



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 1, 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, recognized the life of Edith Owen Wallace who passed away on March 29, 2024 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing April 2024 as Fair Housing Month.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH TO JASMYN JEFFERSON, MAIA LILOC RICE AND JIM HENDERSON, TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS.

Proclamation declaring April 15-19, 2024 as Black Wellness Week.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 15, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 19, 2024 AS BLACK WELLNESS WEEK TO KEITH BLOCKER, MOMENTUM PROFESSIONAL STRATEGY PARTNERS.

Proclamation declaring April 27, 2024 as Parks Appreciation Day.

COUNCILMEMBER PEARSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 27, 2024 AS PARKS APPRECIATION DAY TO VITO IACOBAZZI, VICE-CHAIR, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Recognizing Councilmember Michael Brandstetter for his service to South Sound 911.

Chair Julie Door, Tacoma City Councilmember Sarah Rumbaugh and Executive Director Deborah Grady, South Sound 911 recognized Councilmember Michael Brandstetter for his service to South Sound 911.

Youth Council Report.

None.

Clover Park School District Report.

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Mark Pfeiffer, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Edgewater Park Master Plan.

John Gardner, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed development behind Barnes and Noble.

Ebrahim Mirjalili, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to the Edgewater Park Master Plan.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about gaslighting.

Vicky Stanich, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed development behind Barnes and Noble.

Steve Hibbs, Lakewood resident, spoke about the paved path along Fort Steilacoom Park.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about education across the United States.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke about the format of public comments in the City Council meeting minutes.

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 March 11, 2024.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 18, 2024.
- C. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$4,682,842.15, for the period of February 16, 2024 through March 15, 2024.
- D. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$3,124,184.48, for the period of February 16, 2024 through March 15, 2024.

E. Motion No. 2024-20

Accepting donations from Virginia Mason Franciscan Health and Twin Star Credit Union in support of City of Lakewood programs and events.

F. Motion No. 2024-21

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Hemisphere Design and Marketing for the Build Your Better Here Campaign.

G. Motion No. 2024-22

Authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Perteet, Inc., in the amount of \$232,727, for services related to the Interlaaken Drive project.

- H. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
- 1. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of February 5, 2024.
 - 2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 6, 2024.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN 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 on an Ordinance to amend Lakewood Municipal Code Title 3, Revenue and Finance, Property Tax Exemptions Chapter 3.64.030 Residential Target Area Designation and Standards Expanding the Central Business District Residential Target Area.

The City Council received written testimony in advance from Kathryn Castleberry, Tricia Imholt Parsons, Dave Iverson, Carlo and Judith Manetti, Christina Manetti and Wendy Zicht.

Speaking before Council were:

Jennifer Imholt, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Lisa Bonifant, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Kerry Hills, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Walter Neary, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Melissa Jackson, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Mark Bergin-Sperry, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

James Guerrero, Lakewood resident, spoke in support.

Elizabeth Cross, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Ebrahim Mirjalili, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Tricia Parsons, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Kim Underwood, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Brian Parsons, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Wendy Zicht, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

Todd Stewart, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:53 p.m.

This is the date set for a public hearing on the proposed Resolution of the City Council acknowledging application of the nonuser statute and relinquishing any interest, except for possible utility easements the city may have in unopened right-of-way as described herein and requested by abutting property owner Habersetzer.

Speaking before Council were:

Ebrahim Mirjalili, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 9:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2024-05 Acknowledging an application of the nonuser statute and relinquishing any interest, except for possible utility easements the city may have in unopened right-of-way as described herein and requested by abutting property owner Habersetzer.

COUNCILMEMBER PEARSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that St. Joseph-St. John Episcopal Church will be planning to hold a Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 15th in the City Hall Council Chambers and the Sound Transit Board approved the Sound Transit Lakewood Station Access Improvements Projects, next steps include development of a proposed agreement.

He then reported that the Pierce County Library System continues to move forward with the construction of the interim library at the Alfaretta and Gravelly Lake Drive location and that the City continues to discuss the draft Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Camp Murray Boat Launch improvements.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- April 6, 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., General (LTG) William “Bill” Harrison Memorial Service, First Baptist Church
- April 11, 10:30 A.M., Emergency Food Network’s New Distribution Center ribbon cutting event, 3311 92nd Street S
- April 17, 7:30 A.M., LASA Annual FriendRaising Breakfast, McGavick Conference Center
- April 24, 5:30 P.M., Lakes High School Student Celebration of Art, St. Clare Hospital
- April 25, 6:00 P.M., Lakeview Light & Power’s 102nd Annual Meeting, Lakewood City Hall
- April 26, 5:30 P.M. with top-off at 6:30 P.M., 15th Annual Cops versus Teachers Charity Basketball Game/Silent Auction, Lakes High School
- April 27, Parks Appreciation Day, Harry Todd Park, Fort Steilacoom Park, Community Garden, Edgewater Park, and Kiwanis Park
- April 27, 12:00 P.M., Ribbon cutting dedication of the new ball fields at Fort Steilacoom Park
- April 27 and 28, 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Spring Community Clean-up, Lakewood Transfer Station, 3869 94th St SW

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi spoke about the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting specific to the Edgewater Park Master Plan Update.

Councilmember Pearson spoke about the City Council Retreat and requested additional information about Architectural Review Boards for multifamily development.

Councilmember Belle spoke about the City Council Retreat and thanked those who provided public comment and testimony this evening.

Councilmember Lauricella spoke about the City Council Retreat and thanked those who provided public comment and testimony this evening as well as participated in the Edgewater Park Master Plan meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter spoke about public comment and testimony, thanked those who acknowledged him for his service to South Sound 911, expressed his sympathy for the passing of Edith Owen Wallace and spoke about the City Council Retreat. He spoke about the importance of acknowledging topics of public commenters in the meeting minutes.

Deputy Mayor Moss thanked those who spoke during public comment and testimony. She shared that last week she attended the ALS Graduation Ceremony and was inducted into the JBLM Civilian Hall of Fame.

Mayor Whalen spoke about the City Council Retreat. He shared that last week he attended the JBLM Civilian Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the Mayor's Coffeehouse at Fort Steilacoom Park and his experience with Youth Council Chair Angel Calderon who shadowed him today. He spoke about the importance of acknowledging topics of public commenters in the meeting minutes.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK