



## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 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, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, 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

None.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Allison Eller.

Speaking before the Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls*, spoke about understanding how to use mathematics and establishing a way to measure it.

*Casey Twiggs, Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium*, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2023-08.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about access to Edgewater Park and in support of a moratorium on the use of public boating facilities in the area.

*Christina Manetti, on behalf of Judith Manetti*, spoke in opposition to the eminent domain of 9132 Edgewater Drive property and about unintended consequences.

*Tichomir Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke in opposition to the eminent domain of Edgewater Park property for a parking lot and about property rights.

*Kim Underwood, Lakewood resident*, spoke about paying elevated taxes for water front property, public access to Lakewood lakes and in opposition to Interlaaken Estates Preliminary Plat 3755.

*Tom Falk, Lakewood resident*, spoke in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park for the addition of a parking lot.

*Tamra Cook, Lakewood resident*, spoke about marginalized people, pledging to the people of Lakewood and about electronic device agreements.

*Ebrahim Mirjalil, Lakewood resident*, thanked those who have spoken in his support and shared an Iranian song.

*Daniel Dobbler, Lakewood resident*, expressed safety concerns from individuals fishing off both sides of Interlaaken Bridge and spoke in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park.

*Jazmin Smith, Lakewood resident*, spoke in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park, not taking the home for a parking lot and in support of tree preservation.

*General Ovonayo X, Black Panther Party*, spoke in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park and not taking the home for the creation of a parking lot.

*Diane Bauml, Lakewood resident*, spoke in opposition to the expansion of Edgewater Park, about the responsibility of the city to clean up the park, the lack of police presence and protection of fish.

*Sue Ellen Foss, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the expansion of Edgewater Park for a parking lot and questioned whether the Shoreline Management Act would allow for redevelopment.

*Cindy Baij*, spoke about the expansion of Edgewater Park, environmental impacts of property improvements, the lake being at capacity, increasing maintenance costs and the lack of police presence.

## C O N S E N T A G E N D A

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 7, 2023.

B. Motion No. 2023-77

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Healthcare Authority for Lakewood's CHOICE.

C. Motion No. 2023-78

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Tacoma Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, in the amount of \$159,000, for the American Lake Townhomes Sewer Extension project.

D. Motion No. 2023-79

Reappointing James Hairston to serve on the Public Safety Advisory Committee through August 6, 2026.

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

1. Arts Commission meeting minutes of May 8, 2023.
2. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 1, 2023.
3. Arts Commission meeting minutes of June 5, 2023.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS 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

### RESOLUTION

**Resolution No. 2023-08 Approving funding allocation of \$1 Million in HOME funds and \$1.175 Million in HOME-ARP in support of Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) Gravelly Lake Commons 25-unit affordable housing development.**

COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI.

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COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023 TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3 THAT STATES THAT THE APPROVAL OF FUNDING AWARD IS CONTINGENT ON THE PROJECT BEING FULLY FUNDED BY JUNE 1, 2024 OR THE CONTRACT SHALL BE TERMINATED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND ALL FUNDING WILL BE RETURNED TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR REALLOCATION. SECTION 3 WILL THEN BECOME SECTION 4. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO REPLACE FULLY FUNDED WITH FUNDING AT A LEVEL OF NO LESS THAN \$10 MILLION. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 2023-80 Authorizing use of \$74,855 of “1406” funds for rental assistance to Lakewood Clients served by Metropolitan Development Council (MDC).**

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2023-80. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Motion No. 2023-81 Ratification and certification of the Proclamation of Emergency executed by the City Manager on August 16, 2023.**

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2023-81. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess for approximately four minutes. The City Council reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

### **Review of City Hall Redesign Study.**

Michael Vargas, Assistant to the City Manager was joined by Alexis Bauer and Kim Doyle, MACKENZIE. Vargas shared that the City conducted a study to explore the space needs of departments housed at city hall in order to consider the feasibility to consolidate city staff and services to two floors. He reviewed the scope of work and shared that it is recommended that the City not move forward to consolidate City Hall operations due to building challenges and costs however it is recommended that a Tenant Improvement (TI) study be conducted to understand the costs to accommodate more congressional office space. Discussion ensued.

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City Manager Caulfield shared complimented West Pierce Fire & Rescue, the Department of Natural Resources, the Lakewood Police Department, the Clover Park School District, the American Red Cross, Pierce Transit, the West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition and other local fire departments for their work responding to the fire at Fort Steilacoom Park.

He shared that Legislative Retreat will be held during the study session of October 9<sup>th</sup> and a representative from the Mexican Consulate will be attending the Fiesta De La Familia event.

He reported that Sister City Gimhae, South Korea will be sending a delegation of 10 individuals to Lakewood in 2024, potentially during SummerFEST.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- August 22 to September 19, Tuesdays, 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Farmers Market, Fort Steilacoom Park
- August 22 to August 29, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Summer Concerts, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion
- August 23, 12:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M., Police Appreciation Barbeque, Lakewood Police Station
- August 26, 10:00 A.M., Wall Raising for Dr. Claudia Thomas, Habitat for Humanity, 15210 Portland Ave SW
- September 9, 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Fiesta de la Familia, Fort Steilacoom Park

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lauricella thanked those who responded to the fire at Fort Steilacoom Park, requested an update on the fire at a future Council meeting and asked the City to consider coordinating a Juneteenth event in 2024.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he received complimentary public comments regarding the city's response to the fire at Fort Steilacoom Park. He spoke about the importance of Parks Master Plans and about attending the End of Summer event at Springbrook Park.

Councilmember Belle encouraged the public to view the Parks Master Plans, sign up for Code Red notifications and she complimented the city's communication around the fire.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the End of Summer event at Springbrook Park and the Lakewood Farmers Market.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Dolly Parton Imagination Library event and spoke about Edgewater Park.

**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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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK