



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 3, 2023

City of Lakewood

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflakewoodwa>

Telephone via Zoom: +1(253) 215-8782

Participant ID: 868 7263 2373

---

### 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, Patti Belle, Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmember 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

**Proclamation congratulating Janne Hutchins on her retirement and expressing appreciation for the impacts she has made on the Lakewood community.**

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING JANNE HUTCHINS ON HER RETIREMENT AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE IMPACTS SHE HAS MADE ON THE LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY.

**Proclamation declaring April 22, 2023 as Park Appreciation Day.**

COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22, 2023 AS PARKS APPRECIATION DAY TO VITO IACOBAZZI, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

### Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Hank Jones shared that senior students have been working on completing college scholarship applications and are working to coordinate student recommendations to the Lakewood Rotary for the Climate Change Conference at Carroll University. He shared that students will be volunteering on Parks Appreciation Day and are still working to coordinate the Youth Summit. 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:

*Dr. Ursula Hall, Lakewood resident*, spoke in opposition to the cutting down of trees to construct a traffic circle at Dresden Lane surrounding the entrance of Fort Steilacoom Park. Hall spoke about increasing the tree canopy and the difference between intention and action.

*Ria Bakker, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the removal of trees to build sidewalks on Phillips Road, the removal of trees in Fort Steilacoom Park and the lack of replanting.

*Casey Crook, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the Pierce County Library System's lack of services and meaningful partnerships with residents in the community.

*Tamra Cook, Lakewood resident*, spoke about setting up a system that limits casualties related to homelessness, systems that do not give back and in support of old growth trees. Cook spoke in opposition to cell phones and device agreements.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the weakness of the elected officials' decisions specific to public art, the Pierce County Library System and appointment of a Hearings Examiner.

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the Proclamation for Parks Appreciation Day rather than recognizing Earth Day and requested the City Council step up as stewards of Lakewood's environment.

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls*, spoke about electing politicians in support of building the wall, homelessness, auditing the state and federal government to make sure that money is going to feed people and reaching students with low-test scores.

**C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of March 13, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of March 13, 2023.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 20, 2023.
- D. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$1,968,936.38, for the period of February 23, 2023 through March 15, 2023.
- E. Approval of payroll vouchers, in the amount of \$2,914,847.05, for the period of February 16, 2023 through March 15, 2023.

F. Motion No. 2023-37

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County for fingerprint and firearm services.

G. Motion No. 2023-38

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Doolittle Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$366,273.50, for the 2023 Chip Seal Program.

H. Motion No. 2023-39

Authorizing Avasek as an Information Technology (IT) Managed Services Provider.

I. Motion No. 2023-40

Approving the purchase of CrowdStrike security systems and services.

J. Motion No. 2023-41

Approving the purchase of a storage system for the disaster recovery site.

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

1. Community Services Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 21, 2022.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield requested that the City Council take a group picture on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

He shared that an interlocal agreement will come forward for City Council review related to the temporary access point at Steilacoom Boulevard and Chapel Road.

He shared that the Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher has worked with Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park on an agreement to continue as a non-conforming use and to upgrade and replace water lines and a septic system.

He shared that Kite Realty has partnered with Alliance Residential Company on redevelopment of a portion of the Towne Center property and Youth Councilmember Brandon Elliott received a \$2500 Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Center for Quality Communities Scholarship.

He reported that Congresswoman Strickland has selected the Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) Affordable Housing Project as one of her 15 community projects to be considered for federal funding by Congress.

He then shared that Assistant Police Chief John Unfred presented to Pierce County Performance Audit Committee in response to the impacts of state legislation related to police pursuits.

He reported that in 2021 the City allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for hand wash stations for five city parks however due to regulations of these stations, the funding doesn't cover project construction. It is recommended that the funding be reallocated towards the American Lake Park expansion project.

He then reported that the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) shared that there is an opportunity to advance the availability of the federal transportation grant for design work for 100<sup>th</sup> Street SW to South Tacoma Way from 2025 to 2023 and for the design of Military Road from Edgewood to 112<sup>th</sup> Street SW. In addition, the Public Works Engineering Department has been in contact Puget Sound Energy who recently installed hardware to allow the City to selectively dim streetlights in neighborhoods. The City is evaluating cost savings and impacts to dimming the streetlights.

He then announced the following upcoming events:

- April 15 and April 16, 8:00 A.M. to 2 P.M., Community Clean Up Event, LeMay Transfer Station
- April 22, 9:00 A.M., Park Appreciation Day
- April 26, 9:00 A.M., Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) Fundraising Breakfast Event, McGavick Conference Center

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he enjoyed attending the Public Art Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that last week he attended the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA<sup>3</sup>P) meeting. He requested that the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan be brought back for additional review at a study session.

Councilmember Belle shared that she attended the Public Art Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

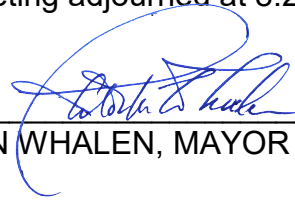
Councilmember Lauricella shared that he attended the Public Art Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and the Arts Commission meeting.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the Public Art Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Public Art Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He shared that the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> and he will be absent for the meeting of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



---

JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



---

BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK