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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, August 19, 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: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis, Colleen Henry, JosÃ© Palmas, Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Police Lt. Eileen Bisson; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jo Harrison by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of an updated timeline for the Northwest Landing sewer line project. He explained that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared and all of the alternatives for the project will be addressed in the Final EIS which is scheduled to be published in November 1996. In December 1996 Pierce County will be holding a public forum to receive public comment on the Final EIS.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the September 9, 1996 Council Study Session will be held at the Lake City Community Center.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported that at the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) meeting on August 15, 1996, the PSRC voted to delay action on Lakewood's urban growth boundary proposal to the meeting of September 19, 1996. Mayor Harrison noted that on September 17, 1996, the voters would have cast their vote on the annexation of Arrowhead/Partridge Glen to Steilacoom.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 5, 1996.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of August 12, 1996.
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$87,061.98 for the period July 16-31, 1996.
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$701,017.00 for the period ending July 24, 1996.
- E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes, July 3, 1996.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold Allen, 9805 Gravelly lake Dr., spoke about the potential danger of threats and violence in the community because of the sign ordinance. He requested that there be a 90-day grace period on enforcing the sign ordinance.

Fae Crabill, Lakewood resident, expressed concern about business window signs and indicated she was told by a code enforcement officer that she had 48 hours to take down the window sign or a fine would be imposed. She also requested that there be a 90-day grace period on the enforcement of the sign ordinance.

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Dennis Van Parys, 12718 Lake City Blvd., requested for more time to develop a revised sign ordinance.

Forrest Beals, 5404 Steilacoom Blvd., expressed concern about disgruntled citizens that were unhappy about the sign ordinance. He also requested a 90-day grace period.

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Steve Barber, 5404 Steilacoom Blvd., expressed concern about the changes he had to make to comply with the sign ordinance.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

This is the date set for a public hearing on the proposed alternative alignments within the City of Lakewood for the Cross Base Highway Project.

Speaking before the Council were:

Paul Ellis, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the benefits of the Cross Base Highway Project which included the improvements to the SR 512 and I-5 interchange.

Norm LeMay, Lakewood Refuse, asked the Council to consider whether the Cross Base Highway is a necessary part of Lakewood in the future.

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Carol Masters, 6420 150th St. SW, suggested that the City barter for a land swap with Ft. Lewis because of the closure of Woodbrook Drive; that two exits be placed at both ends of 150th Street; that the exit to I-5 travel into the middle of Tillicum at the old Log Center entrance; and to keep the overpasses at Exits 123 and 122 (American Lake Gardens to Tillicum and

Madigan to Tillicum).

Bill Kittrell, 7814 Emerald Drive, spoke about the need for access from Tillicum and American Lake Gardens to Lakewood.

Bob Neilan, 44 Chapman Loop, expressed support for the Cross Base Highway Project and suggested that consideration be given to the economic advantages and reduction of congestion along I-5 and SR-512 interchange.

Forrest Thompson, 14716 Portland Avenue, expressed the need for a highway and spoke about an alignment through Dupont.

Janet Prichard, Pacific Lutheran University, spoke about some of the methods identified in the book Megatrends and encouraged using reasonable methods to bring people together.

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Alan Perkins, Tacoma resident, indicated there were 41,500 vehicles travelling daily from 176th Street to Ft. Lewis/McChord or I-5 to the Tacoma Mall. He urged to continue with the Cross Base Highway Project and consider making a proposal to Ft. Lewis.

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Cathy Thompson, 7908 148th St. SW, indicated that the Cross Base Highway would go through her house.

Cy Happy, 11617 Gravelly Lake Dr., spoke about the need for another north/south freeway to help relieve some of the traffic congestion along I-5.

Clipper Maxfield, resident, questioned whether natives from American Lake Gardens would benefit from the highway and expressed concern about displacing people and prairies.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1996-26 requesting the Pierce Transit Board to amend its bylaws to create a seat for a member selected by the Lakewood City Council.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-26. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution No. 1996-27 authorizing the City Manager to file a certification with the Federal Communications Commission to regulate cable television rates.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported on last week's meeting discussions with Pierce County on the parks and surface water management agreements. He indicated that in the original parks agreement proposal, the City would have taken over the neighborhood parks and pay for the maintenance and upkeep of these parks in 1996. In addition, a cost sharing agreement was being considered for American Lake and Harry Todd parks where the cost would have been \$151,000 and the City would pay one-third of the cost for American Lake and Harry Todd at \$50,000. That same agreement would translate in 1997 to \$52,000 and \$125,000 for American Lake and Harry Todd for a total of \$177,000. The proposal presented to Pierce County at the meeting was for the City to take over the neighborhood parks in January 1997 and also assume title to American Lake and Harry Todd parks in January for a total cost of \$190,000 (\$50,000 for neighborhood parks and \$140,000 for American Lake and Harry Todd parks). City Manager Rohlfs indicated that another meeting with Pierce County will be held in early September to discuss the parks proposal. He asked that Councilmembers let him know how they would like to proceed on this project.

With reference to surface water management, City Manager Rohlfs indicated that \$3.7 million have been collected in surface water management (SWM) funds. He indicated that the City will be pursuing the \$3.7 million to determine what percentage of projects should be designated for Lakewood's benefit. Staff will be developing recommendations. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Pierce County has been billing for surface water management collection fees, however, the City has not agreed to these fees. City Manager Rohlfs noted that a meeting will be held in September to discuss these issues in greater detail.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry announced that the Events Ad Hoc Committee of eight interested individuals met. She announced that the next meeting is scheduled for

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August 26, 1996 at 7:30 a.m. at Happy Days Restaurant. She encouraged all interested individuals to come.

Councilmember Davis provided an update on the Regional Transit Authority. She reported at a \$3.9 million regional transit proposal will be on the November ballot. She explained that the Regional Transit Authority is currently in the marketing phase and working on formulating factual documentation for the voters. She indicated that a grassroots effort campaign to support the RTA is currently being put together.

Councilmember Palmas asked the City Manager to address the concerns that were expressed by citizens who testified about the sign ordinance. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff has communicated with the Chamber of Commerce about some staff concerns with the existing sign ordinance. He explained that the Chamber's Sign Committee is working on a proposal and City staff is awaiting their response. Mayor Harrison suggested that a letter be sent to the Chamber Board notifying them that Chamber Sign Committee members have approached the Council to express their concerns about the sign ordinance. Councilmember Henry indicated that the Chamber Board will be reviewing the Sign Committee's proposal on August 26, 1996. Councilmember Richardson suggested that after the Chamber Board presents their recommendations on the sign ordinance, that a Study Session with the Chamber Board and Council be held to discuss the proposal.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that on August 28, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. - noon, the Youth Task Force meeting will be held at the Clover Park School District Board Room. She asked Councilmembers if there were any issues they would like her to discuss with the group. It was suggested that the topics of curfew and jet skis be discussed with the group.

Mayor Harrison noted that in reference to City Attorney Heid's memorandum regarding the taking of any political action concerning Arrowhead/Partridge Glen, he asked Councilmembers to talk with City Attorney Heid.

Mayor Harrison asked for clarification on the information provided in the information bullet regarding legal debt margin. Finance Director Kidd explained how the figures were obtained with regard to the debt margins.

Mayor Harrison asked for a report on prior Council requests for information on the ethnic breakdown of the Lakewood police force, the algae problem at Lake Waughop and the police department's position on curfews. Councilmember

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Richardson requested a report on the investigation of the incident on Lake Tapps which resulted in a fatality.

Mayor Harrison announced that a public meeting will be held on August 29, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Health Department to discuss the closure of several health department free clinics including AIDS counseling, family planning and immunizations.

Mayor Harrison asked for a listing of the various organizations and their respective membership fees, such as the Puget Sound Air Pollution, who are seeking the City to join. City Manager Rohlf indicated that staff will put together a list and provide recommendations.

Mayor Harrison reported that the Art and Antique Extravaganza was well done and well attended. He requested that a thank you letter be sent to the organizer of that event.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that a thank you letter be sent to Mary Gates for facilitating the Council Retreat on August 16, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

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