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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, August 5, 1996

Clover Park School District Board Room

Student Services Center

10903 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Colleen Henry, JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Assistant City Attorney Mike McKenzie; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Police Chief Nik Dunbar; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Garry Cooper by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a draft letter to the Pierce County Regional Council on the City's proposal to include certain areas with the urban service area.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported that staff is working on the agreement with Clover Park School District for CJRO officers, which is expected to be completed by September.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the week of August 1-7, 1996, as National Clown Week.

Mayor Harrison proclaimed the week of August 1-7, 1996 as National Clown Week and presented the proclamation to the Clover Park Clown Alley clowns.

Update of Economic Development Advisory Board activities.

Economic Development Advisory Board Chair Garry Cooper provided an update on the activities of the Advisory Board and reviewed the goals and objectives of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Rabisa, #2 ThorneWood Lane SW, thanked the City for doing a good job. He also distributed copies of a letter from the Department of Ecology regarding creosote in the environment.

JB Layne, 9911 116th Street SW, reported that at 10:00 p.m. on July 19, a call was made to the Lakewood Police from the Lake City Community Center. Police did not arrive until 11:44 p.m. He expressed concern that this type of response was unsatisfactory.

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Forrest Thompson, 14716 Portland Avenue, asked that while code enforcement officers are patrolling Tillicum could they take down garage sale signs that are posted on traffic signs and utility poles. He also noted that in the "City Talk" newsletter the police department is referred to as "Sheriff" and not "Lakewood Police Department."

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 15, 1996.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of July 22, 1996.

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C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of July 22, 1996.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$70,317.04 for the period July 1-15, 1996.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$38,574.26 for the period ending July 10, 1996.

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

Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes, June 25, 1996.

G. Setting Monday, August 19, 1996, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed alternative alignments within the City of Lakewood for the Cross Base Highway Project.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1996-25](#) establishing personnel policies and procedures for Sexual Harassment, Equal Employment Opportunity, Nepotism, Conflict of Interest, Alcohol and Drug Free Work Environment, Use of City Vehicles and Overtime Compensation.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-25. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1996-13 Rainier Cable Commission membership recommendation.

MAYOR HARRISON MOVED TO TABLE CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE RAINIER CABLE COMMISSION UNTIL THE CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 1996. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

Motion No. 1996-14 confirming the appointment of Ernest Heller and Irv Berteig as Hearing Examiners.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNEST HELLER AND IRV BERTEIG AS HEARING EXAMINERS. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs introduced Mike McKenzie, Assistant City Attorney.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the August 12, 1996, City Council Study Session will be held in the City Council Chambers, in the basement of People's Plaza at the corner of Bridgeport Way and Gravelly Lake Drive. He noted that Community Development, Building Division and Municipal Court staff moved to the basement on Friday, August 2, 1996.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that a meeting with Pierce County will be held on August 15, 1996, to discuss concerns about the agreements with Pierce County.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that staff will be scheduling the streets CD rom presentation by the Department of Transportation on Tuesday, October 8 at 5:30 p.m. He noted that the Okinawa City delegation dinner will be rescheduled to 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that next week's Council Study Session will be devoted to the 1996 budget review.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry requested that letters be sent to affected cardroom business owners notifying them of the tax relief for cardrooms if Council determined the relief was appropriate after the Council's budget review on August 12, 1996.

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Councilmember Henry requested that a briefing by the Fire District be presented to the Council on the upcoming fire levy.

Councilmember Henry indicated that the strip along Bridgeport Way to Lakeview should be mowed.

Councilmember Henry announced that Tuesday, August 6, 1996 is National Night Out.

Councilmember Thomas requested that there be City representation at the Lakewood Arts and Antique Extravaganza.

Councilmember Thomas requested that staff provide the Council with a list of project developments over \$100,000.

Councilmember Henry announced that interested individuals are invited to help in the clean-up project along Bridgeport Way to McChord Gate. The clean-up group will meet at 7:30 a.m. at Happy Days Restaurant on Tuesday, August 6, 1996.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the National Night Out activities she attended at Nyanza Park yesterday. She noted that she attended a meeting at Sunrise Village, and indicated that the children of Sunrise Village will be

immunized.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she met with 40 youths to work on youth activities and involvement, youth employment and educational issues. She announced that the Youth Task Force will be meeting from 10:00 a.m. to noon on August 28, 1996. She also indicated that they will be advertising for a high school youth to sit on the Council and that there will be an essay contest interested students can enter to be considered for this seat.

Mayor Harrison emphasized that the City must take a more aggressive role in recognizing and identifying that the City of Lakewood now has a Lakewood Police Department. Mayor Harrison emphasized the need to ensure that police calls are prioritized and responded to.

Mayor Harrison commented that it was his understanding that New York City had cut their murder rate significantly and is now considered one of the safest cities. He requested staff to obtain information on how they were able to successfully reduce their crime rate to see if Lakewood could use some of the same techniques.

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Mayor Harrison noted that the County has placed a notice regarding the algae problem at the lake in Fort Steilacoom Park. He noted that pets shouldn't be drinking the water from the lake. He asked staff to see if there was anything that the City could do to help with this problem.

Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to let the City Manager know if they had any comments about the false alarm agreement with Pierce County that was distributed to the Council earlier.

Mayor Harrison commented that at the Chambers Creek EIS meeting held in University Place, there were no discussion about the portions of the property in Lakewood. City Manager Rohlf's indicated that the City is taking part in the planning process of the EIS and that the City of University Place is the lead agency in this project.

Mayor Harrison requested that copies of the letter to the Village Green Mobile Homes regarding problems on remuneration with their insurance companies be provided to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that a resolution on no tolerance for hate crimes be placed on the Council's agenda for consideration.

Councilmember Palmas asked if political signs could be placed on stop signs and traffic signs. He requested that a political sign ordinance that was legally restrictive could be prepared for an upcoming Council agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

