



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 21, 2021

City of Lakewood

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Mayor Anderson.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Proclamation recognizing Andrea Gernon for her distinguished service to the City of Lakewood.**

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION TO MS. ANDREA GERNON FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD.

**Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth National Freedom Day.**

COUNCILMEMBER MOSS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY.

**Proclamation recognizing the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride month.**

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH.

**West Pierce Fire and Rescue Update.**

Fire Chief Jim Sharp reported that West Pierce Fire and Rescue (WPFR) responded to 16,124 calls for service last year, received \$1.35 Million in grant funding for equipment, training, a technical rescue vehicle, smoke alarm program and for hazardous spill mitigation. He shared that WPFR graduated the largest class of recruits which totaled 16 and have their first all female crew. He spoke

about efficiencies created through the establishment of Squad 21, Medic 24 and the Connected Care Program. Discussion ensued.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The City Council received written comments via email in advance of the meeting from Christina Manetti and Matthew McCarthy.

Speaking before Council were:

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke about corrections to the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 7, 2021.

*Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident*, shared that the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, July 13 at 9:00 a.m. He spoke about awareness and opportunities for persons with disabilities.

## **C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 7, 2021.

B. Motion No. 2021-36

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between Pierce County and Cities of Buckley, Bonney Lake, DuPont, Fife, Fircrest, Gig Harbor, Lakewood, Milton, Orting, Puyallup, Reston, Sumner, Tacoma, University Place and Town of Steilacoom for the formation of the Tacoma-Pierce County Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Traffic Safety Task Force.

C. Motion No. 2021-37

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Harold Lemay Enterprises related to waste and recycle containers.

D. Motion No. 2021-38

Authorizing the participation in the Carts for Kids Program.

E. Motion No. 2021-39

Adopting the (2021-2024) City Council goals.

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

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 27, 2021.
2. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 6, 2021.

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Councilmember Brandstetter requested Item A., Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 7, 2021 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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Councilmember Farmer requested Item E., Motion No. 2021-39 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. B THROUGH ITEM NO. D AND ITEM NO. F. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF ITEM A., APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2021, TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 6, 2021. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-39 AND AMEND THE 2021-2024 CITY COUNCIL GOALS AS FOLLOWS:

2.1.A Identify future transportation projects and determine advantageous and sustainable funding strategies. Update the comprehensive plan and six-year TIP when necessary.

2.3.A Enhance and upgrade street amenities, public right-of-way, and ~~wayfinding~~ wayfinding and reader board signage.

3.1.B Promote crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) ~~principals~~ principles.

5.1 A. Create and implement a Communication Strategic Plan that prioritizes inclusivity, community engagement, ~~and~~ meaningful civic participation, and enhances branding standards.

*ROBUST & ACTIVE COMMUNITY GOAL: The City of Lakewood is a livable, resilient, and inclusive community that embraces and celebrates diversity and ~~provides~~ delivers equitable municipal services.*

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER****Contaminated Properties Update.**

Economic Development Manager Newton shared that a Contaminated Properties Update was provided to the City Council on March 22, 2021 and as a follow up a cost benefit and economic impact analysis has been conducted for the Downtown sites. She then highlighted each of the five sites that were assessed including background of the property, current status, risk to the city, economic impacts and cleanup costs. She shared that next steps include continuing actions for each property, exploring grant opportunities and securing services of a remediation consultant for the Downtown. Discussion ensued.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program Status Update.**

Planning Manager Speir provided an update on the community engagement efforts related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocations. She reviewed dates for Community Boards, Committee and Commission meetings and lunch hour stakeholder summits. She shared that an Intern will be hired to assist with the work and compile information received through the community engagement process. She shared that the City is considering supporting the Clover Park High School Warriors for Change Program, leveraging funding in partnership with Pierce County and researching opportunities for a Community Navigation Program. She shared that next steps include a presentation to the City Council on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to review draft Resolution formalizing policies and priorities followed by Public Hearing on September 7<sup>th</sup> and final approval tentatively scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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City Manager Caulfield shared that the first regular in-person meeting will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> and requested that the City Councilmembers identify a date that they can take a group picture.

He shared that it is recommended that the Council allocate funds to implement a Body Worn Camera program for the Lakewood Police Department.

He then reported that the Public Works Engineering Department will be pursuing Transportation Improvement Board grant funding for two sidewalk and two arterial projects. The project submittals are due on August 13<sup>th</sup> and funding recommendations are made in November.

He then shared Steilacoom Boulevard between Custer and Weller Road will be closed for the next three Wednesday's from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. so that Tacoma Public Utilities can complete utility pole work.

He shared that the Office of Financial Management has released annual population and Lakewood is estimated at 60,330.

He shared that 11 permits have been issued for fireworks stands and 2 fireworks display permits have been issued. He noted that the Lakewood Police Department and West Pierce Fire & Rescue are coordinating on firework regulations.

He reported that COVID-19 vaccination rates continue to increase and positive cases are declining.

He then reported that the Army Environmental Command will process the City's requests to the Pentagon for relocation costs for the Tactical Tailor property.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Moss spoke about visiting Ruston Way, mixed use development and attracting young people to the City.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that last week he attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting where they reviewed the Countywide Planning Policies. He shared that he visited the Lakewood Police Station last week to extend appreciation to the Police Officers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

  
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JASON WHALEN, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK