



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 23, 2023

City of Lakewood

Council Chambers

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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 Whalen; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi (arrived at 7:10 p.m.).

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Deputy Mayor Mary Moss.

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Members Present: 4 – Martin Pullman, Kamarie Wilson, Alan Hart and Ray Dotson.

Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) Members Present: 3 – Edith Owen Wallace, Kyle Franklin and Denise Nicole Franklin.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### **Joint Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting.**

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) members introduced themselves. Chair Pullman highlighted the 2023 PSAC workplan and significant accomplishments. Discussion ensued.

#### **Joint Community Services Advisory Board meeting and Review of 2024 Human Services Funding Recommendations.**

Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) members introduced themselves. Chair Owen Wallace highlighted the 2023 workplan and significant accomplishments. Franklin spoke about funding for the Pierce County Aids Foundation and the opioid fund distribution.

Chair Owen Wallace, who was joined by Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator, shared that based on data and performance the CSAB

recommends allocating human services funding to all existing contracts and programs at the current levels for 2024. Discussion ensued.

### **Review of Tax Increment Financing Strategy.**

Becky Newton, Economic Development Manager was joined by Bob Stowe, Stowe Development and Associates and Morgon Shook, EconNorthwest.

Stowe shared that the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) was adopted by the State Legislature in 2021 and is a financing tool by which the City may bond against future anticipated increases in property taxes to fund development projects or public infrastructure improvements. He shared that eligible infrastructure must be publically owned and the tax increment area must be designated by Ordinance which is effective June 1 of each year. He then reviewed requirements for the project analysis that would be completed and submitted to the State Treasurer's Office, public outreach and notice requirements, the recommended TIF area which includes new Downtown Subarea projects and remodel projects. He then reviewed the tax increment financing levy rates and revenue allocation summary examples.

Stowe shared that next steps include City Council consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Project Analysis Report to be completed and submitted to the Office of the State Treasure for review and comment. Discussion ensued.

### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Proclamation declaring November 2023 as Native American Heritage month. – *Nisqually Indian Tribe*
2. Proclamation declaring November 11, 2023 as Veterans Day and the month of November 2023 as Veterans Appreciation month. – *MAJ Brian Molloy, Brigade Executive Officer, 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team*
3. Proclamation recognizing November 6 – 11, 2023 as Operation Green Light for Veterans.
4. Recognition of Gomer Roseman, Habitat for Humanity.
5. Business Showcase. – *AA Meats, Tammy Faelnar*

6. Youth Council Report. – *Lincoln Estrada Perez, Jacqueline Rodriguez Leal, Neveah Tutt and Chase Washington, Youth Councilmembers*
7. Clover Park School District Report. – *Alyssa Anderson Pearson, Board President*
8. Approving the 2024 Human Services Funding Recommendations. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
9. Approving the 2024 Federal, State and County Legislative Agenda. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
10. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for state governmental affairs. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
11. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Johnston Group for federal governmental affairs. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
12. Awarding a bid for the Ardmord / Whitman/ 93<sup>rd</sup> Street project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
13. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to an agreement with RWD Landscape Architects to support additional design for the American Lake Park Improvement project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
14. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the Western State Hospital Plan review. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
15. Appointing an American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Advisory Committee member. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
16. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2023 Miscellaneous Zoning and Development Regulation Code Amendments. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
17. This is the date set for public hearing on the Multifamily Tax Exemption Code Amendments. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
18. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2024 Property Tax Levy Ordinance. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)

19. Approving the Tax Increment Area Boundary and Infrastructure Needs. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)

### **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Caulfield provided a draft City Council Corner article for the next Connections Magazine their review and feedback.

He shared that the City reached out to the Lakewood Water District to inquire about a possible partnership with to create a park at their two vacant properties located at 6434 127<sup>th</sup> St SW and 6502 127<sup>th</sup> St SW. Discussion ensued and it is recommended we survey the community as to whether there is an interest in acquiring this property.

He shared that as a follow up to last week's meeting there is one school zone flashing light in the city, near Lakes High School that has been replaced with a sign and the City continues to coordinate with the Pierce County Library System about taking ownership of the Tenzler log. The City is in the process of identifying locations on City property where the log can be relocated.

He shared that Pierce County cities and towns have agreed to sign on to the letter to the Legislature to communicate their support for several of the public safety policy issues.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- October 30, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., AWC District 6 Meeting, AWC Headquarters
- November 1, 6:30 P.M., Public Safety Roundtable, University Place City Hall
- November 2, , 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., SSMCP Elected Officials Council, 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 94<sup>th</sup> Street SW

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

Councilmember Belle shared that she participated as a Judge for the Daffodil Princess at Harrison Prep and she attended the Lakewood Arts Commission Retreat at Lakewold Gardens.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the Civic Health Summit hosted by Lt. Governor Heck and he spoke about the Multifamily Tax Exemption code amendments coming forward for City Council review on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Lauricella expressed appreciation to the Public Safety Advisory Committee and Community Services Advisory Board members who presented this evening.

Councilmember Anderson shared that this week he will attend the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting.

Mayor Whalen recognized the Public Safety Advisory Committee and Community Services Advisory Board members who presented this evening. He shared that participated in the Pierce County Navigator Center event and he went to a Fort Steilacoom Park Cross County running event.

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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 9:15 p.m. At 9:40 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended an additional 30 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 10:06 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.



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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK