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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 1996

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

9315 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

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 Doug Richardson, Colleen Henry, Jos   Palmas 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 and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Police Chief Nik Dunbar; Human Resources Administrator Debra Young; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt. Colonel Doug Richardson by request of Mayor Harrison.

INVOCATION

Mayor Harrison called on Father Kent McCulloch who provided the invocation.

Mayor Harrison recognized and thanked Mr. Bob Arndt who was instrumental in helping design the new Council Chambers/Court Room.

Mayor Harrison requested that letters be sent to the Clover Park School District and the Lakewood Library thanking them for the use of their facilities while the City's Council Chambers were being remodeled.

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REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Preliminary discussion of potential 1996 budget amendments.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the year-end revenue projections for 1996 totaling \$10,401,028. He explained the reasons for budget variances in the areas of sales and use tax; other taxes, licenses and permits; intergovernmental revenues; charges for goods and services; fines and forfeit and miscellaneous revenues. Discussion ensued on the real estate excise tax revenues. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that \$530,000 collected in real estate excise taxes will be transferred to the capital improvement fund.

He then reviewed the departmental projected budget expenditures for 1996 and explained the reasons for budget variances. Discussion ensued on one time revenue funds received by the City (i.e. \$1,049,000 from property taxes); parks and recreation projects; departmental budget expenditures and a permanent city hall.

Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the 1996 City Streets year-end projected revenues of \$5,211,707. Discussion ensued on surface water management funds and the regional nature of the funds.

Councilmember Palmas asked what was the budgeted amount for street staff personnel. City Manager Rohlfs replied approximately \$122,000.

Councilmember Richardson asked what amount of councilmanic bonds could the city secure. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the amount would be 1 ½ percent of assessed valuation or approximately \$37 million. He explained that the City would generally need to collect \$1.7 million in revenues annually in order to pay back the bonds.

Mayor Harrison expressed concern about the levels of service being provided to citizens, and noted that citizens may be placing greater demands for higher levels of service especially with the parks. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Pierce County has not done anything to meet ADA requirements for the parks, and the City would have to expend significant amounts of capital costs to bring park facilities up to ADA requirements.

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Mayor Harrison asked for citizen comments about the proposed 1996 budget amendments.

Speaking before the City Council was:

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 19, 1996 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Public hearing on the proposed alternative alignments within the City of Lakewood for the Cross Base Highway Project.
2. Requesting the Pierce Transit Board to amend its bylaws to create a seat for a member selected by the Lakewood City Council (Resolution)
3. Rainier Cable Commission membership recommendation (Motion)

No comments were made.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Harrison announced that a meeting with Pierce County on issues concerning surface water management and parks and

recreation will be held on August 14, 1996. He also indicated that he, Deputy Mayor Thomas and County Council Ken Madsen will be meeting to discuss social service issues.

Mayor Harrison noted for the record that in a Pierce County dramatization play, which Walter Neary, editor from the LAKEWOOD JOURNAL played in, Walter Neary actually said, "Don't believe everything you read in the newspaper."

Mayor Harrison reported that he and City Manager Rohlf's had a meeting with Congressman Norm Dicks to brief him about the Cross Base Highway project. He indicated that Congressman Dicks was very much interested in pursuing alternative routes with the military and expressed willingness to help the City work with the military. Congressman Dicks also was made aware of the City's proposed urban growth boundary adjustments. He noted that Congressman Dicks met with the Wells Fargo Bank Director shortly after their meeting, and Congressman

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Dicks indicated that the Wells Fargo Bank Director will be assisting Lakewood with its proposal.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Washington State Historical Museum had its grand opening on Saturday, August 10, 1996, and encouraged everyone to tour the museum.

Mayor Harrison commented that the "walkable and bicycle friendly communities" presentation will be held at University Place on October 8, 1996.

Mayor Harrison asked staff to provide the Council with some proposed guidelines on the Council's role and participation with citizens concerning the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen annexation issues.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she represented the City Council at the youth rally in Lake City on Saturday.

Police Chief Dunbar provided detailed reports on the 9-1-1 dispatch calls that were placed on July 19, 1996, regarding the complaint at Lake City Community Center. He then reviewed the number of Lakewood calls for police services that were received on the same day. He noted there were six deputies on duty.

Councilmember Palmas asked about the status of the citizen request to designate the camellia as the city's flower. Mayor Harrison indicated that he has requested the City Manager to route the letter to the Beautification Committee to get their input.

AJDOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

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