



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 5, 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: 6 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember Don Anderson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ceremony establishing a Sister City relationship with Gimhae City, Gyeongsangnam-do Province, the Republic of Korea.

Mayor Whalen introduced members of the Lakewood City Council and Connie Coleman-Lacadie, Lakewood Sister Cities Association (LSCA) and LSCA Boardmembers. Mayor Hong Tae Yong of Gimhae City, Korea introduced himself and members of the Gimhae Delegation.

Mayor Whalen and Mayor Hong Tae Yong provided a Greeting and Remarks. The agreement establishing a Sister Cities relationship with Gimhae City, Gyeongsangnam-do Province, the Republic of Korea and the City of Lakewood, was executed by all parties.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess for approximately 10 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

Proclamation and recognition of Michele Johnson, Ph.D., Pierce College Chancellor.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION AND KEY TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO MICHELE JOHNSON, PH.D, PIERCE COLLEGE CHANCELLOR FOR HER 45 YEARS OF SERVICE TO PIERCE COLLEGE AND THE LASTING IMPACT SHE HAS MADE IN THE LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY.

Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Angel Ramirez shared that students have been preparing for the Youth Homelessness Roundtable and the Holiday Parade. Arianna Melo shared that students are also discussing topics for future roundtable events. Ramirez shared that students are reviewing applications for the Association of Washington Cities Quality Communities Scholarship.

Clover Park School District Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Boardmember Carole Jacobs shared that student led conferences have been completed, there was a 95% participation rate in elementary schools and 87% participation rate in secondary schools. She spoke about the partnership with Pierce College and shared that the Daffodil Princesses have been selected. She reported that Harrison Preparatory students completed their presentation of a Christmas Carol, elementary students participated in a Cooking Competition, winter sports have began and weather related delays can be found on the CPSD website. She shared that a Para Educator Fair will be held this week and CPSD is hiring for various employment positions and is offering hiring bonuses. She then spoke about an anonymous donor who has provided clothing for students, highlighted the Inside Schools magazine and spoke about student recovery from the pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Angela Schick and Kim Underwood

Speaking before Council were:

Walt Sommers, Living Access Support Alliance, spoke in support of funding for the Gravelly Lake Commons project.

Linda Disney, Support the Enlisted Project, spoke in support of human services funding for Support the Enlisted Project (STEP) who provides support for military families who find themselves in financial crisis.

Joyce Loveday, Living Access Support Alliance, spoke about the Asset Limited Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) statistics and in support of funding for the Gravelly Lake Commons project.

Janne Hutchins, Living Access Support Alliance, spoke about services at Gravelly Lake Commons and in support of funding for the project.

Taylor Underwood, Spanaway Concerned Citizens Group, spoke in opposition to the proposed location for the Pierce County Community First Village.

Kim Underwood, spoke in opposition to the proposed location for the Pierce County Community First Village and requested that the City decline approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the project.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, requested the City decline approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Pierce County Community First Village and spoke in support of preservation of the Tinsler Lakewood Library building.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about financial costs related to the de-annexation and in support of de-annexation from the Pierce County Library System.

Ellie Wilson, Lakewood resident, spoke about the Claudia Thomas Legacy House and shared that \$84,000 has been raised for the project.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about bad policies, sanctuary states, illegal immigration, fentanyl and getting rid of critical race theory.

Scott Munson, Spanaway resident, spoke in opposition of the proposed location for the Pierce County Community First Village.

Addo Aequitas, Panther Party, spoke about policies and procedures within the City and not sending the houseless community out to the swamps.

Docere Pharmakis, Panther Party, spoke about a social safety net, the camp for houseless people, farming the land and the poor being taken advantage of.

Licentia Immortalis, Panther Party, spoke about the plan for houseless people to live out in the swamps and the lack of resources at the camp.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of November 17, 2022.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 21, 2022.

C. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$2,844,190.11, for the period of October 15, 2022 through November 22, 2022.

D. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,762,042.19, for the period of October 16, 2022 through November 15, 2022.

E. Motion No. 2022-96

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Active Construction, Inc., for the Springbrook Park Phase II Improvement Project.

F. Motion No. 2022-97

Confirming Mark Scheibmeir as the Lakewood Hearing Examiner and also confirming the Hearing Examiner's procedures for the conduct of hearings.

G. Motion No. 2022-98

Authorizing the execution of agreements with Ready Rebound, LLC to provide orthopedic injury treatment management for City employees through December 31, 2024.

H. Motion No. 2022-99

Authorizing the expenditure of \$1,250,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in support of Nourish Pierce County's purchase and renovation of a new building at a new Lakewood location.

I. Motion No. 2022-100

Authorizing the conditional expenditure of \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in support of the Pierce County Village for chronically homeless.

J. Motion No. 2022-101

Authorizing the expenditure of \$750,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in support of the Emergency Food Network's construction of a new food storage warehouse.

K. Motion No. 2022-102

Reappointing Laurie Maus and Edith Owen Wallace to serve on the Community Services Advisory Board through December 15, 2026.

