



## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 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: 7 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Municipal Court Judge Lisa Mansfield conducted the Oath of Office for Trestin Lauricella.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Proclamation recognizing March 29, 2023 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.**

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 29, 2023 AS NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY TO MR. BOB WARFIELD.

**Proclamation recognizing Scott McKay for his service and commitment to the City of Lakewood.**

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SCOTT MCKAY FOR HIS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Casey Crook, Keith Schuster, Kim Underwood and [MomsHouse1@yahoo.com](mailto:MomsHouse1@yahoo.com).

Speaking before Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls*, spoke about the diversity, equity and inclusiveness model, drug trafficking, fentanyl deaths, lack of education and indoctrination.

*Don Russell, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the Clover Creek Floodplain Study and in support of option one, which is to do nothing.

*Dan Durr, Lakewood resident*, thanked the City Council for their leadership and spoke in support of adoption of Ordinance No. 782 and Ordinance No. 783.

*Kim Underwood, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the Clover Creek Floodplain Study and in opposition to the recommendation of setback levies.

*Ed Jacobs, Tacoma resident*, shared that he works with the Homeless Coalition and invited the City Council to a homeless memorial service on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Shiloh Baptist Church, where 58 people will be remembered.

*Nikki Takemoto, Lakewood resident*, requested postponement of Ordinance No. 784 related to 9222 Hipkins Road due to lack of adequate notice.

*Tamra Cook, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the need for landlines and in opposition to cell phone contracts and device agreements.

*Earl Borgert, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the evolution of Clover Creek, polyfluoroalkyl substances chemical residing in the banks of the creek, in support of cleaning up the creek and finding alternate solutions to address the ecology of the creek.

*Carol Colleran, Lakewood resident*, spoke about local and national homelessness, in opposition Ordinance No.783 and in support of additional services for the houseless population.

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke about non-native oak trees, impacts to the ecosystem, initiating the Heritage Tree Program and requested the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring a Climate Emergency.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the new City Councilmember's commitment to donating his salary, the decision to advertise this intention during the application process and requested the Councilmember resign and the runner up be appointed.

*Greg Takemoto, Shelton resident*, requested the City Council postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 784 related to 9222 Hipkins Road due to inadequate notice.

*Christine Green*, spoke about the receiving notice on March 9<sup>th</sup> related to the property at 9222 Hipkins Road.

*Al Schmauder, Clover Creek Watershed Council*, requested the City Council delay consideration of any action related to the Clover Creek Floodplain plan until further analysis can be completed.

**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 27, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of February 28, 2023.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of March 1, 2023.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 6, 2023.

E. Motion No. 2023-29

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with BERK Consulting, in the amount of \$91,350, for a Statewide Military Spouse Employment Study.

F. Motion No. 2023-30

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Henderworks, Inc., in the amount of \$90,000, for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan Development.

G. Motion No. 2023-31

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Stowe Development & Strategies, in the amount of \$58,500, to conduct a Tax Increment Financing Analysis for the Downtown Subarea.

H. Motion No. 2023-32

Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Town of Steilacoom for animal control services.

I. Motion No. 2023-33

Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of DuPont for animal control services.

J. Motion No. 2023-34

Authorizing American Rescue Plan Act funding, in the amount of \$50,000, for Springbrook Connections office space and operational support in 2023.

K. Motion No. 2023-35

Approving the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the Lakewood Police Management Guild through December 31, 2027.

L. Motion No. 2023-36

Appointing Darrin Lowry to serve on the Community Services Advisory Board through December 15, 2026.

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

1. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 2, 2023.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 15, 2023.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**R E G U L A R   A G E N D A****ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance No. 781 Vacating that portion of 113th Street SW lying west of the westerly margin of Kendrick Street SW within the plat of Kendrick Addition.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 781. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 782 Amending Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 9.06 related to the Use of Controlled Substances.**

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 782. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 782 BY INSERTING AN ADDITIONAL WHEREAS THAT READS: UNDETERRED PUBLIC USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS IN PUBLIC PLACES CREATES A PERCEPTION THAT SUCH BEHAVIOR IS ACCEPTABLE AND NORMALIZES THE ILLICIT DRUG USE PARTICULARLY IN THE EYES OF YOUTH. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 782 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 783 Creating Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 9.15 related to the Occupation of Public Property.**

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 783. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 783, SECTION 12 TO READ: THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE SUMMARY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND FAILED WITH ANDERSON, BELLE, LAURICELLA, MOSS AND WHALEN VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 783 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 784 Authorizing the acquisition of real property under threat of condemnation or by condemnation for road purposes; authorizing payment thereof from the City's General Fund or from such other monies that the City may have available or attain for the acquisition; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.**

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 784. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

##### **Review of Clover Creek Engineering Alternatives Evaluation Final Report.**

Public Works Engineering Director Bucich provided an overview of the final engineering alternatives evaluation study done for the Clover Creek flooding. He highlighted the project history, a model of the 100-year floodplain impacts and reviewed criteria considered which included community and environmental benefits, affordability and ease of implementation. He shared that the top four alternatives evaluated which included doing nothing, channel and capacity enhancements, a levee south of I-5 and a levee north of Clover Creek from Bridgeport Way to JBLM to minimize flooding and associated costs. He spoke about the public engagement process, reviewed potential funding strategies and shared that next steps include Council direction to advance the project. Discussion ensued and the City Council requested this item come forward for further discussion at a future study session.

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City Manager Caulfield shared that the Senate released their Capital Budget today which includes funding for Fort Steilacoom Park, the Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) project, Wards Lake Park improvements and Harry Todd Park pickle ball courts. The House is expected to release their Capital Budget later this week.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that the Community Services Advisory Board met to begin review of the Annual Action Plan and use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Councilmember Anderson shared that he will be absent from the City Council meetings of March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended a Legislative Town Hall meeting last week and this week she will attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing awards ceremony.

Mayor Whalen welcomed Councilmember Lauricella. He spoke about a discussion with Representative Bronoske and Leavitt regarding police pursuit bill and the *Blake* decision. He shared that this week he will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with the City's Federal Delegation and encouraged attendance at the Lakewood Rotary fundraiser on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the McGavick Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK