



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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, Don Anderson, Patti Belle and Paul Bocchi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hanford McCloud, Government Liaison, Nisqually Indian Tribe, spoke about the Chief Leschi historical monument that was damaged in the City. He spoke about how the Nisqually Indian Tribe would like to continue partnering with the city to honor Chief Leschi and to tell the story of the Nisqually people. He then reported that he will be coordinating a Chief Leschi Memorial Walk to take place this month on January 27th.

Proclamation declaring January 16, 2023 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 16, 2023 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE TO KIMI GINN AND SYLVI JOHNSON, CITY OF LAKEWOOD MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMITTEE.

Proclamation recognizing J’Nai Bridges.

MAYOR WHALEN, DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING J’NAI MARIE LEWIS BRIDGES FOR HER EXEMPLARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY AND FOR BEING A ROLE MODEL AND LEADER IN THE PERFORMING ARTS.

At 7:27 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess for approximately seven minutes. The City Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Presentation of the 2023 Stormwater Outreach Calendar.

Diana Halar, Compliance Inspector provided an overview of the 2023 stormwater outreach program. Students from Agape Home School Co-Op were then recognized by the Mayor and City Councilmembers for their participation in the calendar and featuring artwork.

Youth Council Report.

None.

Clover Park School District Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Boardmember Anthony Veliz shared that the Board of Directors elected Alyssa Anderson Pearson as President, Carole Jacobs as Vice-President and Anthony Veliz as Legislative Liaison. He shared that January is School Board Appreciation month, Lochburn Teacher Yasmin Shakur Asadi has received the Middle School Science Teacher of the Year Award from the Washington Science Teachers Association and Custer Elementary School received a grant from the Champion Students Success Foundation. He shared that CPSD participated in the City's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting event, weather related delays can be found on the CPSD website, the next Board meetings will be held on January 9th and January 25th and students will have late starts on January 4th 11th, 18th and 25th and there will be no school on January 16th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Linda Briner, Casey Crook, Shawn Hill, Rachel Mackey and Judith Manetti.

Speaking before Council were:

Bob Warfield, Lakewood resident, spoke about the history of the Lakewood Library and in support of preservation of the Lakewood Library.

Helen Wagner, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of preservation of the Lakewood Library.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke about the appointment of Scheibmeir as the City's Hearings Examiner and in support of preservation of the Lakewood Library.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about the history of Lakewood City Council elections, the appointment of Scheibmeir as Hearings Examiner, the decreasing need for warehouses and in support of de-annexation from the Pierce County Library System.

Docere Pharmakis, Spokane resident, spoke about a jury award relating to whistleblowing and asked the City Council to take a stand against corruption.

Amelia Escobedo, Lakewood resident, expressed interest in the City Council Position 6. Escobedo spoke about damage to a Chief Leschi monument and about the Library Advisory Committee.

Addo Aequitas, Panther Party, spoke about the progress happening that is not aligned with what the people have to say.

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 November 28, 2022.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of November 29, 2022.
- C. Approval of minutes of the City Council special meeting of December 1, 2022.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 5, 2022.
- E. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of December 12, 2022.
- F. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$2,059,178.53, for the period of November 23, 2022 through December 15, 2022.
- G. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$3,070,492.11, for the period of November 16, 2022 through December 15, 2022.
- H. Motion No. 2023-01

Authorizing award of a contract to Asphalt Patch Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$350,000, for the 2022 Unit Price project.
- I. Motion No. 2023-02

Authoring the increase of contract authorization for the JBLM-North Access Improvement Phase 1 Project.
- J. Motion No. 2023-03

Authorizing the execution of a contract with the Washington State Department of Commerce to fund work related to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review Process.
- K. Motion No. 2023-04

Authorizing the execution of a Letter of Acknowledgement with Nisqually Indian Tribe related to the inclusion of City Roadway in National Database.

L. Motion No. 2023-05

Authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with KPG Promas, in the amount of \$197,425, for design engineering services related to the Rose Road, Forest Road and Fern Street SW sewer extension project.

M. Motion No. 2023-06

Authorizing the execution of a settlement and release agreement related to Pierce County Superior Court Case No. 20-2-046-45-6 and Washington State Supreme Court Case No. 1010117.

N. Ordinance No. 780

Creating a new chapter of the Lakewood Municipal Code; relative to the use of locally sourced compost materials for city or city funded landscape, construction or erosion control projects.

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

1. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of August 3, 2022.
2. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes October 5, 2022.
3. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 6, 2022.
4. Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 2, 2022.
5. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 3, 2022.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Review process for filing a vacancy on the Lakewood City Council (Position 6).

City Attorney Wachter provided an overview of the process for selection of a candidate for the vacancy on the City Council. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared that the City was interviewed by Business View Magazine to highlight economic development opportunities in Lakewood and he attended a tour of the Lakewood Community Center to get an update on the condition of building.

He shared that the City received \$2.5 million in Federal Congressional Direct Funds for the South Tacoma Way project between 80th and 88th Street, construction will likely take place in 2024.

He then recognized the Public Works Engineering Department for coordination of a toy drive for Tillicum community and the Police Department for their coordination of a Holiday Meals Program.

He reported that an updated interlocal agreement, recommending an increase to 2 full time employees, for the West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition will come forward for City Council review on February 6th and the State Defense Community Compatibility Account (DCCA) program has ranked the City's North Clear Zone project No. 1, the Governor's proposed budget includes \$5.92 million for the top three DCCA projects. In addition, the Governor's budget includes funding in support of park grants, the city submitted for four grants for Wards Lake Park and Harry Todd Park improvements.

He shared that he will be meeting with Camp Murray representatives to discuss partnership opportunities at Camp Murray Boat Launch and recommended that the City Council travel to Olympia on January 31st, February 1st or February 2nd to meet with the State Legislative Delegation to discuss the legislative agenda.

He then shared that Congresswoman Strickland has extended her current lease at Lakewood City Hall until June 30, 2023 and the Pierce County Library System (PCLS) is supportive of donating the Tensler Log located in the main Lakewood library. He reported that PCLS Board of Trustees met on December 14, 2022 to begin discussions about the future of libraries in Lakewood and will continue their discussions at their January Board meeting. He also shared that a Pre-Application meeting was held on December 15th by the PCLS specific to their interim library location.

He shared that demolition has occurred at the 9616 Gravelly Lake Drive abatement project, Pierce Transit has requested a letter of support for the Bus Facilities grant application and the Youth Council has nominated Brandon Elliott for the 2023 AWC Quality Communities Scholarship.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- January 14, 10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., New Year, New You Community Walk, Fort Steilacoom Park
- January 27, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Affordable Housing Forum, Star Center, Tacoma

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle shared that she looks forward to 2023.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that Pierce County hosted a public meeting this evening related to the location of the Community First Village and spoke about addressing housing issues with the state legislature. He will be attending the Diversity Mural event at Tillicum Elementary this week.

Councilmember Anderson spoke about the Pierce County Library System and the Pierce County Community First Village proposal.

Deputy Mayor Moss thanked the City Council for issuing this evening's proclamation and shared that she looks forward to a busy 2023.

Mayor Whalen shared that he will attend the Chief Leschi Honor Walk and the SSHA³P meeting this week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK