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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

March 25, 1996

Clover Park School District Board Room

Student Services Center

10903 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Colleen Henry, Jose Palmas, Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Human Resources Administrator Debra Young; and City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Helen Morrison by request of Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison announced that Mr. Jim Hendershot has requested an opportunity to speak to the Council.

Jim Hendershot, Aba Daba CafÃ©, spoke about a card room tax base for the city of Lakewood.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Appointing individuals to prepare statements advocating voters' approval and rejection to the Pierce County Fire District No. 2 and Pierce Library District annexation propositions in the Official Local Voters' Pamphlet.

City Clerk Bush requested Council's consensus to proceed with appointing committees to prepare statements advocating voters' approval and statements advocating voters' rejection in the Pierce County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet for the May 21, 1996 election on the propositions to annex to the Pierce County Fire District No. 2 and Pierce

County Library District. Copies of the list of individuals expressing an interest to prepare the statements were distributed to the Council. The Council concurred to informally proceed with the committee appointments and take formal action on the appointments at the April 1, 1996 Council meeting.

Curfew ordinance

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed curfew ordinance for juveniles under the age of 18 on public streets, parks or other public places at certain times of the day. Discussion ensued on existing curfew ordinances from neighboring cities and the differences between the proposed curfew ordinance and the noise ordinance. Mayor Harrison suggested that a few Councilmembers and City staff approach the two high schools to hear public testimony from the students. Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested to coordinate the meetings with the high schools' associate study body.

Solid waste contract

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the proposed solid waste contract with Lakewood Refuse. He then reviewed the scope of services and terms of the contract. Discussed ensued on the process for rate increases, franchise options and mandatory garbage collection.

Council recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

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Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Engineering Manager Larkin described the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process and reviewed a preliminary list of projects to be included in the TIP for 1997-2002. Discussion ensued on the proposed projects and timeframe for developing the six year TIP.

Northwest Landing Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Engineering Manager Larkin provided background information on the Northwest Landing Wastewater Facility project. He then reviewed the six alternatives under consideration in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The alternatives include Tatsolo Point; Farwest Drive - Oakbrook; Farwest Drive - Western State; Farwest Drive - Split Flow; Steilacoom alternative; and no action. Engineering Manager Larkin recommended that the Council consider recommending the Tatsolo Point alternative for the Northwest Landing wastewater facility. Discussion ensued on the alternatives and their impacts.

Police Contract Update

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the latest police services negotiations with Pierce County. He indicated that the proposal calls for 75.7 FTEs in the amount of \$7,637,550, including LESA services. He indicated that items yet to be negotiated include an annual escalator clause, terms of the contract and bimonthly billings. Discussion ensued on equity issues, staffing and ways in which some of the \$7.6 million contract dollars can be spent in Lakewood for products and services that will be used by the police.

Parks Agreement Update

City Manager Rohlfs provided an update on the parks negotiation. He explained that the City would assume responsibility for the neighborhood parks under two acres. Harry Todd and American Lake Community parks would transfer to the City in 1998. The County would retain ownership and responsibility for Seeley Park. The County would retain responsibility for Ft. Steilacoom Park, the Lakewood Community Center and Ft. Steilacoom golf course but discussions on the golf course will continue. The County will operate the learn to swim programs in 1996 and the City will assume responsibility in 1997. City Manager Rohlfs reported that the net budgetary impact in 1996 amounts to \$97,298, \$168,388 in 1997 and \$147,275 in 1998.

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1, 1996 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Items scheduled for the April 1, 1996 City Council meeting include appointing committees to prepare statements for the Official Local Voters' Pamphlet; solid waste contract; recommending an alternative to the Northwest Landing Wastewater Facility Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and considering an amendment to the Public Works fee schedule.

Public Works Fee Amendment

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the proposed amendments to the Public Works fee schedule. The changes include a right-of-way permit fee for minor construction to \$70 and a reinspection fee in conjunction with the right-of-way permit in the amount of \$50.

City Attorney Heid also requested that the fee for business license fingerprinting costs in the exhibit to the resolution be amended from \$3 to \$25.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the temporary municipal court facility will be located at the Colonial Center next to the old Lakewood Theater beginning May 1, 1996 until the remodeling of the basement of Peoples Plaza is completed.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the City will need to purchase four to five new and used vehicles for the inspection and code enforcement staff. He indicated that the City would probably purchase the vehicles through State contract or through a rental car agency.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Richardson reminded everyone that tomorrow, March 26 is election day for the jail tax measure and the presidential primary.

Councilmember Palmas distributed copies of a brochure on the Buddy Pal Amigo Friend program, which is a program for volunteers to be a friend to a person with mental illness.

Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to participate in the Lakewood Cleanup Day activities on May 4.

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Mayor Harrison reported that as a result of the article in THE NEWS TRIBUNE on volunteers, the City received many calls from individuals expressing an interest in volunteering.

Mayor Harrison asked City Manager Rohlfs to pass on to City staff that he has received several compliments from citizens about how accommodating and courteous City staff has been.

City Manager Rohlfs added that on Wednesday, March 27, ten additional phone lines will be added at City Hall.

Mayor Harrison announced that the April 1, 1996 City Council meeting will be held in the Clover Park School District Board Room beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Henry reported that Bob Warfield is coordinating the Olympic Torch run in Lakewood on May 7, 1996. She announced that volunteers are needed for the event. Mayor Harrison announced that interested individuals can call Bob Warfield at 588-5880.

Mayor Harrison thanked Milton's Mayor Leonard Sanderson for attending tonight's Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK