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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

MINUTES

Monday, May 28, 1996

Clover Park School District

Student Services Center, Rooms 6A and B

Lakewood, WA 98499

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 Ann Kirk Davis, Colleen Henry, Jose Palmas, and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson.

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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 Colin Fisher by request of Mayor Harrison.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring May 12-18, 1996 as Nursing Home Week.

Mayor Harrison called on Police Chief Dunbar who provided a history of the how the Sheriff's Teen Advisory Board was established. He then introduced Lt. Eileen Bisson, who introduced Teen Advisory Board members Martha Pipkin and Colin Fisher. Ms. Pipkin and Mr. Fisher briefed the Council on the Board's recommendation for a proposed curfew in the city of Lakewood.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Creating a Chapter of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to fireworks (Ordinance)

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance on the sale and discharge of fireworks. Discussion ensued on the definition of common fireworks; adding animals to Section E.(1) under Section X.XX.020; considering provisions to not allow the discharge of fireworks during droughts; clean-up of fireworks debris, banning fireworks; licensing of selling fireworks by non-profit organizations; and securing data that supports restrictive uses of fireworks.

Creating Chapter 8.60 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to watercraft regulations (Ordinance)

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance on watercraft regulations. Discussion ensued on providing citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations; and considering setting times when jet skis and motor boats can be used on American Lake.

Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Process for handling projects in Lakewood which were filed with Pierce County prior to the incorporation of the city of Lakewood (Resolution)

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed resolution and explained that the resolution provides the City Manager discretion for the process of handling projects in Lakewood which were filed with Pierce County prior to the City's incorporation. Discussion ensued on executing a memorandum of understanding between the developer and the City; and incremental costs for time and material for Lakewood to process permits.

Speaking before the Council was:

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Briefing on the Chambers Creek Project

Community Development Director Bugher briefed the Council on the proposed Chambers Creek Master Plan. He reported that four proposals have moved

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forward to be included in the environmental impact statement study. He noted that the Planning Advisory Board will be meeting on June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Library to reviewed the proposed Master Plan concept. Discussion ensued on the City's involvement in the process.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 3, 1996 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Creating Chapter 8.60 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to watercraft regulations (Ordinance)
2. Process for handling projects in Lakewood which were filed with Pierce County prior to the incorporation of the city of Lakewood (Resolution)
3. Potentially scheduled for June 3, 1996 - Creating a Chapter of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to fireworks (Ordinance)
4. Public Hearing on Six Year Transportation Program
5. Amendments to the Uniform Building Code (Ordinance)

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that based on tonight's discussion, the watercraft ordinance will be scheduled on the Council's agenda after a public hearing is held and the fireworks ordinance will be scheduled after more data is obtained about the impacts on the use of fireworks.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Rohlfs reported that an informational bullet was provided to the Council updating the Council on recent activities.

Police Chief Dunbar briefed the Council on the STING operation that occurred last Friday. He reported there were eleven arrests made within the two-hour operation and none of the arrests were residents of Lakewood.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis reported that the Regional Transit Authority will be voting on the RTA Plan at their May 31, 1996 meeting. She indicated that she will be bringing forth a resolution requesting Council's support of the Plan. Councilmember Davis indicated that she and Engineering Manager Larkin will be walking portions of the route of the proposed cross-base highway project. She announced that on July 20, Cities and Schools will be sponsoring a fun run walk at Lakewood Stadium. She asked that if any Councilmembers were interested in helping, to let her know.

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Councilmember Henry announced that a joint meeting of the Lakewood Chamber's Business Development Committee and Lakewood's Economic Development Advisory Board will be held on June 4, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Thomas reported that she had an opportunity to take an interesting tour of the Lakewood Theatre. Councilmember Thomas requested that the McNeil Island Corrections Center be invited to brief the Council on the work ethic camp activities on the island. Councilmember Thomas complimented staff and the sign volunteers on the noticeable enforcement of the sign ordinance.

Councilmember Palmas relayed a message of a citizen's concern about sign volunteers approaching businesses about prohibitive signs. Councilmember Palmas announced that Councilmembers or staff may be interested in attending an all day conference, at no cost, on sentencing alternatives that will be held on June 14, 1996.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked if there was a beautification timeframe for the clean-up of Gravelly Lake Drive and Washington Boulevard.

Mayor Harrison asked if the Lake Steilacoom permit issue was resolved.

Mayor Harrison reported that it was his understanding that a good meeting was held with State and County staff on keeping Fort Steilacoom Park a park.

Mayor Harrison reported on a meeting he attended of the Commencement Bay Rowing Club. He indicated that the Club will be erecting a boathouse in Harry Todd Park.

Mayor Harrison announced that at a meeting with Rita Happy and John Brooks on the cross-base highway project, he was informed that the Hunt Club and barn is proposed to be nominated to be placed in the national historic register.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he was informed that another purse snatching occurred at Mt. View Cemetery.

Mayor Harrison reported that several citizens expressed concern about the closure of Key Bank in Tillicum. Councilmembers suggested that a letter be sent to Key Bank informing them of the community's concern about the closure.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

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