



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 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

#### **Presentation on Pierce County Behavioral Health Tax Funds.**

Richard VanCleave, Manager, Pierce County Behavioral Health, shared that the Behavioral Health Tax was implemented in July, 2021. Upon implementation, the Pierce County Council authorized six programs and required a Behavioral Health Improvement (BHIP) Plan to guide how funding was to be prioritized. He shared that goals include identifying community needs, problem solving, providing leadership and advocacy and administering behavioral health, liquor tax and general funding programs. He reviewed the Pierce County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) voting and non-voting membership. He shared in March 2022 a competitive bidding process was conducted by the BHAB, 32 applications were reviewed and funding recommendations were recommended to the Pierce County Council for approval. He then reviewed the BHIP core funding targets, awards by funding category and shared that 28 programs were funded for 2022-2023.

He shared that the next Request for Proposal will be released on March 13<sup>th</sup> for services to be provided in 2024-2025. The applications will be reviewed by the BHAB and recommendations will be made to the Pierce County Council for final approval. Discussion ensued.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Casey Crook.

Speaking before Council were:

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke about notification from the city announcing the new tree code regulations and the illustration of an English Oak. Manetti spoke in support of retaining experts as the city implements the Urban Forestry Program and further preservation of native Garry Oak trees.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the selection process for City Council Position 6, finding the right candidate for the position and considering the possibility that consensus is not virtue.

### 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 January 23, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 6, 2023.
- C. Motion No. 2023-16  
Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Lakewood Water District for construction of a water main along Hipkins Road near the vicinity of Dresden Lane and 87<sup>th</sup> Street.
- D. Motion No. 2023-17  
Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare for two mental healthcare professionals.
- E. Motion No. 2023-18  
Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with Washington State Emergency Management Department, in the amount of \$62,565, for emergency management performance.
- F. Motion No. 2023-19  
Appointing Julie White to serve as the Pierce College representative on the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board.
- G. Motion No. 2023-20  
Appointing Shelby Taylor to serve on the Community Services Advisory Board through December 15, 2026.
- H. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:  
1. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 22, 2022.  
2. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 27, 2022.

3. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 5, 2023.
4. Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 18, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. 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 on the proposed disposal through surplus of vehicle 42221, a boom truck formally used to maintain the City of Lakewood traffic signal system.**

There being no testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:08 p.m.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Resolution No. 2023-04 Consenting to a transfer of control of franchise to Rainier Connect North, LLC.**

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

#### **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update.**

Long Range and Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir highlighted the history of Lakewood American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocations for external and internal projects and programs. She then reviewed requests for funding totaling \$1.78 Million. Discussion ensued and the City Council is not in support of further funding allocations for Tacomaprobono or the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) supportive services at Aspen Court.

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City Manager Caulfield provided an update on State Legislative initiatives.

He shared that an update on the city's Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Plan will come forward for City Council review during the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting followed by a request for approval of contract totaling \$90,000 with Henderworks, Inc.

He reported that the City is working with a broker Tim Johnson to identify a location for the Senior Activity Center and the city continues to work with the Pierce County Library System on storage of the Tenzler Log.

He then shared that the City will be submitting for a RAISE Grant application in support of the downtown green loop project and the city learned recently that the State Department of Health is mandating Department of Social and Health Services and Western State Hospital to connect to the Lakewood Water District.

He then spoke about the Racial Restrictive Covenants project and recommended the City Council consider a Resolution to support actions authorized under House Bill 1335 to eliminate these covenants.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- February 23, 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound 2023 Legacy of Hope Event, Hotel Murano Bicentennial Pavilion
- March 3, 6:00 P.M., 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dr. Claudia Thomas Community Service Award Gala, McGavick Conference Center

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly meeting and this week he will be attending the Transportation Coordination Committee meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he will attend the community meeting with Pierce County Library System Executive Director and Pierce County Councilmember Hitchen.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that in honor of Black History Month she was recognized by Clover Park Technical College for her work in the community and shared that she looks forward to the Dr. Claudia Thomas Community Service Award Gala.

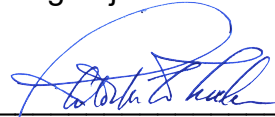
Mayor Whalen shared that next week the City Council will hold special meetings on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 6 p.m. to interview candidates for City Council Position 6.

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Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the city -- litigation or potential litigation. The City Council recessed into Execution Session at 9:17 p.m. and reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.



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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK