Speaking before the Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls*, spoke about topics not on the agenda.

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke about Motion No. 2024-16 and Motion No. 2024-17.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about Motion No. 2024-16 and Motion No. 2024-17.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 20, 2024.
- B. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$6,513,039.27, for the period of January 13, 2024 through February 15, 2024.

C. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$3,014,286.60, for the period of January 16, 2024 through February 15, 2024.

D. Motion No. 2024-16

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Pierce County Rural Library District to identify the roles and responsibilities of the City and the Library as they relate to the ownership, transfer, handling, and storage of the Douglas Fir section of tree.

E. Motion No. 2024-17

Approving the release of \$1 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in support of the first 50 units in Pierce County Village Phase 1 project.

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

1. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 4, 2023.
2. Community Services Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 15, 2023.
3. Community Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 17, 2024.

Councilmember Lauricella requested Item No. E, Motion No. 2024-17 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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COUNCILMEMBER BELLE MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS MOTION NO. 2024-17. SECONDED BY MAYOR MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED MOTION NO. 2024-17. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI.

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COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA MOVED TO AMEND MOTION NO. 2024-17 AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE CITY RECOMMITS TO RELEASING THE FIRST 1/3RD OF OUR \$1M EXPENDITURE TO CONSTRUCT THE FIRST 50 UNITS, UNDER THE SAME 20% PRIORITY FOR VETERANS.
2. THE CITY COMMITS TO RELEASING REMAINING 2/3RDS OF THE \$1M ONCE FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED FOR THE ENTIRETY (150

UNITS) OF THE PROJECT, AGAIN WITH THE SAME VETERANS PRIORITY PROVISION.

3. IF THE BALANCE OF 100 UNITS IS NOT FUNDED BY OCTOBER 31, 2024, THE CITY WOULD THEN RECONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF THE REMAINING \$667,000 ARPA FUNDS TO BETTER SERVE THE URGENT NEEDS OF OUR CHRONICALLY HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND FAILED WITH BELLE, BOCCHI, BRANDSTETTER, PEARSON MOSS AND WHALEN VOTING IN OPPOTISION.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON MOTION NO. 2024-17 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

**This is the date set for a public hearing to consider the vacation of the 20 foot wide alley abutting Lots 1 through 14, Block 69 Town Plat of Lakeview.**

Speaking before Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls*, provided testimony.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:15 p.m.

### **ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance No. 799 Amending Title 15A of the Lakewood Municipal Code (LMC) to reflect the adoption of the 2021 Editions of the International Code Council (ICC), and other related codes as specified in Chapter 19.27 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).**

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 799. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 799, TO REPLACE "JULY 1, 2023" WITH "MARCH 15, 2024" IN THE SINGLE WHEREAS CLAUSE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 799 TO ADD A WHEREAS CLAUSE THAT WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, AN ACCURATE, USABLE MAP DEFINING WILDLAND URBAN-INTERFACE AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.

AND AMEND SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH L TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

L. THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL AND AMENDED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND AMENDED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL IN CHAPTER 51-55 WAC IS HEREBY ADOPTED. THE EFFECTIVE DATE. THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION IS DEFERRED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AN ACCURATE USABLE MAP DEFINING WILDLAND URBAN-INTERFACE AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD IS AVAILABLE AND ADOPTED BY THE LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 799 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

**Ordinance No. 800 Adopting a new section of the Lakewood Municipal Code, Chapter 1.22 City Flag Policy.**

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 800. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Attorney Heidi Wachter provided an overview of proposed legislation related to the use of revenue generated by automated traffic safety cameras.

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City Manager Caulfield shared that the request for \$1 Million in funding in support of the Living Access Support Alliance has been included in an Appropriations Bill and is expected to be voted on by the House this week, followed by the Senate and then along to the President.

He shared that Partners for Parks has secured a \$200,000 grant from the Milgard Foundation in support of the H-Barn renovation project and the city is submitted a RAISE grant application in support of the downtown green loop project.

He reported that Sister City, City of Gimhae, South Korea will arrive on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup> for their visit.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- March 7, Pierce County District 6 Meeting, Steilacoom Town Hall
- March 12, 11:30 A.M., Habitat for Humanity Changing Lives Luncheon, Hotel Murano Bicentennial Pavilion
- March 15, 4:00 P.M., American Lake Veterans Medical Center Centennial Event
- March 15, 7:00 P.M., Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Dr. Claudia Thomas Award Gala, McGavick Conference Center
- March 20, 11:30 A.M., Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board Annual Meeting, Greater Tacoma Trade and Convention Center
- March 20, 6:00 P.M., Student Voice on Fentanyl Awareness, Lakewood AMC Theater
- March 27, 11:00 A.M., Community Healthcare Luncheon, Hotel Murano Bicentennial Pavilion
- March 27, 6:00 P.M., Mayor's Coffeehouse, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion
- March 30, 8:30 A.M., City Council Retreat

- April 6, 1:00 P.M., General Harrison Memorial Service, Lakewood Baptist Church

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lauricella spoke about the Proclamation for the American Red Cross month and public comments regarding the Tenzler log. He shared that last week he attended the Lakewood Water District Tank Dedication and stated that the purpose of red light and speeding cameras is to make the community safer.

Councilmember Pearson shared that he plans to attend the CPSD Merrill Field Dedication, the Pierce County District 6 meeting, the Economic Development Board Annual meeting and a meeting with the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Director.

Councilmember Belle thanked those who participated in the MLK program and shared she attended the Arts Commission meeting where they reviewed the Utility Box art submissions.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he will attend the Economic Development Board Annual Meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter spoke about recognizing American Red Cross month, the MLK program participants and the Women's History month proclamation.

Deputy Mayor Moss thanked those who support Lakewood Multicultural Coalition and those who participated in the MLK program.

Mayor Whalen spoke about the American Red Cross month proclamation, the MLK program participants and preservation of the Tenzler log. He shared that the Cops v. Teachers basketball event will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Lakes High School.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

  
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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK