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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, September 16, 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 Colleen Henry, JosÃ© Palmas, Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis (arrived at 7:55 p.m.).

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Deputy City Manager Andy Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Police Chief Nik Dunbar; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; 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 Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there will not be a Council meeting on September 30, 1996, because it is the fifth Monday of the month.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a letter to Congressman Norm Dicks concerning the U. S. Corps of Engineers decision on local landfill permits. He then called on Engineering Manager Larkin who reviewed the letter and asked that the Council provide him with any comments to the letter as early as tomorrow, September 17, 1996.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Harrison proclaimed the week of September 17-23, 1996, as Constitution Week and presented the Proclamation to Ms. Holly Ann Muller and Mrs. Stanley Bills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Gibbon, 15408 Union Avenue SW, Tillicum business owner, spoke in support of the Cross Base Highway Project.

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Ray Garofalo, 8302 104th Street SW, requested that a street light be erected at 104th Street and Hipkins Road for traffic safety reasons. He indicated he would be willing to share in the cost of a street light with surrounding neighbors.

Tom Davis, 14907 Murray SW, American Lake Gardens, spoke in support of the Cross Base Highway Project. He also reported that at Bailey's Corner in Tillicum the guardrails were damaged, the lighting was poor and the elderly trees needed to be cut back.

Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornwood, Tillicum resident, spoke in support of the Cross Base Highway Project.

Garry Cooper, Chair, Economic Development Advisory Board, suggested that the Union Avenue/Tillicum improvements be made in conjunction with the Cross Base Highway Project.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 3, 1996.**
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 9, 1996.**
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$90,306.68 for the period August 16-31, 1996.**
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$727,020.47 for the period ending August 29, 1996.**
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$74,806.10 for the period ending September 10, 1996.**

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

- 1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes, August 7, 1996.**
- 2. Planning Advisory Board Rules and Regulations, adopted July 3, 1996.**

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

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1996-31](#) establishing the ICMA Retirement Corporation Prototype Money Purchase Retirement Plan and Trust to separate the replacement plans for Social Security and the State Public Employment Retirement System.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-31. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1996-16 authorizing the execution of agreements with Puget Sound Power and Light, Tacoma Public Utilities and Lakeview Light and Power Company to provide street lighting within the City of Lakewood.

Councilmember Davis arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Harrison asked if there were any members of the public wishing to speak on the motion. Speaking before the Council were:

Ray Garafalo, 8302 104th Street SW, thanked the Council for providing a street light at 104th Street and Hipkins Road.

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Susan Badiger, Veterans Drive, asked about street lighting along Veterans Drive. The Council pointed out that the street lighting will be provided along Veterans Drive.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH PUGET SOUND POWER AND LIGHT, TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LAKEVIEW LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY TO PROVIDE STREET LIGHTING WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON.

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ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS: AYES: 4 - PALMAS, RICHARDSON, THOMAS AND MAYOR HARRISON. NAYS: 3 - DAVIS, HENRY AND DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MAIN MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmembers concurred with the content of the draft letter addressed to Congressman Norm Dicks with regard to U. S. Corps of Engineers decision on the Pierce County landfill and directed staff to proceed with finalizing the letter.

Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reminded Councilmembers to please turn in their sign-up sheet of activities for the Okinawa City visit to City Clerk Bush so arrangements can be finalized.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Building Division has processed building permits for projects totaling \$46 million to date and that \$370,000 has been collected in building permit revenues.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Council had previously approved the hiring of four interns to assist with compiling a land use inventory of the City of Lakewood. He explained that with the additional interns and the use of citizen volunteers to map and compile the data, there was no space at City Hall to accommodate the number of people that will be working on this project. He indicated that the Colonial Center has expressed a willingness to lease the space at the Colonial Center that the City vacated six weeks ago at \$500 a month so that the inventory could be

completed by April 1997. Council concurred with proceeding to lease the additional space.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis reported that she had the pleasure of presenting the Regional Transit proposal to the Puyallup City Council tonight.