L. Motion No. 2022-103

Cancelling the Monday, December 19, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting and the Monday, December 26, 2022 Study Session.

M. Resolution No. 2022-17

Authorizing the formation and establishing a City Sister Relationship with the City of Gimhae, the Republic of Korea.

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

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 24, 2022.
2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 25, 2022.

Councilmember Farmer requested Item No. I, Motion No. 2022-100 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, MINUS ITEM NO.I. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT ITEM NO. I, MOTION NO. 2022-100, AUTHORIZING THE CONDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF \$1,000,000, OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE PIERCE COUNTY VILLAGE FOR CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER. 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 vacate that portion of 113th Street SW lying west of the westerly margin of Kendrick Street.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO CANCEL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE THAT PORTION OF 113TH STREET SW LYING WEST OF THE WESTERLY MARGIN OF KENDRICK STREET. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2022-15 Approving the 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendment Docket.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15, OPTION A.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15 TO STRIKE OPTION A., IN REQUEST NO. 2023-02. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15 TO INCLUDE OPTION B., IN REQUEST NO. 2023-02. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION 2022-15 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution No. 2022-16 Authorizing the issuance of Conditional Certificate of Acceptance of Tax Exemption within a Residential Target Area to Kurkov Konstantin.

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**Motion No. 2022-104 Approving the 2023 Human Services funding recommendations.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2022-104, OPTION 1 TO ADD \$22,500 EACH YEAR TO THE 1% ALLOCATION FOR HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS THAT SCORED 33 POINTS OR MORE (TIERS 1-3). SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI.

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE MOVED TO AMEND MOTION 2022-104 TO FUND PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH LOATHES AND FISHES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000, FROM THE ALLOCATIONS TO THE EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK, WHICH WOULD REDUCE THEIR ALLOCATIONS FROM \$22,500 ON EACH OF THE TWO LINES ITEMS TO \$20,000 EACH ALLOCATION. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND FAILED WITH BRANDSTETTER, FARMER, AND DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON MOTION NO. 2022-104, OPTION A AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that last week he met with the President of the Historic Fort Steilacoom Association to provide an update on the meeting the City had with DSHS last month and next steps is to develop a proposal and costs focused on the historic buildings and land they occupy.

He shared that last week he met with the Pierce County Library System Executive Director about the log located in the main Lakewood library, the City has offered to store the log in one of its barns and add to the Arts Commission work plan to identify a public place the log could be moved too.

He reported that as a follow up to last week's meeting, it is recommended that the City Council have a follow up discussion in early 2023 to provide direction on the programs and projects to consider for use of American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funding.

He shared that the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) awarded the City grant, in the amount of \$500,000 in support of sidewalks for the South side of Union Avenue in the Tillicum neighborhood and community outreach continues on the Lakewood Drive at Orchard Street Road Improvements.

He then shared that the City has received a request from Nisqually Indian Tribe to add a segment to the interchange at I-5 at Bridgeport at Pacific Highway South to the national register of roadways important to the Tribe. The item will come forward for City Council approval of a Memorandum of Understanding at a future meeting.

He shared that work is underway on the Pierce County's 2022 Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness and updates are being made to the Pierce County Unified

Sewer Plan and the 2023 Pierce County Point in Time Count will take in place in January.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- December 6, 12:30 P.M., Farewell Luncheon for Gimhae, South Korea Delegation, Tacoma Golf and Country Club
- December 8, 6:00 P.M., Lakewood Police Chief Candidate Forum, Lakewood City Hall
- December 9, 10:00 A.M., Retail Association Meeting, Lakewood City Hall
- December 10, 4:30 P.M., Holiday Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting Ceremony, Lakewood City Hall

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle shared that she enjoyed participating in the Sister City events and thanked the Youth Councilmembers for their report.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Sister City Ceremony and thanked Councilmember Farmer for her service to the City.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the Friends of the Lakewood Library annual meeting and commented on the Sister City Ceremony.

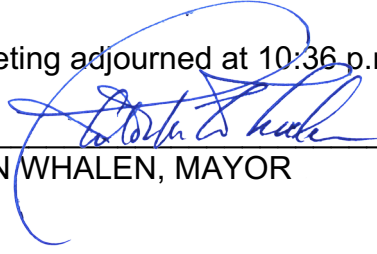
Deputy Mayor Moss spoke about the Sister City Ceremony and shared that she attended the C141 Remembrance Ceremony at McChord Field. Moss requested the City Council present a proclamation on January 3, 2023 recognizing J’Nai Bridges.

Councilmember Farmer shared last week she attended the Sex Offender Policy Board meeting, the joint meeting with State Legislative Delegation, the Employee Recognition Event, the joint meeting with County Councilmember Hitchen and the South Sound Housing Affordability’s (SSHA³P) Executive Board meeting. She thanked the City Council for the honor to work with them.

Mayor Whalen thanked Councilmember Farmer for her contributions and service to the City. He spoke about the meetings last week with the State Legislative Delegation, Pierce County Councilmember Jani Hitchen and shared that the City’s Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place this coming Saturday.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK