



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2022

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:04 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Whalen recognized Councilmember Linda Farmer with a plaque for her service on the City Council. The Mayor and City Councilmembers expressed well wishes and appreciation for her work on behalf of the community. Councilmember Farmer thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support.

At 7:14 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess for approximately 10 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

Review of Non-Motorized Plan Survey Results.

Weston Ott, Public Works Engineering Services Manager shared an outreach survey was prepared in three languages related to the Non-Motorized Plan and the City received 205 responses during a three week survey period. He highlighted age and race demographics of survey respondents noting that 42% of respondents live in Lakewood. He shared that of those who responded, 45% walk every day, 37% bike weekly, and e-bikes, skateboards, scooters and wheelchair or mobility aids are rarely used. He reported that respondents shared that they use active transportation to get exercise, improve health, be outdoors and improve their quality of life. He then reviewed average maximum distance traveled on non-motorized trips via walking, biking and other modes. He shared that the final Non-Motorized Transportation Plan will be available for City Council review in February, 2023. Discussion ensued.

Review of 30% design for Angle/Elwood/87th project and Hipkins project.

Paul Bucich, Public Works Engineering Director was joined by Ted Hill, Capital Projects Manager and Troy Pokswinski, Associate Civil Engineer.

Public Works Engineering Director Bucich reviewed map of design improvements between Steilacoom Blvd SW and Hipkins Road SW starting at 87th Ave SW and Steilacoom Blvd continuing south through the Elwood Road SW to Angle Lane SW with connection to Hipkins Road SW. He then reviewed total estimated project costs. Discussion ensued.

Review of process on filling a vacancy on the Lakewood City Council.

City Attorney Heidi Wachter reviewed the process for filling a vacancy on the Lakewood City Council noting that there are no proscribed rules other than to appoint a candidate within 90 days of the resignation taking effect. Discussion ensued and the City Council requested that a formal statement for solicitation be posted with applications being due on January 13, 2023. The applications will be presented to the City Council at the January 17, 2023 regular meeting. The City Council will also review the interview questions and voting selection process that was used in the 2020.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 3, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation declaring January 17, 2023 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.
2. Proclamation recognizing J'Nai Bridges.
3. Presentation of the 2023 Stormwater Outreach Calendar.
4. Youth Council Report.
5. Clover Park School District Report.
6. Authorizing the award of a contract to Asphalt Patch Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000, for the 2022 Unit Price project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Related to the use of locally sourced compost materials. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
8. Review of 3rd Quarter (2022) Financial Report. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield complimented the Parks and Recreation Department for the work coordinating the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

He shared that on January 3rd the City Council will review an Ordinance related to locally sourced compost materials and last week several events related to the recruitment of a new Police Chief took place, six candidates are still under consideration.

He shared that he will be meeting with representatives from Camp Murray to discuss opportunities for partnership at the Boat Launch and he met with representatives from Congresswoman Strickland's office to discuss options for expanding her office space at City Hall. He also shared the city hall redesign will come forward for City Council review in 1st Quarter 2023.

He spoke about public outreach and website updates in advance of the tree code changes that will go into effect in 2023 and about the Pierce County Library System relocating the log from the Lakewood Library and the Arts Commission work plan will include identifying a place for it to be relocated.

He shared that Youth Councilmember Brandon Elliott has been nominated for the 2023 Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities Scholarship and the Department of Commerce has awarded the City with a grant for Comprehensive Plan updates, which will come forward for approval by the City Council on January 3rd.

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Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the Police Chief Community Forum and spoke about the quality of candidates. He also attended the Retail Theft Association meeting and Holiday Parade.

Councilmember Brandstetter spoke about the City's 2022 successes and accomplishments.

Councilmember Belle spoke about the City's 2022 accomplishments. She shared that she attended the Holiday Parade and Police Chief Community Forum. She thanked Councilmember Farmer for her service.

Councilmember Farmer spoke about the collaboration that takes place on the City Council and the success over the last few years. She shared that her Swearing in Ceremony will be held on January 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Pierce County Annex.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the Police Chief Community Forum and she spoke about the growth and accomplishments of the City Council over the last 13 years. She shared that she attended the Holiday Parade and Retail Theft Association meeting and will be attending the ALS Graduation Ceremony on JBLM.

Mayor Whalen spoke about the City's progress made in 2022. He shared that last week he met with Lois Ericson, St. Clare Hospital, attended the Police Chief Community Forum and Retail Theft Association meeting. He shared that the Lakewood Rotary Presidential Roast will take place on Friday, December 16th at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the city - litigation or potential litigation. The City Council is not expected to take action following the Executive Session other than to adjourn the meeting.

The City Council recessed at 9:29 p.m. At 9:57 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended for an additional 10 minutes. At 10:07 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced the Executive Session will be extended for an additional 10 minutes. At 10:17 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will extend for an additional 10 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 10:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

B. Schumacher

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CITY CLERK

Jason Whalen

JASON WHALEN, MAYOR