



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 4, 2021

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Patti Belle, Mike Brandstetter, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the month of October as Healthcare Heroes month.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS HEALTHCARE HEROES MONTH TO LINDA ALDERSON, CHIEF NURSE EXECUTIVE, TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL, JOSH DUNN, PRESIDENT, PREMIER MEDIA GROUP, REPRESENTING THE TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND SHAWN FISHER, VIRGINIA MASON FRANCISCAN HEALTH SYSTEM.

Proclamation declaring September 15, 2021 through October 15, 2021 as National Hispanic Heritage month.

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2021 AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH.

Proclamation declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH TO MS. SAMANTHA JOHNSON, CITY PROSECUTOR.

Point Defiance Bypass Route Update.

Andrew Austin, Sound Transit, Government & Community Relations Manager was joined by Anna Huntington representing Sound Transit as well as David Wright and Rob Eaton, representing Amtrak and Ron Pate representing WSDOT Rail.

Andrew Austin shared that the purpose of this presentation is to provide overview of process, procedures and timeline for the resumption of passenger service on the Point Defiance Bypass. Ms. Huntington, Activation Manager, provided an overview of the three project phases, noting that the systems integration testing and the crew qualification simulate service phases have been completed. She shared that the progress continues and next steps include coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on final review.

David Wright, Chief Safety Officer highlighted safety enhancements that have been put in place since 2017 which includes fully implemented Positive Train Control (PTC), a step down speed prior to the curve, additional signage and successful completion of Systems Implement Testing and PTC cut-out protocol that limits all train speeds to 30 miles per hour if PTC is not active. He shared that the National Transportation Safety Board Report outlined 30 total recommendations of which three were the responsibility of Sound Transit.

Andrew Austin shared a potential approval timeline for resuming Amtrak services and community outreach activities noting that service could resume in November.

Rob Eaton, Amtrak shared that a Safety Management System and Route Qualification Protocol has been implemented to test operational efficiencies, safety and training. He spoke about a multi-agency communication team that will notify the community of train operations and distribute safety awareness messaging.

Ron Pate, WSDOT Rail provided an update on the train schedules noting that currently there are six daily Cascades trains, two Amtrak trains on the waterfront route and more trips will be added based on demand with up to 14 daily round trips. He shared that WSDOT has retired the Talgo Series 6 trains and procurement of replacement equipment is currently underway. Discussion ensued.

Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Angel Calderon from Clover Park High School shared that at this evenings meeting the students received a presentation on the Warriors of Change Program and discussed youth needs within the community.

Clover Park School District Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Boardmember Wagemann shared that school is back full time in person and there are virtual learning opportunities. He shared that Clover Park High School put up a mural called The World Lives in Lakewood that celebrates the ethnic and cultural diversity of the city. He shared the CPSD Board approved the Equity Policy on September 13th and CPSD is hiring for several vacant positions such classroom substitutes, paraeducators, custodians, and bus drivers.

He reported that students Ernest Balezi and Jacqueline Tapp received the Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award, that impact aid surveys are available, October is National Principals month and free meals continue to be available for all students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Smith, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, expressed support for the Healthcare Heroes proclamation that was presented this evening. Smith asked the City Council to volunteer to pick up and deliver meals to local healthcare workers during the month of October.

Dennis Haugen, spoke about the American Rescue Plan Act funding, in support of police and electing competent people.

Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident, shared that Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 9th at 9 a.m. Wheeler shared that October is Disability Awareness month and there will be a PAVE virtual meeting on November 16th at 6 p.m. and an Election Observers Training on October 6th at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Addo Aequitas, spoke about elected officials representing and listening to the community.

Kyle Jolibois, spoke about the Council preventing children from speaking, Pierce County Sheriff Troyer targeting him and working with the community.

Bunchy Carter, Black Panther Party, spoke about giving money to the Black Panther Party rather than the police, the need for a bond between the community, the people tasked with protecting them and elected officials representing those who put them in their positions.

Xili Inservio, White Panther Party, expressed concerns related to police brutality, lack of accountability and how the Mayor is elected by a body of his peers.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about participation in public comments, listening to the view of constituents and Councilmembers recognizing that public comments are an important.

General Ovunayo X, thanked those who attended the 25th Anniversary March. Qvunayo spoke about corruption, police accountability and in support of the protection of Garry Oak trees.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, commented on City Councilmember responses related to their constituents concerns specifically related to Garry Oak trees and remarks made at Coffee with the Mayor related to tree preservation.

Jenna Lee, Seattle resident, shared that the Mayor should be elected by the people rather than the Council. Lee spoke in support of allowing people to speak regardless of their residency and for stronger protections against Garry Oaks trees.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 7, 2021.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of September 13, 2021.
- C. Approval of the claims vouchers, in the amount of \$3,340,156.35, for the period of August 14, 2021 through September 15, 2021.
- D. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,458,376.54, for the period of August 16, 2021 through September 15, 2021.
- E. Motion No. 2021-63

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the contract for services with Pierce County regarding road, traffic and traffic signal maintenance services.

- F. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2020.
 - 2. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of March 1, 2021.
 - 3. Lakewood Arts Commission Public Art Subcommittee meeting minutes of March 18, 2021.
 - 4. Lakewood Arts Commission Public Art Subcommittee meeting minutes of March 26, 2021.
 - 5. Lakewood Arts Commission Public Art Subcommittee meeting minutes of March 27, 2021.
 - 6. Lakewood Arts Commission Public Art Subcommittee meeting minutes of March 28, 2021.
 - 7. Lakewood Arts Commission Public Art Subcommittee meeting minutes of March 29, 2021
 - 8. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of April 5, 2021.
 - 9. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of May 3, 2021.
 - 10. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of June 7, 2021.
 - 11. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 26, 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Review of new interlocal agreement expanding West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition services to include the Town of Steilacoom.

Assistant Chief Unfred shared that in 2019 an interlocal agreement was approved to form a partnership with Lakewood, University Place and West Pierce Fire for an Emergency Management Coalition (EMC). The revised agreement proposes to add the Town of Steilacoom to the EMC which allows for additional consolidation. The funding structure remains the same and if adopted will begin on January 1, 2022. He shared that this item will come forward for City Council approval on October 18th and has already been approved Town of Steilacoom.

Review of Lakewood Youth Programs.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth provided an overview of programs available to youth in Lakewood. She shared that the City provides direct services and collaborates with other agencies in support of youth in the community. Discussion ensued.

Review of amended interlocal agreement with Pierce College to Build a Baseball Field at Fort Steilacoom Park.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth shared that the City is beginning the design phase of the infield project at Fort Steilacoom Park (FSP). She shared that in January the city approved an ILA with Pierce College to develop a field for the Pierce College baseball program and the proposed amendments are related to the scope of work. She shared that a landscape architecture, D.A. Hogan has been selected based on their experience in the design and construction management of athletic fields. The City Council will review and consider the ILA and contract at their October 18th meeting. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared that after review and public outreach process the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that Fort Steilacoom Park not be renamed after Dr. Claudia Thomas. Discussion ensued related to the request for renaming, City Council initiated requests and requirements within the existing policy.

City Manager Caulfield shared that as part of the request to rename Fort Steilacoom Park, the city received correspondence from the Nisqually Tribal Council. The Mayor and City Manager will be meeting with the Nisqually Tribe this week as a follow up. Discussion ensued.

He then shared the Lakewood Community Foundation Fund has requested the City Council identify a Councilmember to participate in reviewing the nominations for the

Larry Saunders Service Award. After discussion, Councilmember Belle will represent the City Council.

He shared that the Clover Park School District is evaluating hiring a Mental Health Counselor to provide support around youth mental health and CPSD has requested the City consider allocating \$34,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to support the position.

He reported that Pierce County Sewer is working on permanent improvements at Steilacoom Boulevard along Lakewood Drive to fix the existing main that is broken; this area will be closed during the construction for approximately 2 months starting in November.

He noted that the Community Project funds allocated by Congress for the Invest Act will not be moving forward therefore there will be no funding for the 80th to 88th Street project although we will submit this project for future Puget Sound Regional Council funding. He spoke about a joint project between Lakewood, Tacoma and University Place for the Lakewood Drive from 74th at Custer Road to 56th Street road improvements noting that an interlocal agreement will come forward for approval to begin design work for this project.

He reported that the City has received a request to issue Proclamations declaring October as National Disability Awareness month and declaring October 21, 2021 as Community Conflict Resolution Day.

He announced the following events:

- October 9, 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Truck and Tractor Day, Fort Steilacoom Park
- October 8, October 9, October 10; Film, Art and Book Festival, McGavick Conference Center

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle shared that she is looking forward to events happening in community this weekend.

Councilmember Farmer thanked city staff for revising the City Council comments portion of the website.

Councilmember Bocchi echoed positive comments related to updates to the public comments portion of the website.

Councilmember Moss shared that she attended the Civic Leadership Reception and a Lakewood Chamber Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Allstate Insurance Company located at 9126 Gravelly Lake Drive.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that on Wednesday he will attend the Assumption of Command for MG Brunson and he looks forward to attending Truck and Tractor Day.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the North Lakewood Neighborhood Association meeting where there was conversation related to Western State Hospital and graffiti in the neighborhood. He also attended a Pierce Transit Study Session where they reviewed Bus Rapid Transit corridor project. He shared this week he will attend the Arts Commission retreat and Truck and Tractor Day. He announced that he will be traveling and may be absent from a few upcoming meetings.

Mayor Anderson shared that he attended the 62nd Airlift Wing reception, virtual meeting with Pierce Transit CEO Mike Griffith and the Taste of Korea luncheon sponsored by the Korean Women's Association. He shared he will attend the Assumption of Command for MG Brunson this week and may be absent from next week's meeting. He noted that if both he and Whalen are unavailable, he will seat the Chair to Councilmember Bocchi.

ADJOURNMENT

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



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK