



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of 2023 citizens' advisory board, committee and commission work plans.

Assistant to the City Manager Michael Vargas reviewed the Arts Commission work plan, the American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 work plan, the Community Services Advisory Board work plan, the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board work plan, the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board work plan, the Lodging Tax Advisory Board work plan, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board work plan, the Planning Committee work plan, the Public Safety Advisory Committee work and the Youth Council work plan. Discussion ensued.

Review of City Council liaisons to citizens' advisory board, committee and commissions.

The Mayor and City Councilmembers reviewed the 2023 liaisons to citizens' advisory board, committees and commissions. City Council representation is as follows:

Councilmember Brandstetter will continue as the liaison for the Public Safety Advisory Committee and Youth Council. He will also attend the Community Services Advisory Board meetings until a new liaison is identified and continue on the South Sound 911 Policy Board.

Councilmember Belle will continue as the liaison for the Arts Commission.

Councilmember Anderson will continue as the liaison for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Councilmember Bocchi will continue as the liaison for the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board and Planning Commission.

Deputy Mayor Moss will continue as the liaison for the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board.

Councilmember Bocchi will serve as the member and Councilmember Brandstetter as the alternate on the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA³P) Executive Board.

Introduction to 2024 Lakewood Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Periodic Review Process.

Long Range & Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir shared that the City received three grants from the Washington State Department of Commerce to conduct the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review, establish new middle housing zoning and policies and to implement the Comprehensive Plan Energy and Climate Change Element. She highlighted the public participation plan for the periodic review process which includes a new website, a Lakewood speaks page, direct mailings and in person community meetings. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 17, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Presentation of the 2023 Larry Saunders Service Award. – *Lakewood Community Foundation Fund*
2. Recognizing the Clover Park School District Daffodil Princesses.
3. Proclamation declaring January as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.
4. Police Commissioning and Commendation Ceremony. – *Chief Mike Zaro, Lakewood Police Department*
5. Approving the 2023 citizens' advisory boards, committees and commission Work Plans. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Approving local matching funding, in the amount of \$77,670, for the Office of Defense Community Cooperation grant for the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Appointing a Councilmember to serve on the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners through December 31, 2025. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Establishing the Work Plan and Public Participation Program for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review, Development Regulations, and Critical Areas Ordinance. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
9. Review applications for Lakewood City Council Position 6. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that there will be a Chief Leschi Memorial Walk on Friday, January 27, 2023, starting at 10:30 a.m. with remarks followed by a walk to Fort Steilacoom Park.

He shared that Sister City, Gimhae City, Republic of Korea has invited a delegation from the City to visit from May 4 through May 7, 2023 and last week the City met with Camp Murray representatives to continue the discussions related to improvements and access at the American Lake boat launch.

He reported that an update on parks signs, reader boards and street ends will be presented to City Council at the February 13, 2023 study session. He shared that a generator controls system at the Police Station needs to be replaced in order to keep the generator in normal operating conditions, the replacement cost is estimated to be \$80,000, which will come forward for City Council for review and consideration as part of an upcoming regular meeting.

He shared that an update on the design for the American Lake Park and Wards Lake Park capital improvements will be scheduled to be presented as part of City Council's February 27, 2023 study session and he reported that the State Legislative Session kicked off today and the Residential Facilities Report has not yet been finalized and is still going through the review process by Commerce.

He asked the City Council to recognize Janne Hutchins with a Proclamation on her retirement and years of services to the community at a future meeting.

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 in Tacoma
- January 26 and 27, 2023 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count
- February 1, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Meetings with State Legislators, Washington State Capitol Campus, Olympia

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he will attend the New Year, New You Community Walk.

Councilmember Belle shared that she attended the Arts Commission meeting this evening and plans to attend the Yoga event at Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he will attend the New Year, New You Community Walk.

Councilmember Anderson spoke about federal legislation for service members and military spouses related to state licensing requirements and Civil Relief Act for certifications. He then spoke about the selection for a Councilmember to fill Position 6 and proposed limiting interviews to no more than six applicants.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she will attend the New Year, New You Community Walk.

Mayor Whalen shared that he will attend the New Year, New You Community Walk and the Chief Leschi Memorial Walk on January 27th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

B. Schumacher

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CITY CLERK

Jason Whalen

JASON WHALEN, MAYOR