



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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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

Proclamation recognizing the life and achievements of George Weyerhaeuser, Sr.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, SR. TO PHYLLIS GRIGGS, SUE MESSINA AND DAVE WEYERHAEUSER.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Sub recipient Presentations.

Planning Manager Speir shared that this evening West Pierce Fire & Rescue and YMCA will provide an update on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to date.

Hallie McCurdy, Deputy Chief, West Pierce Fire & Rescue shared that a down payment has been made to update the Department Operations Center with technology to be utilized during an emergency, updates are being made to the limited English Proficiency Communications Plan and installing a HAM Radio system.

Jessie Palmer, Senior Development Director, YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties Provided an overview of services available to elementary and middle school students such as before and after school childcare, academic achievement, health and social enrichment noting that pre-covid the center and outreach reached approximately 18,000 people per year and is on track to serve 12,000 in 2022. He shared that ARPA funding services has been focused on youth programming to reduce costs, due to eligibility guidelines only six kids at childcare sites, three teens and two students from summer day camp attendees qualify for these benefits.

He shared that promotion of the program will continue and will be rolled out for additional programs this fall. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Christina Manetti and Karen Ripp.

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about the meaning of racist, illegal immigration, sanctuary states and distribution of fentanyl.

Bunchy Carter, Black Panther Party, spoke a prior City Council meeting where officers were decorated and a string of incidents where citizens were treated like criminals when calling cops to make complaints.

General Ovunayo X, Black Panther Party, questioned why Haugen is allowed to make public comments on items unrelated to the city. Ovunayo X spoke about the closure of the Lakewood Library, cutting of endangered trees, warehouse development and the impacts to minority neighborhoods.

Tamara Cook, Lakewood resident, spoke about communication utilities, being forced to use cell phones that have agreements that she disagrees with, third party affiliations and the lack of brick and mortar facilities that protect the consumer.

Oneida Arnold, Tacoma resident, spoke about the Village Apartment rent increases and impacts to residents. Arnold requested the City Council adopt policy in support of seniors and low-income households.

Gwen Harris, Lakewood resident, invited the City Council to visit Village Apartments and the surrounding neighborhood, which is full of trash and has seen an increase of crimes being committed.

Rheta Barker, Lakewood resident, spoke about living at the Village Apartments, her vehicle being broken into and requested increased police presence in the neighborhood.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke about her SEPA Appeal of the speculative warehouse at 123rd Street in Springbrook being dismissed on procedural grounds and the environmental impacts of the project.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about the meaning of public safety, health issues and environmental impacts created from polyfluoroalkyl substances. Dunlop requested the City stop the warehouse at 123rd Street in Springbrook from being developed.

Addo Aequitas, Panther Party, spoke about people suffering and the city doing nothing for them.

Licentia Immortalis, Panther Party, spoke about the city selling water to Puyallup, offering resources to the residents of Village Apartments and putting in a plan of action to help. Immortalis spoke about a man who died in police custody last week and the need for the Lakewood Police Department to make a statement.

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 July 25, 2022.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 1, 2022.

C. Motion No. 2022-58

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with BERK Consulting for the Tree Preservation code update.

D. Motion No. 2022-59

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the purchase and sale agreement between the City of Lakewood and Lakewood Cinema Plaza, LLC, for the Wards Lake Park expansion and property acquisition.

E. Motion No. 2022-60

Accepting a donation from the Rotary Club of Lakewood, in the amount of \$11,000, for the replacement of swings at Fort Steilacoom Park.

F. Motion No. 2022-61

Appointing the 2022-2023 Youth Councilmembers.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON 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 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.

Speaking before Council were:

Gomer Roseman, Habitat for Humanity, spoke about the proposed site plan to provide 12 units of affordable housing, the road and sewer improvements and requested the City Council forgo the \$28,000 costs associated with the street vacation.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:17 p.m.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2022-11 Adopting the 2021 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan and recommitting the City of Lakewood to its partnership with Pierce County.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Review of the 2022 Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

Planning Manager Speir shared that on June 6th the Pierce County Council adopted the 2022 Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies. The City Council has the opportunity to review the policies and take action on whether to express support of opposition. Speir shared that the Countywide Planning Policies establishes a framework for how the development should occur consistent with the Growth Management Act. She highlighted the types of changes incorporated which includes affordable housing, healthy community, military installation coordination, tribal coordination and transportation policies. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared that the Transportation Coordination Committee made a recommendation to provided funding for the Lakewood in support of the design and right of way acquisition for the 100th Street from South Tacoma Way to Lakeview project, this will come forward for approval by the Pierce County Regional Council in August. He shared WSDOT provided additional funding in support of the Pacific Highway and South Tacoma Way overlay project and now the project funding shortfall is only \$52,000.

He shared that Pierce County extended the deadline for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) sewer funds, the City originally submitted for two projects and once extended submitted a third application for the Grant Avenue and Orchard Street sewer extension project.

He shared that discussions continue with the Nisqually Indian Tribe regarding options to collaborate on projects at Fort Steilacoom Park, the cost is estimated at \$250,000 which will come forward as a state capital budget request, an update will come forward for City Council review in September with approval in October.

He reported that the City reached out to Camp Murray regarding the annexation analysis study from 2020 and is following up to discuss next steps regarding improvements at the boat launch.

He shared that Police Chief Zaro will be retiring in February, the search and recruitment process kicked off last week, is expected to take place through the end of the year and includes public input and feedback opportunities.

He then shared that the Pierce County Economic Development Department will host an event to celebrate and recognize the businesses who graduated from the BIPOC Business Accellator Program on October 13th.

He shared that Friday, September 30th is the date set for a dinner event with the City Council and 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he enjoyed attending the Jazz Night and Car Show at Colonial Plaza.

Councilmember Belle shared that she appreciated the update this evening on how the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is being allocated.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she attended the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting last week.

Councilmember Anderson requested an Ordinance related to camping on public property come forward for City Council review. He spoke about lack of resources for maintenance at Springbrook Park and addressing this in the upcoming budget process.

Deputy Mayor Moss spoke about the city responding to residents and shared that she attended the Jazz Festival and Car Show last weekend.

Mayor Whalen spoke about receiving constructive feedback from residents and the importance of providing education, productive feedback and maintaining decorum. Whalen addressed the rent increase challenges, requests for cities to adopt rent control and spoke about tools that are available to cities.

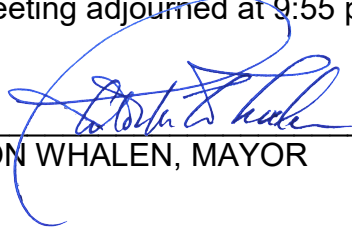
Mayor Whalen spoke about the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting and requested an opinion regarding legal aspects on capital and operational funding limitations. He shared that he attended the Farmers Market and Concert in the Park last week and that the City Council article for the Connections article is due this week.

Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess for approximately 10 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the city litigation and for approximately 20 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public official. The City Council is not expected to take action following the Executive Session.

The City Council recessed at 9:15 p.m. At 9:45 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended for an additional ten minutes. The City Council reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK