



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2023

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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.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of a check from Rotary Club of Lakewood for the Fort Steilacoom Park Playground Project.

Bill Potter, Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rotary members presented the Mayor and City Council with a check, in the amount of \$11,000, for a swing replacement project at the Fort Steilacoom Park playground.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Speaking before Council were:

Tamra Cook, Lakewood resident, spoke about Grocery Outlet going out of business, the need for grocery stores, libraries and media sources. Cook spoke in opposition to device agreements.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about personal accountability and responsibility of elected officials to act as role models. Dunlop spoke about environmental impacts and carbon emissions from traveling.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke about visiting the Pierce County Village site in Spanaway and requested the City Council consider impacts to critical habitats prior to supporting the development.

Eric Jorgenson, Lakewood resident, spoke about the impacts of trees removed in Fort Steilacoom Park around Waughop Lake and requested the City reconsider the removal of trees for a roundabout at Elwood Drive and Angle Lane.

Kim Lopez, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to trees being removed in Fort Steilacoom Park for development purposes.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about drug overdoses, homelessness, the impacts of voting for sanctuary cities and open borders.

Amelia Escobedo, Lakewood resident, spoke about changes needed in the Clover Park School District and addressing the needs of the houseless population.

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 March 27, 2023.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 3, 2023.

C. Motion No. 2023-42

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with KBH Construction, Inc., for the Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway Gateway Monument Project.

D. Motion No. 2023-43

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services for the City Hall Investment Grade Audit.

E. Motion No. 2023-44

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the State Department of Social and Health Services for the construction of a temporary traffic signal at Steilacoom Boulevard and Chapel Gate Road.

F. Motion No. 2023-45

Canceling the City Council study session of Monday, May 8, 2023.

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

1. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 7, 2022.
2. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of January 9, 2023.
3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 24, 2023.
4. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2023.
5. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 28, 2023.
6. Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for public hearing on FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Linda Davis, which was provided on page 67 of the City Council agenda packet.

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, questioned whether those receiving funding for housing have jobs.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:39 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Review of 2023 South Sound Military and Community Partnership (SSMCP) Work Plan.

SSMCP Program Manager Bill Adamson highlighted the South Sound Military and Community Partnership (SSMCP) governance structure and shared that work plan items for 2023-2024 include improving resiliency planning, advocating for occupational licensure and support development of attainable off base housing. In addition, SSMCP continues to pursue funding for I-5 improvements, is facilitating an economic impact analysis and conducting a JBLM workforce survey. Discussion ensued.

Review of the Rotary Club of Lakewood American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds request for implementation of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Assistant to the City Manager Michael Vargas shared that Rotary Club of Lakewood requests American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support efforts to start the

Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Lakewood. He highlighted the program noting that it will provide free books to eligible children from birth to five years old. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared that the Spring Community Clean Up event took place last weekend and he recommended that the City Council hold a joint meeting with the Lakewood Water District Board of Commissioners on June 26th in advance of the City Council study session.

He shared that the City will be traveling to Gimhae, South Korea in May for the Gaya Cultural Festival; other cities who will be sending delegates to attend will be Munakata, Japan, Wuxi, China and Tay Ninh, Vietnam.

He reported that the Pierce County Library System took action to move forward with demolishing the Lakewood Library and began the process of constructing an interim library location at Alfreda Street and Gravelly Lake Drive. He noted that next steps is for the Board of Trustees to determine location to build permanent libraries Downtown and in Tillicum neighborhoods.

He then provided an update on State Legislative initiatives and complimented SSMCP Program Manager Bill Adamson, Program Coordinator Maria Tobin and PRCS Director Mary Dodsworth for their work advocating at the state level for funding.

He then announced the following upcoming events:

- April 22, 9:00 A.M., Parks Appreciation Day
- April 26, 7:30 A.M., Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) Fundraising Breakfast, McGavick Conference Center
- April 27, 6:00 P.M., Lakewood Light & Power Annual Meeting, Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers
- April 28, 5:30 P.M., Cops v. Teachers Charity Basketball Game, Lakes High School
- May 3, 11:30 A.M., Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board Annual Meeting, McGavick Conference Center
- May 4, 6:00 P.M., Pierce County Law Enforcement Memorial Event, Puyallup

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the Lakewood Community Collaboration meeting.

Councilmember Belle spoke about the importance of the Spring Community Clean Up event and shared that she looks forward to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he will attend the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting this week.

Councilmember Lauricella thanked Lakewood Rotary for information on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. He shared that last week he attended the Pierce County Library System Board meeting as well as the Artist Reception and he looks forward to participating in Parks Appreciation Day.

Councilmember Anderson spoke about traveling, his low carbon footprint and people wanting domestic tranquility. Anderson shared that next week he will attend the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Moss complimented the Spring Community Clean Up event and shared that this week she will attend the Lakewood Chamber Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Coleman Moving.

Mayor Whalen shared that he will attend the Coleman Moving Ribbon Cutting event, the North Lakewood Neighborhood Association meeting and the Pierce County Regional Council meeting. He shared that Lakewood Rotary will be hosting a Ladies Night Out on May 5th at Farm Twelve in Puyallup to raise funds for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK