



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 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: 6 – Mayor Jason Whalen (virtual); Deputy Mayor Mary Moss; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter (virtual), Patti Belle (virtual), Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Don Anderson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments which were provided in the City Council agenda packet of June 20, 2023 starting on page 116 from Bruce Bodine and Gail and William Lehman.

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from James Chip Foley, Cesar Gatbunton, Jeff Kassman, Alex Legler, Christy Legler, Gail and William Lehman, Gail Lehman, Christina Manetti, Gene Mendenhall, Kathy Mendenhall, Jeff and Kristi Merritt.

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about the education system and lack of school accountability.

Gail Lehman, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and requested the City Council delay consideration until all public comments can be reviewed.

Docere Pharmakis, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of private and personal property rights.

Addo Aequitas, Panther Party, spoke about the difficulty finding information related to the proposed condemnation of property located at 9132 Edgewater Drive and requested the City Council delay consideration and listen to the people.

Greg Horn, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive, in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park and in support of park user fees.

Tricia Parsons, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive, in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park and in support of the zoning request from Lakewood Racquet Club.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive.

Parisa Mirjalili, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and about the impacts to her family.

Debra Laparosa, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and about her families service to the public.

Ebrahim Mirjalili, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive, the history of communication with the City and the offer to purchase his property for \$250,000.

Daniel Pizarro, Attorney, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and in support of alternative such as the vacation of right of way or allowing the property owner to purchase the property.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of and encouraged public participation in Public Comments in order to get results.

Johnny Tart, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and requested the City take care of what is already there.

Casey Crook, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of public participation and about people in power making decisions before the voices of the public can be heard.

Dan Zemanek, Lakewood resident, stated that just because you can do something, does not mean you should do something.

Gene Mendenhall, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and the history of problems at Edgewater Park.

Andrew Pietz, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and about the lack of community.

Glen Tallman, Lakewood resident, spoke about the preservation of Steilacoom Lake and in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive.

Diane Bommel, Lakewood resident, commended the increased police presence throughout the city, spoke about the lack of response from police around Steilacoom Lake and spoke in support of taking care of the park.

Curt Corbin, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive.

Zack Horn, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and about other lake front properties with violations.

Michael Khalighi, Western State Hospital, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and about the emotional and physical impacts.

Chris Jackson, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and the upkeep of the lake being managed by the property owners around the lake.

Fernando Torres, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park due to lack of maintenance of the existing park area.

Heidi Smith, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 787 related to the condemnation of 9132 Edgewater Drive and in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park due to visitors and boat traffic.

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 May 31, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 5, 2023.

C. Motion No. 2023-62

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Town of Steilacoom for court services.

D. Motion No. 2023-63

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement the City of DuPont for court services.

E. Motion No. 2023-64

Appointing Trestin Lauricella to serve as Representative and Mike Brandstetter as Alternate on the Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council (OAC).

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

1. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 5, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. 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 Six-Year (2024-2029) Transportation Improvement Program.

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about grants that require the passage of a Transportation Improvement Program in order to receive funding.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was closed at 8:17 p.m.

This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

The City Council received written comments in advance from Terry Wright, Lakewood Racquet Club, Christina Manetti and the Garry Oak Coalition.

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about requirements for emergency housing specific to illegal immigration and drug abuse.

Kim Underwood, Lakewood resident, spoke about the history of changes to the Pacific Highway and Ponders neighborhood, plans to open up areas to extend low-income housing and costs.

Terry Wright, President, Lakewood Racquet Club, spoke about Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 2023-03 and requested the City Council rezone to Neighborhood Commercial 2 (NC2).

Matthew Sweeney, Attorney, spoke in support of Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 2023-02.

Kris Kaufmann, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of adoption of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was closed at 8:36 p.m.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 787 Authorizing the acquisition of real property under threat of condemnation or by condemnation for park and/or 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. 787. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES, MAYOR WHALEN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE ON ORDINANCE NO. 787.

Ordinance No. 788 Amending Chapter 9.06 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relating to Controlled Substances.

COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 788. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**Review of 1st Quarter (2023) Financial Report.**

Deputy City Manager Kraus provided an overview of activity in all funds through March 31, 2023. Discussion ensued.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting.

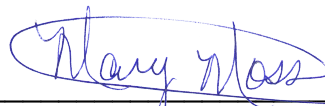
Councilmember Lauricella shared that he attended the St. John's Episcopal Church Juneteenth Celebration, the Lakewood Farmers Market, the Pierce County Library System Board meeting and the Tillicum Woodbrook Neighborhood Association meeting. He then spoke about development as it relates to accessibility to city lakes and encouraged public participation in City Council meetings.

Councilmember Belle shared that she looks forward to attending the Juneteenth Celebration next year and thanked those who participated and provided comments this evening.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that even though the City Council does not respond during Public Comments they do listen. She shared that she attended the Change of Command Ceremony for Colonel Bernard West as well as a tour of the Woodbrook neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.



MARY MOSS, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK