



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 16, 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, Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, J. 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

Police Commissioning and Awards Ceremony.

Judge Lisa Mansfield, Lakewood Municipal Court conducted the Oath of Office for Lieutenant Pete Johnson and Sergeant David Maulen, Officer Jeremy Kimbrough, Officer Jonathan Harper, Officer Jeff Berglund and Court Compliance Officer Julian Massey.

Chief Patrick Smith and Assistant Chief John Unfred recognized Sergeant Ryan Moody, Sergeant Kevin Clark and Officer Jack Johnson for completing probation.

Chief Patrick Smith and Assistant Chief John Unfred recognized Officer Stephen Moffit with the Police Chief Commendation Award.

Chief Patrick Smith and Assistant Chief John Unfred recognized Sergeant Ryan Moody, Sergeant Ken Devaney, Detective Mike Merrill, Officer Kasey Bentz, Officer Kaybree Eames, Officer Jeremy Keisler, Officer Brian Luttrull, Officer Jared Pingul, Officer Quinn Rawson, Officer Brian Topasna, Officer Jacob Veenker and Officer Natalie Zeiber with the Distinguished Service Medal.

Chief Patrick Smith and Assistant Chief John Unfred recognized Officer Johnson with the Lifesaving Award and Svea Pitts was awarded with the Police Chief Commendation Award.

Chief Patrick Smith and Assistant Chief John Unfred recognized Sergeant Charles Porche, Officer Michael McGettigan Officer Josh Northcutt and Officer Jeremy Vahle with the Police Chief Commendation Award.

Chief Patrick Smith and Assistant Chief John Unfred recognized Code Enforcement Officer Bill Mathies with the Medal of Meritorious Service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, requested the City Council reconsider the naming of the plaza are on Motor Avenue to Colonial Plaza.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and opportunity for public participation.

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 September 25, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 2, 2023.
- C. Motion No. 2023-92

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nisqually Indian Tribe and approving work plans supporting the current partnership project at Fort Steilacoom Park.

- D. Motion No. 2023-93

Authorizing the award of a contract to Marles Corporation DBA Amaya Electric, in the amount of \$350,000, for the 2023 Electrical Services project.

- E. Motion No. 2023-94

Appointing Amelia Escobedo to serve on the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board through December 31, 2026.

F. Motion No. 2023-95

Reappointing Linda Smith to serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

G. Motion No. 2023-96

Appointing Shauna Alexander and Laura Martinez and reappointing Earl Borgert, Sylviann Estrella, Paige Hansen, Lani Neil and Faaluaina Pritchard to the Lakewood Arts Commission through October 15, 2026.

H. Motion No. 2023-97

Appointing Nancy Read and Sheldon Thiel to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board through September 19, 2026.

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

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of July 26, 2023.
2. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of August 2, 2023.
3. Community Services Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 28, 2023.
4. Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 20, 2023.

Councilmember Lauricella requested that Item No. Remove E, Motion No. 2023-94 from the Consent Agenda.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, MINUS ITEM NO. E, MOTION NO. 2023-94. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2023-94. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A**RESOLUTION****Resolution No. 2023-10 Naming the plaza area on Motor Avenue, Colonial Plaza.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**Review of 3rd Quarter (2023) Police Report.**

Chief Patrick Smith reported that calls for service totaled 15,015, arrests have increased by 25.6% year to date, crime against persons have increased by 3.6% year to date, crimes against property and society have declined by 13.9%, pursuits have remained steady and eluding has increased by 10.6%. He shared that there have been 357 shots fired, 967 motor vehicle thefts and 773 collisions in 2023. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared that the City continues to facilitate discussions with Pierce County cities and towns focused on public safety, the outcome has been the development of a draft letter outlining regional public safety issues and Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. has been set for Mayors to meet with state legislators representing Pierce County at University Place City Hall.

He shared that as in previous years it is recommended that the City Council meet with 28th and 29th District State Legislators to review the 2024 legislative agenda. The City Council reviewed their calendars and will hold December 13 or December 14th as options for the meeting starting at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Once this meeting is scheduled, we will also be reaching out the meet with Pierce County Councilmember Hitchen.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- October 18, 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Pierce County Thriving Together Small Business Resource Event, McGavick Conference Center
- October 30, 11:30 A.M., AWC District 6 Meeting, AWC Offices, Olympia
- November 2, , 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., SSMCP Elected Officials Council (EOC), Eagle's Pride Golf Course
- November 11 and 12, Fall 2023 Community Cleanup, 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Waste Connections Transfer Station, 3869 94th Street SW

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that this week he will be attending the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and shared that he enjoyed Truck and Tractor Day.

Councilmember Lauricella shared that he attended the Lake City and North Lakewood Neighborhood Association meetings and the Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council meeting where he was elected at Chair. He reported that he enjoyed Truck and Tractor Day, welcomed Chris Davis, Neighborhood Coordinator to the City and shared the Edgewater Park public meeting will be held on October 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the American KAPWA Community Celebration at Thomas Middle School and this week he will attend the Civic Health Summit hosted by the Lt. Governor and the Lacey Mayor's Gala. He reported that he will be absent from the October 30 and November 6 City Council meetings.

Councilmember Belle shared that she attended the Pierce County Arts and Cultural Coalition meeting at Lakewood Gardens and this week she will participate in the Daffodil Princess Induction Ceremony at Harrison Prep.

Councilmember Anderson suggested the City consider a policy of reviewing job descriptions for certain positions to eliminate college degrees due to barriers, to attract candidates and diversify the workforce.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended Truck and Tractor Day and the American KAPWA Community Celebration at Thomas Middle School.

Mayor Whalen thanked Councilmembers for their investment in the community. He shared that he attended Truck and Tractor Day, complimented the Police Awards Ceremony this evening and he expressed concerns about the slip lane at Gravelly Lake and Nyanza Road.

Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public official. The City Council is not expected to take action following the Executive Session other than to adjourn the meeting.

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. At 9:05 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended an additional 15 minutes. At 9:20 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended an additional 15 minutes. At 9:35 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended an additional 5 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK