



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 18, 2022

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, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Whalen paused for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Sub recipient Presentations.

Planning Manager Tiffany Speir provided a brief overview of the policies for the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding noting that the City Council has obligated \$7.2 Million. She shared that this evening the Clover Park School District, Low Income Housing Institute and Tacomaprobono will provide an update on their programs.

Grant Twyman, Director of Equity and Community Engagement and Josh Chambers, Youth Wellness Specialist, Clover Park School District introduced themselves. Josh Chambers shared that a survey of questions were given to high school students related to youth mental health, resources available to them and whether or not the students utilize them. He shared statistics around the likelihood of utilizing mental health resources individually, group or peer-to-peer and reported that 69% of students surveyed reported they were experiencing anxiety and 73% were experiencing stress. Discussion ensued.

Sharon Lee, Executive Director of Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) highlighted programs offered such as affordable housing, urban rest stops and tiny house villages. John Brown, Program Manager shared provided an overview of current operations at Aspen Court noting that they have served 146 total individuals of which 18 have been from Lakewood. He provided an overview of current staffing, the referral process and comments from guests. Sharon Lee then shared that LIHI is seeking funding from the State Right-of-Way (ROW) program for purchasing new housing. Discussion ensued.

Carly Roberts, Executive Director, Tacomaprobono, shared that the program provides for Attorneys and Paralegals for clients to walk in and access free legal services every Thursday at Lakewood City Hall. She spoke about case outcomes, service levels, demographics of clients served, the HELP Team and Right to Counsel Program. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from James Dunlop.

Speaking before Council were:

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about de-annexation of Pierce County Library System and requested the City Council give the residents a ballot on de-annexation.

Dagmar Ivanicka, Europe, spoke about the Garry Oak trees being torn up on Phillips Road and the importance of keeping nature due to the impacts to physical and mental health.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke about Garry Oak trees being cut down on Phillips Road and in support of the protection of Garry Oaks and other trees.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about sanctuary states, impacts of illegal immigration and Seattle issuing an emergency declaration due to the fentanyl problem.

Addo Aequitas, Panther Party, spoke about the Clover Park School District presentation on youth mental wellness, the importance of asking why and parents that are suffering due to cost of housing. Aequitas spoke in support of being there for the people and stopping the gentrification of the city.

Licentia Immortalis, Panther Party, spoke about funding the tiny home program with monies from firing guilty cops. Immortalis spoke about social activities not being maintained during COVID, censoring individuals and emails being blocked from the city server.

Docere Pharmakis, Panther Party, spoke about the system falling apart, people not being taken care of and cannibalism to deal with the housing and food crisis.

Tichomir Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about the cutting of five Garry Oak trees in the area of Hudtolff Middle School and in support of protection of Garry Oak trees.

Bunchy Carter, Lakewood resident, spoke about having to make contact with police to get services to those who are houseless, the distrust between the community and police, and Justice for Said Joquin.

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 June 27, 2022.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 5, 2022.

C. Motion No. 2022-53

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Transpo Group for the Lakewood Active Transportation Plan Update.

D. Motion No. 2022-54

Authorizing the award of a construction contract to Miles Resources, LLC, in the amount of \$753,232.37, for the construction of the Pacific Hwy/South Tacoma Way Overlay project.

E. Resolution No. 2022-10

Setting a public hearing on August 15, 2022 to consider the proposed vacation of the terminal westerly thirty-six (36) feet of 88th Ave Ct SW west of the intersection with Wadsworth Street SW.

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

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 15, 2022.

Councilmember Brandstetter requested Item No. C, Motion No. 2022-53 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM NO. C, MOTION NO. 2022-53. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT ITEM NO. C, MOTION NO. 2022-53. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

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 the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from John Ficker. There being no public testimony, the Public Hearing was declared closed at 9:24 p.m.

RESOLUTION**Resolution No. 2022-08 Authorizing the issuance of Conditional Certificate of Acceptance of Tax Exemption within a Residential Target Area to Ameriglaze Restoration, LLC.**

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO DECLINE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution No. 2022-09 Authorizing the Inclusionary Housing Incentive Design Covenant for Permit Number 1622 Meadow Park 55 Design Review.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09 TO STRIKE PARAGRAPH J AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING: "APPLICANT SHALL MARKET AND OPERATE THE PROPERTY AS A FIFTY-FIVE (55) AND OVER COMMUNITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 807(b)(c) OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND WILL MAINTAIN FOR THE TWENTY YEAR PERIOD OF THIS AGREEMENT." SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH MAYOR WHALEN VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**Pierce Transit Stream BRT System Expansion.**

City Manager Caulfield shared a draft letter of support for Pierce Transit's Stream System Expansion Study efforts in prioritizing the next Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors for City Council review and feedback. Discussion ensued and the letter will be revised to express support for Corridor B along with access to the Lakewood Transit Center, Towne Center and Sounder Station as well as addressing the feasibility of future expansions.

City Manager Caulfield reported that on Thursday, July 21st at 11 a.m. the National Auto Body Council in partnership with USAA will be presenting five active duty

JBLM families with vehicles. The Deputy Mayor attend the event and will read and present a Proclamation.

He shared that SummerFEST will take place on Saturday, July 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Fort Steilacoom Park. He also shared that National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 2nd and there will be opportunities for Councilmembers to attend various events throughout the city.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that last week he attended the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting and this week he will be attending Planning Commission and Pierce County Regional Council meetings.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended a series of South Sound 911 Finance Committee meetings and he spoke about graffiti in Fort Steilacoom Park and adding resources to make the park look its best prior to SummerFEST.

Councilmember Farmer shared that last week she attended an Open House for a company that is building detached accessory dwelling units.

Councilmember Belle shared that she is looking forward to attending SummerFEST this weekend.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Farmer Market and Summer Concert last week, met with Port of Tacoma Governmental Affairs Manager and with a potential contractor for the Western State Hospital reconstruction to discuss options for partnership on a community project such as the for H-Barn project.

Mayor Whalen shared that this week he will be attending SummerFEST and Lakewold Gardens Summer Garden Party. He noted that the next Coffeehouse with the Mayor will be held Thursday, July 28th and the topic for discussion will be Transportation Projects.

Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:20 p.m. and reconvened at 10:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK