



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Councilmembers 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

Business Showcase.

Mayor Whalen recognized Deborah Tuttle, Owner of Bite Me! Cookies as the March, 2023 Business Showcase and shared a video highlighting her work in the community.

Proclamation recognizing March as Women's History month.

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO LINDA SMITH, PRESIDENT/CEO, LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Proclamation recognizing March as American Red Cross month.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH TO LARRY SMITH, AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Brandon Elliott and Hank Jones introduced themselves. Jones shared that students met this evening and discussed how to enhance social media communications to promote activities and to engage with youth in the community. Jones shared that a round table on Climate Change will be held on March 9th at Harrison Preparatory School. Elliott shared that the Youth Council

continues to prepare for the Youth Summit to be held on June 10th, which now allows attendance by 7th and 8th graders and he thanked the City Council for their support and recommendation of him for a Presidential Scholarship from the University of Washington. Discussion ensued.

Clover Park School District Report.

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about the impacts of inflation, open borders and deaths due to drug use.

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 February 13, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting February 21, 2023.
- C. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$6,318,227.85, for the period of January 21, 2023 through February 22, 2023.
- D. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,844,931.26, for the period of January 16, 2023 through February 15, 2023.
- E. Motion No. 2023-21

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Tangram Design, LLC for the park and reader board sign project.
- F. Motion No. 2023-22

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the purchase and sale agreement related to the Wards Lake Park property acquisition.
- G. Motion No. 2023-23

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with BCRA, in the amount of \$410,512, for the Wards Lake Park Improvement Project Phase 1 and Phase 2.

H. Motion No. 2023-24

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Public Restroom Company, in the amount of \$648,780, for the American Lake Park restroom and site amenities expansion project.

I. Motion No. 2023-25

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Robert W. Droll Landscape Architect, in the amount of \$47,179, for the American Lake Park Access Improvement Project.

J. Motion No. 2023-26

Authorizing the execution of professional services agreements associated with the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation grant.

K. Motion No. 2023-27

Approving the disposal through surplus of vehicle 42221, a boom truck formerly used to maintain the City of Lakewood's traffic signal system.

L. Motion No. 2023-28

Authorizing the execution of necessary agreements and forms related to the Washington Opioid Settlement.

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

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 1, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS. 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 request to vacate 113th Street SW lying west of Kendrick Street SW.

There being no testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:41 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Update on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Strategic Plan Development.

Communications Manager Brynn Grimley shared that it is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an agreement with Henderworks Inc., to develop a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Plan. The agreement will come forward for City Council approval on March 20th. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared that the dates to visit our Sister City, Gimhae City, Republic of Korea is now to depart on Wednesday, May 3th and return from Gimhae on Monday, May 8th.

He shared that the Pierce County Library System (PCLS) Board of Trustees will meet on March 8th to take action to approve a contract for an interim Lakewood Library at Gravelly Lake Drive and Alfaretta Street SW and to take action on whether to renovate or remove the existing Lakewood Library at Wildaire Road SW and Gravelly Lake Drive.

He shared that Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) received 15 letters of support for their 25-unit low income housing project and the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) has acquired the Candlewood Suites property for \$20 Million, the facility will be renamed Maureen Howard Place and will have 77 suites for about 85 people.

He then spoke about the Tacoma News Tribune Op-Ed regarding the impact of House Bill 1054 related to police pursuits and eluding and the data that was presented.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- March 11, 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M., 29th District Town Hall Meeting with Representative Melanie Morgan and Representative Sharlett Mena, Pacific Lutheran University in the Anderson University Center
- March 18, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., 28th District In-Person Town Hall with Representative Mari Leavitt and Representative Dan Bronoske, Clover Park Technical College, Rotunda of Building 3
- March 18, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., 29th Legislative District Town Hall, with Senator Steve Conway and Representative Sharlett Mena, Local 31 Firefighter's Hall

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Whalen requested that the City Council provide direction as to whether they would like to allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Springbrook Connections, in the amount of \$50,000 to cover the cost of their 2023 lease at the Centerforce Building and funding in support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. After discussion, the City Council is in support of both.

Discussion ensued about the history and status of the community center in the Tillicum and Woodbrook neighborhood.

Councilmember Belle shared that she appreciated the Proclamation for Women's History month and she attended the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC) Dr. Claudia Thomas Gala event.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that last week he attended the South Sound Housing Affordability Partnership (SSHA³P) meeting.

Deputy Mayor Moss thanked those who supported and attended the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC) Dr. Claudia Thomas Gala event. She requested that the City Council issue a proclamation in March recognizing the 50 year anniversary of the end of Vietnam War.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC) Dr. Claudia Thomas Gala event and spoke about attending the University of Washington Scholarship presentation for Youth Councilmember Brandon Eilliot and this week he will attend the Habitat for Humanity Luncheon in support of the Dr. Claudia Thomas House.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK