



**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PIERCE COUNTY  
COUNCILMEMBER SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 1, 2022

City of Lakewood

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 5 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers, Patti Belle, Linda Farmer (arrived at 6:27 p.m.) and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 2 – Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter and Don Anderson.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Review of the 2023 Pierce County Legislative Policy Manual.**

Mayor Whalen welcomed Pierce County Councilmember Jani Hitchen to the meeting. Mayor Whalen expressed appreciation for her work in support of allocating American Rescue Plan Act funds, Lakewood population allocations, the Chambers Creek Canyon Trail, Seeley Lake Conservancy Park and the PALS Plus Permitting Software.

Mayor Whalen then spoke about partnerships with Pierce County through the South Sound Housing Affordability Partnership (SSHA<sup>3</sup>P), Pierce County Village, resources for behavioral health, and the unified approach to ending homelessness.

He then shared that the City supports local zoning for middle housing including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's), sewer utility expansions, video arraignment at the Pierce County Jail, solutions to pre-pandemic detention booking policies, JBLM North Clear Zone standards and necessary improvements to the Lakewood Community Center. Discussion ensued and County Councilmember Hitchen provided feedback on each of partnership areas and legislative priorities.

Mayor Whalen then spoke about the Library Community Advisory Committee recommendations for the Lakewood and Tillicum Branch libraries and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library which provides books for youth. Discussion ensued.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

  
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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK