



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 18, 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 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

#### **Business Showcase. – *Casa Mia Italian Restaurant***

Mayor Whalen recognized Gerald and Jamie Pense, Owners, Casa Mia Italian Restaurant as the March, 2024 Business Showcase for the positive impact they have left on the Lakewood community.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident,* spoke about topics not on the agenda.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident,* spoke about topics not on the agenda.

*Tichomir Dunlop, 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 study session of February 26, 2024.

- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 4, 2024.
- C. Motion No. 2024-18
- Approving American Lake Park and Wards Lake Park furnishing purchases.
- D. Motion No. 2024-19
- Authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Cascade Right of Way Services, Inc., in the amount of \$171,120 for services related to the Custer Road project.
- E. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
1. American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 10, 2023.
  2. American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Advisory Board meeting minutes of December 14, 2023.
  3. Lakewood’s Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 1, 2024.
  4. Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 21, 2024.

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

## **R E G U L A R   A G E N D A**

### **ORDINANCE**

#### **Ordinance No. 801 Vacating the 20-foot-wide alley abutting Lots 1 through 14, Block 69 Town Plat of Lakeview.**

COUNCILMEMBER PEARSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 801. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER****Parks and Transportation Capital Improvement Program Update.**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth was joined by Stacey Redding, Capital Projects provided an overview of the completed and underway Parks Capital Projects. Discussion ensued.

Public Works Engineering Director Paul Bucich provided an overview of the Transportation Capital Program projects and costs for 2024-2026. Discussion ensued.

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City Manager Caulfield recognized Parks, Recreation and Community Services and Public Works Engineering Departments for their work.

He shared that the City was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association and the State Building Code Council moved forward with an Emergency Rule amending the building codes to remove any changes to Wild-Urban Interface (WUI) Code, this may require the City Council remove this portion of the 2021 state-mandated building code updates from the Ordinance the City Council adopted on March 4, 2024.

He reported that Representative Mari Leavitt has requested to attend a City Council meeting to provide a State Legislators update. It is recommended that she provide the update at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

He then reported that Pierce County Council Chair Marty Campbell has invited a City Councilmember to attend the Pierce County Council Select Committee on Homelessness meetings which will occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 1:30 P.M.

The city will be sponsoring a transitioning service member from JBLM as part of ICMA Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship Program. She will be joining our team beginning April 1, 2024, through July 30, 2024.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- 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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Pearson shared that he will be attending the Economic Development Board Annual meeting and Student Voice on Fentanyl Awareness event.

Councilmember Belle thanked those who presented this evening. She shared that she attended the Artist Reception this evening and the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Gala.

Councilmember Lauricella thanked those who presented this evening. He spoke about access to lakes and improvement of lake front street ends.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the American Lake VA Hospital Centennial event.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Gala and this week he will attend the Pierce County Regional Council and Economic Development Annual meeting this week. He will attend the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, virtually.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the Artist Reception and will attend the Economic Development Board Annual meeting. She thanked those who supported the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Gala.

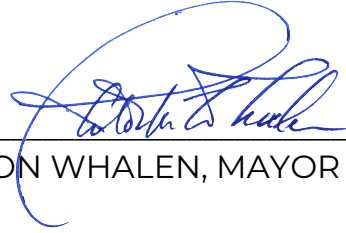
Mayor Whalen thanked those who presented this evening. He spoke about the meeting minutes specific to public comment. He shared that last week he attended the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting, the American Lake VA Centennial event and the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Gala. This week he will attend the Economic Development Board Annual meeting and the Student Voice on Fentanyl Awareness.

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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)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate and for 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 9:42 p.m. and reconvened at 10:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.



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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK