



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 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; Deputy Mayor Mary Moss; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle and J. Trestin Lauricella.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Paul Bocchi.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget.

Deputy City Manager Tho Kraus highlighted the 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment. She shared that a public hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2023 followed by adoption of the Ordinance on December 4, 2023. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2024 Lodging Tax Funding Recommendations.

Deputy City Manager Tho Kraus highlighted the 2024 Lodging Tax Funding recommendations. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2024 Fee Schedule Amendments.

Deputy City Manager Tho Kraus who was joined by Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth highlighted proposed changes to the 2024 fee schedule. Discussion ensued.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 20, 2023
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Presentation of the 2024 Stormwater Outreach Calendar.
2. Approving the 2024 Human Services funding recommendations. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Approving the 2024 Lodging Tax funding recommendations. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the award of a construction contract for the Hipkins Road project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Olympic Region Traffic Management Center Communications services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. This is the date set for a public hearing for the 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Ordinance. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
7. Adopting the 2024 Fee Schedule. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
8. Approving 2023 Zoning and Development Regulation Code Amendments. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
9. Approving the Multifamily Tax Exemption code amendments. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
10. Adopting the 2024 Property Tax Levy. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
11. Tenzler Log Location Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported that the Clover Park School District (CPSD) will be asking voters to approve a 4-year replacement educational programs and operations levy on February 13, 2024. The City Council may consider taking a position on the levy proposal and consider a resolution supporting the levy, opposing the levy or not taking a position. After discussion, the City Council will hold a public hearing at the January 16, 2024 regular meeting.

He shared that the City has received a request for Proclamation from the American Red Cross requesting that the City Council proclaim March 2024 as American Red Cross Month. This proclamation will be issued at the March 4, 2024 City Council meeting.

He then shared that the Association of Washington Cities is accepting applications for the Quality Communities Scholarship and McClatchy has reached out to Police Chief Smith requesting an Op-Ed expressing a position on Public Safety issues in Washington State.

He reported that earlier this year the City executed a contract with BERK and Associates for the Comprehensive Plan updates and a request for \$110,000 increase in the agreement to address transportation and parking issues will come forward consideration at future meeting.

He then shared that the City of Lakewood is currently accepting applications for the use of a 2024 City Day at the Clover Park Technical College McGavick Conference Center. Applications will be accepted until November 30, 2023.

He announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- November 29, 8:00 A.M., Flag Changing Ceremony, Blue Steele Coffee Company, 11401 Steele St S #108, Parkland, WA
- November 29, 6:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., 14th Annual Fallen Officer Food and Blood Drive, Lakewood Police Department
- December 6, 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., Annual Employee Recognition Event, Clover Park Technical College Rotunda
- December 9, 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., AWC's Elected Officials Essentials Workshop 2023, online
- December 9, 4:00 P.M., Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Event, Lakewood City Hall
- December 13, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Joint Meeting City Council and State Legislative Delegation Meeting to review 2024 State Legislative Agenda, City Council Chambers
- December 14, 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Joint Meeting City Council and Pierce County Councilmember Jani Hitchen to review 2024 County Legislative Agenda, City Council Chambers

- December 15, 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., 2nd Annual Caring for Kids Holiday Fundraiser
- January 5, 6:00 P.M., 2-2 SBCT Lancer Brigade Event, Thornewood Castle

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Anderson shared that last week he attended the Association of Defense Communities Board meeting in Orlando, Florida. He shared that he will be absent from the November 27th and December 4th City Council meetings.

Mayor Whalen shared that last week he met with the Executive Director of the American Red Cross and today he attended the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners meeting and the Clover Park School District Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK