

1996 02 14 Workshop

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL

WORKSHOP MINUTES

February 14, 1996

Clover Park School District Board Room

Student Services Center

10903 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Harrison welcomed members of the Planning Advisory Board and Economic Development Advisory Board.

Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: 7- Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis, Colleen Henry, Jose Palmas, Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director, Dave Bugher; Community Development Consultant Ed Murphy; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; and City Clerk Alice Bush.

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Sign Regulations Ordinance

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Sign Committee met today to review the proposed changes to the sign ordinance which attempted to address the concerns of the business community. He commented on the tour Councilmembers took to look at signs in Lakewood. City Manager Rohlfs then reviewed the changes to the proposed sign ordinance. Discussion ensued on whether it was required by State law to have a sign ordinance adopted by February 28, 1996. City Manager Rohlfs replied that State law requires the Council to adopt zoning codes but sign codes are not required. Discussion then ensued about the amortization schedule for replacing existing signs.

Mayor Harrison asked if there were any public comment. Speaking before the Council were:

Forrest Beals, 5404 Steilacoom Boulevard, spoke about the height requirements for signs.

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Garry Cooper, 10115 100th St. Ct. SW, suggested that citizens be given more time to review the ordinance and its full impact.

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Steven Verhul, 10808 101st Avenue, spoke in support of the sign ordinance.

Birnie Rielley, 8123 Steilacoom Boulevard, expressed concern about the proposed amortization schedule and spoke in favor of a sign ordinance that was fair.

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Judy Swartz, 7014 Citrine, spoke in favor of the sign ordinance with reasonable standards.

Paul Cyr, Sun Media, spoke about billboard locations and requirements and its impact on the billboard industry.

Herb Stumpf, 11718 Terry Lake Road SW, spoke about the visual pollution of signs in the Lakewood area.

Bob Jacklin, 182 Lake Louise Drive, expressed disappointment that changes were made to the proposed ordinance to increase the amortization period and height restrictions.

Henry Heritage, 9630 Gravelly Lake Dr., spoke about grandfathering existing signs.

Dave Rein, Lakewood resident, spoke against existing businesses having to conform to new regulations. He supported a maintenance ordinance for signs.

Corey Campbell, 7701 Grange West, requested that the sign ordinance be delayed to provide time to talk with other businesses.

Les Skelly, 11521 Bridgeport, expressed concern about temporary signs and the financial burden the sign ordinance would place on his business.

Ron Herble, Lakewood resident, spoke against the sign ordinance.

Sandy Mazetti, Lakewood resident, supported the beautification of Lakewood.

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Robert Goins, 9616 Gravelly Lake Dr., spoke about prohibitive signs.

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Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Zoning Code and Map

Community Development Consultant Murphy reviewed the proposed changes to the interim zoning code. Discussion ensued on mobile home parks, tree regulations, parking and land use classifications.

Speaking before the Council were:

Ed Kane, 8521 Forest Avenue SW, requested that the land use designation at Washington Boulevard and Vernon be changed to urban neighborhood center. He also indicated there are a number of home businesses in Lakewood.

Richard Rabisa, Tillicum resident, spoke about the zoning designations in Tillicum and the number of animals that were allowed.

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Ernie Posick, 8812 Folsom SW, requested a zone change in the area between Maple and Orchard Streets in the Tillicum area from residential to community center.

Keith Moxon, Seattle Attorney, requested a rezoning on the property located on Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive.

Ron Herble, Lakewood Resident, spoke about modular homes on residential lots and affordable housing.

Elsiene Stockman, 10711 Butte Drive SW, spoke about land use designations at Washington Boulevard and Vernon.

Judy Swortz, 7014 Citrine, spoke about areas designated for manufactured homes and mobile homes.

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Herb Stumpf, 11718 Terry Lake Road SW, indicated that the Lakewood Advisory Committee turned down the proposal on the property at Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive. He also indicated that the Committee recommended approval of the proposal on the property at Washington Boulevard and Vernon to the Hearing Examiner.

Forrest Thompson, 14716 Portland Ave. SW, spoke on the home occupation code and what qualifies as a home occupation.

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Steve Lawson, Lakewood resident, spoke on conditional use permits.

Discussion ensued on tire piles, home occupation, and hours when customers/clients are prohibited on the premises of home occupations. Discussion also ensued on land use designations at Washington Boulevard and Vernon, the Tillicum area and other potential zoning changes.

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Site Development Regulations

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the site development regulations. Discussion ensued on the City's role with regard to these regulations.

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Subdivision Regulations

Community Development Consultant Murphy explained that the proposed subdivision regulations primarily includes Pierce County's codes. He indicated that the only difference, is that the City's proposed code requests more information when applications are filed. Discussion ensued on the subdivision regulations.

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Street, Drainage and Right-of-Way Standards

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the proposed streets, drainage and right-of-way design standards. Discussion ensued on bikeway standards.

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Comprehensive Plan and Map

City Manager Rohlf asked Councilmembers if there were any questions about the Comprehensive Plan and Map. Discussion ensued on multi-family housing units and their impact on streets and traffic.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the tour concluded at 11:10 p.m.

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BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

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