Councilmember Thomas commented that there may be some pawn brokers visiting the Council to express their concerns about the City's code relating to pawn brokers.

Councilmember Palmas thanked the *Lakewood Journal* for the articles on street lights. He commented that he recently had the opportunity to take a light rail ride from Long Beach to Los Angeles, 75 miles round trip, for \$2.70 and he was impressed with the ride.

Councilmember Henry reported that a police officer will be speaking before the Chamber about getting information on crimes disseminated through FAX and telephone networks. Councilmember Henry asked if staff would respond to a letter from S. J. Syverson about Tacoma Tofu moving out of Lakewood.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that the Social Service Group be placed on the October 14, 1996, City Council Study Session agenda to make a presentation on the Social Service Group plan. She announced that the McChord Gate area neighborhood will be having a meeting on September 25, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Thomas reminded voters to vote tomorrow, September 17, 1996.

Mayor Harrison commented on some of the statements in the Planning Advisory Board minutes of August 7, 1996, with regard to discussion concerning the area

north of McChord gate, the population estimates for 2017 and the Comprehensive Plan north of McChord.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Councilmembers were provided copies of a letter from Randy Tate on the U. S. Postal situation concerning the use of the name of "Lakewood" as the City's name when addressing mail. He indicated that copies of Randy Tate's letter were also sent to Senator Slade Gorton and Congressman Norm Dicks for their assistance.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Puget Sound Regional Council will be holding a meeting on September 19, 1996, to discuss the City's draft Urban Growth Boundary Area.

Mayor Harrison commented that Tony Vail, Lakewood Mall, will start to paint the water tower. He asked staff to contact Mr. Vail to let the City know if they plan to do something in recognition of this event.

Mayor Harrison asked if a meeting has been scheduled with Colonel Eakle, of McChord Air Force Base with regard to the Cross Base Highway Project. City Manager Rohlfs replied that a meeting is scheduled for October 7, 1996. Mayor Harrison had asked if Fort Lewis had provided their response on the Cross Base Highway discussion. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Fort Lewis said their response was in the mail.

Mayor Harrison commented that the *Northwest Guardian* had an article about how the State and Fort Lewis were working together to give the Fort Lewis entrance a "facelift." He asked if the State would work with Lakewood on a similar project.

Mayor Harrison announced that he attended a meeting on September 11, 1996, concerning the LRI permit extension for the Hidden Valley landfill. He indicated that the Hidden Valley landfill is not filling up as quickly as anticipated because of recycling efforts and Hidden Valley had asked for a one-year extension. He indicated that those in attendance at the meeting supported Pierce County's request to grant an extension.

Mayor Harrison reported that he received a letter from LOTT (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Thurston County) on a proposal to send their sewage to the Chambers Creek treatment plant. He indicated that they have submitted an environmental impact statement on their proposal.

Mayor Harrison asked if the City could sponsor a member of the Beautification Committee to attend the October 8, 1996, workshop on streets, curbs and

sidewalk improvements. He also announced that the committee is seeking financial contributions, volunteers and ideas on the vision of the City.

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Mayor Harrison reported that at a meeting with the Clover Park Citizens and Schools Committee, Dr. Burkett reported that 12,575 students are enrolled in the Clover Park School District. He indicated that they are working on the overcrowded situation at Clover Park High School and Hudtloff Jr. High School.

Mayor Harrison welcomed Andy Neiditz, Deputy City Manager.

Councilmember Henry requested that the Events Ad Hoc Committee be placed on the October 7, 1996, Council agenda to provide a report to the City Council.

The Council recessed to Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation. The Council reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Mayor Harrison expressed concern about having to wait until October 7, 1996, to meet with Colonel Eakle, McChord Air Force Base, about the Cross Base Highway project. Mayor Harrison suggested that Colonel Eakle be informed that the Council is willing to meet in the evening as an option to meet sooner.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK