



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 28, 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.

Youth Councilmembers Members Present: 3 – Angel Calderon Ramirez, Brandon Elliott and Hank Jones.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Youth Council meeting.

Youth Councilmembers Hank Jones and Brandon Elliott introduced themselves. Elliott shared that there are 24 students participating on Youth Council this year and Jones highlighted this year's accomplishments and shared they are working on coordination of a roundtable discussion for youth on the topic of homelessness and the Youth Summit. Discussion ensued.

Sound Transit Access Improvement Project Update.

Zachary Eskenzai, Senior Project Manager, who was joined by Katie Drewell, Government and Community Relations Officer, provided an overview of the proposed Sound Transit Access improvement project. He shared that an online survey will be open from December 8 through January 5, 2023 and there will be various opportunities for the public to provide in feedback on the project in person. He reviewed the project timeline which estimates the planning phase from 2021-2024, final design in 2024-2025, construction in 2025-2030 and opening to the public in 2030. Discussion ensued.

Review of revised Bristol Apartments Multi-Family Tax Exemption (9615 Bristol Ave SW, Parcel Number 9820000020).

Economic Development Director Becky Newton, who was joined by Andrea Bell, Associate Planner, shared that the project is located in the Central Business District Residential Target Area and will consist of 7, one-bedroom multifamily units and one office space within one building. The request is for a 12-year exemption with a

20% of units set aside for low to moderately low income housing. She shared photos of the unit floors, exterior elevations and reviewed the property tax revenues with and without exemptions. She shared that a Resolution approving the conditional certificate of tax exemption and agreement will come forward for City Council consideration on December 5th. Discussion ensued.

Review of American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) Request for Proposals.

Long Range & Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir provided an overview of the history of the Lakewood American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Request for Proposal process for emergency food bank capital costs, veterans emergency shelter capital costs and permanently low income housing capital construction costs.

She shared that requests from Emergency Food Network and Nourish Pierce County were received for emergency food bank capital funding. She shared that FOB HOPE and Tacoma Rescue Mission applied for veteran emergency shelter capital funding. She shared that Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) applied for permanently low income housing capital funding.

Discussion ensued and the City Council supports emergency food bank capital funding for the Emergency Food Network in the amount of \$750,000 and Nourish Pierce County in the amount of \$1,250,000. The City Council also supports veteran emergency shelter funding for Tacoma Rescue Mission in the amount of \$1,000,000, with conditions, for the Pierce County Village First project.

Review of Lakewood Library Fiscal Analysis.

Assistant to the City Manager Michael Vargas provided an overview of the fiscal analysis that was conducted for 2019-2023, illustrating the revenue sources generated by the Pierce County Library System (PCLS) in Lakewood and compared the cost of providing library services at two Lakewood locations – the Downtown and Tillicum branches. He shared that key findings identified that the two libraries operated in Lakewood by the PCLS operate at a net loss each year and do not generate enough revenue to fully finance operating expenditures. He reported that based on the fiscal analysis the City would be unable to provide library services at a level equal to or greater than the services provided by the PCLS and the city would need to subsidize library operations. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DECEMBER 5, 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation and Recognition of Michele Johnson, Ph.D., Pierce College Chancellor.
2. Youth Council Report.
3. Clover Park School District Report.

4. Reappointing Laurie Maus and Edith Owen Wallace to serve on the Community Services Advisory Board through December 15, 2026. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of a construction contract for the Springbrook Park project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for Hearings Examiner services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. This is the date set for a public hearing to vacate that portion of 113th Street SW lying west of the westerly margin of Kendrick Street. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
8. Approving the 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendment Docket. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
9. Authorizing the issuance of Conditional Certificate of Acceptance of Tax Exemption within a Residential Target Area to Kurkov Konstantin (Bristol Apartments). – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
10. Approving the 2023 Human Services funding recommendations. – (Motion – New Business)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- November 29, 9:00 A.M., Fallen Officer Flag Changing Ceremony, Blue Steel Coffee
- November 29, Fallen Officer Food and Blood Drive, Lakewood Police Station
- November 29, 6:00 P.M., Joint meeting with State Legislative Delegation, City Hall Council Chambers
- November 30, 7:30 A.M., Employee Recognition Event, Clover Park Technical College Rotunda
- December 1, 6:00 P.M., Joint meeting with Pierce County Councilmember Hitchen, City Hall Council Chambers
- December 4, 6:30 P.M., Welcome Dinner with Lakewood Sister Cities Association and Gimhae, South Korea Delegation; Zesty's Steakhouse
- December 5, 7:00 P.M., Signing Ceremony with Lakewood Sister Cities Association and Gimhae, South Korea Delegation, City Hall Council Chambers

- December 6, 12:30 P.M., Farewell Luncheon with Lakewood Sister Cities Association and Gimhae, South Korea Delegation, Tacoma Golf and Country Club

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he will attend the Fallen Officer Flag Changing Ceremony at Blue Steel Coffee, the Employee Recognition Event and the Welcome Dinner for the Gimhae, South Korea Delegation.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he will attend the Employee Recognition Event and the Welcome Dinner for the Gimhae, South Korea Delegation.

Councilmember Belle shared that she will attend the Employee Recognition Event and the Welcome Dinner for the Gimhae, South Korea Delegation.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she will attend the Employee Recognition Event and the Welcome Dinner for the Gimhae, South Korea Delegation. She shared that she accepting comments and feedback on the proposed South Sound Housing and Affordability Partners (SSHA³P) work plan.

Councilmember Anderson shared that last week he attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and he will be absent for the meetings of December 5th and December 12th.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she will attend the Employee Recognition Event, the Welcome Dinner for Gimhae, South Korea Delegation, the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting and the Collaboration for a Cause event at Clover Park Technical College.

Mayor Whalen shared that he will attend the will attend the Employee Recognition Event as well as the Welcome Dinner and Farewell Lunch for Gimhae, South Korea Delegation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK