



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 1, 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 Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Patti Belle, Mike Brandstetter, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Proclamation declaring November 11, 2021 as Veterans Day and the month of November 2021 as Veterans Appreciation month.**

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION TO COLONEL ROEHRMAN, COMMANDER, 2/2 STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, DECLARING NOVEMBER 11, 2021 AS VETERANS DAY AND THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH.

#### **Youth Council Report.**

Youth Councilmember Josephine Kaiser thanked the City Council for recognizing Veterans Day and for their service to the Country. She shared that at today's meeting students discussed topics for the Youth Summit, which will focus on youth mental health and support services in the area of food and transportation. Discussion ensued.

#### **Clover Park School District Report.**

None.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance from Christina Manetti.

*Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident*, shared that the next Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. virtually. Wheeler thanked Veterans and families for their service.

*Laurel Homestead, Lakewood resident*, advocated for the Mount Tacoma Drive project to be addressed prior to 2025. Homestead thanked the City Council for supporting Veterans.

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke about Lakewood becoming a role model for the region by spearheading the protection of Garry Oaks trees and its plan to amend the tree preservation code.

*Sean Arent, Tacoma resident*, spoke about the unique eco-system in Lakewood, environmental issues and in support of a strengthened tree preservation code. Arent requested the creation of a citizen advisory council to focus on environmental stewardship.

*Addo Aequitas, White Panther Party*, thanked those in attendance for their military service and spoke about police violence and accountability.

*Eric Seibel*, thanked the City Council for taking steps forward in the area of tree preservation. Seibel requested the City Council consider a moratorium on the issuing of tree cutting permits.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the regulation of marijuana businesses within the city and requested the City Council reconsider the subject.

*Jasper Wemple, White Panther Party*, read a quote from War is a Racket by Smedley T. Butler.

*Josef Sellers, Pierce County resident*, spoke in support of keeping the tree preservation code amendments in the 2022 Comprehensive Plan docket.

*Katie Barlow, Tacoma resident*, spoke in support of the protection of Garry Oak trees, prioritizing environmental racism and police accountability.

*Kyle Jolibois*, spoke in support of cannabis, tree preservation and police accountability.

*Licentia Immortalis, White Panther Party*, spoke in support of police accountability.

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota*, expressed support for South Dakota Governor Noem and spoke about supply chain issues.

*Amelia Escobedo, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the environmental and climate crisis, justice for Said Joaquin, standing up for racism and in support for the legalization of marijuana.

## C O N S E N T   A G E N D A

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 4, 2021.

- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of October 11, 2021.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of October 13, 2021.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 18, 2021.
- E. Approval of the claims vouchers, in the amount of \$1,510,715.54, for the period of September 16, 2021 through October 20, 2021.
- F. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,518,806.79, for the period of September 16, 2021 through October 15, 2021.
- G. Motion No. 2021-71  
Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs, in the amount of \$60,120, for State government relations services.
- H. Motion No. 2021-72  
Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Johnston Group, in the amount of \$56,700, for Federal government relations services.
- I. Motion No. 2021-73  
Authorizing the adoption of the 2022 Federal, State and County Legislative Priorities.
- J. Motion No. 2021-74  
Authorizing the execution of agreements to acquire 10.47 acres of land near Wards Lake Park.
- K. Motion No. 2021-75  
Authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Global IT Resources, in the amount of \$75,000, to update the Rental Housing Safety Program (RHSP) software.
- L. Motion No. 2021-76  
Authorizing the execution of a contract with Brown and Caldwell, in the amount of \$271,377, for the engineering alternatives evaluation for Clover Creek.

M. Motion No. 2021-77

Reappointing Darryl Owens and Phillip Raschke to serve on the Lakewood Arts Commission through October 16, 2024.

N. Motion No. 2021-78

Appointing Megan Dempsey to serve on the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board through May 21, 2024.

O. Motion No. 2021-79

Appointing Brian Parsons to serve on the Planning Commission through December 15, 2023.

P. Resolution No. 2021-12

Approving and authorizing the amendment to the City Council Rules of Procedure.

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

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of July 27, 2021.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 6, 2021.

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

## R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

**This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2021-2022 Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment Ordinance.**

There being no testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:10 p.m.

**This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2022 Property Tax Levy Ordinance.**

The City Council received written testimony in advance from John W. Kohler, Jr.

There being no testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:13 p.m.

**This is the date set for a public hearing on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program Budget Ordinance.**

The City Council received written testimony in advance from Alex and Karen Bennett, A. Gardner, Ruth Anne Russell, Tim Villm and Deb Townsend-Villm.

Speaking before Council were:

*Dennis Haugen*, spoke about the impacts of inflation.

*Carly Roberts, Tacoma Pro-Bono Community Lawyers*, spoke in support of America Rescue Plan Act funding for the Housing Justice Program.

*Mark Morzol*, spoke in support of using American Rescue Plan Act funding for Tacoma-Pierce County Housing Justice Program.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:23 p.m.

**This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2022 Comprehensive Plan amendment docket.**

The City Council received written testimony in advance from Nancy Brennan-Dubbs, Judith Manetti, Karen Martin, Matt McCarthy, Tricia Parsons, Helen Wagner, Celia Warren and Lowell Wyse.

Speaking before Council were:

*Katie Barlow*, spoke in support of the protection of Garry Oak trees and a moratorium that prevents them from being cut down.

*Kyle Jolibois, Tacoma resident*, spoke about the climate emergency and in support of a tree moratorium on cutting down trees.

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of keeping the tree preservation code amendments in the Comprehensive Plan docket and for a moratorium that prevents tree cutting before new regulations can take effect.

*Josef Sellers*, spoke in support of keeping the tree preservation code amendments in the Comprehensive Plan docket and for a moratorium on tree cutting.

*Addo Aequitas, White Panther Party*, spoke in support of tree preservation.

*Tichomir Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of tree preservation.

*James Dunlop*, spoke in support of tree preservation and a moratorium on the cutting down of trees.

*Crys B, White Panther Party*, spoke in support of a moratorium on cutting down trees and marijuana dispensaries.

*Jenna Lee*, spoke in support of tree preservation and a moratorium on the cutting down of trees.

*Eroc Seibel*, spoke in support of a tree cutting moratorium.

*Amelia Escobedo, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of making the trees a priority.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 9:02 p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 2021-80 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Clover Park School District, in the amount of \$68,450, for the 2021 Warriors of Change program.**

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-80. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Motion No. 2021-81 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Habitat for Humanity, in the amount of \$242,000, to fund off-site utility and street improvements for the Boat Street project.**

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-81 AND AMEND THE AGREEMENT TO REMOVE SUBCONTRACTED FROM SECTION 4. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Motion No. 2021-82 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$500,000, for the Business Accelerator Program.**

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-82. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Motion No. 2021-83 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with West Pierce Fire and Rescue, in the amount of \$230,000, for operations center equipment improvements, acquiring HAM radios and providing emergency messaging in multiple languages.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-83. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

### **Tree Preservation Code Update.**

Assistant City Manager for Development Services shared that BERK Consultants prepared a draft scope of work for a tree preservation code update and a detailed public participation plan. The estimated cost is \$60,000 and would begin in December, 2021 and be completed in October, 2022. He highlighted the contents of the scope of work and a heat map of the tree canopy in the city.

He shared that next steps are to bring forward a contract for services to the City Council for approval and determine consensus for the creation of an ad-hoc tree committee. Discussion ensued.

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City Manager Caulfield shared that Sound Transit is moving forward with restoring service through the Point Defiance Bypass Rail and next steps include testing, evaluation and a review by the Federal Rail Association.

He shared that Amazon has donated \$15,000 in support of parks programs and \$15,000 in support of the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership, these items will come forward for City Council approval at a future meeting.

He shared that Steilacoom Boulevard between Lakewood Drive and Gravelly Lake Drive will be closed through February 2022 so that Pierce County can permanently replace the collapsed sewer main.

He shared that Pierce County will be opening the Lakewood Community Center therefore the Senior Activity Center may be up and running by the end of the year and a new lease agreement will be in place for 2022.

He shared that discussions continue with the Nisqually Tribe regarding scheduling a joint meeting with the City Council.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- November 5, 9 A.M.; AWC Cities on Tap
- November 6 and November 7 from 8:00 A.M. to 2 P.M.; Fall Community Clean-Up Event
- November 9, 8:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. United Way Poverty to Possibilities

- November 9, 8:00 A.M. Pierce County Business and Resilience Panel

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Gravelly Lake Drive project.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she is unavailable to participate in the Fall Community Clean-Up event. She shared that SSHA<sup>3P</sup> will be meeting monthly on Wednesday afternoons starting December 8 and the Sex Offender Policy Board is working on final reports to the State Legislature.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that South Sound 911 Board met last week and the budgeting issue with Pierce County related to use of 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% of sales tax for public safety has resolved.

Deputy Mayor Whalen spoke in support of the Veterans Day proclamation and asked whether there would an opportunity to use the work crew to clean up trash at Clover Creek. He shared that he will be unable to participate in the Community Clean-Up event and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Mayor Anderson spoke about yield signs at the roundabout at Gravelly Lake Drive.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.



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DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK