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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, October 7, 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 7:10 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: Acting City Manager/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; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

Staff Present: Acting City Manager/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; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wendy Lockhart by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

Acting City Manager/City Attorney Heid announced that a meeting of the City Council and Clover Park School District Board is scheduled for October 29, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., in the Clover Park School District Board Room. Mayor Harrison requested that staff inform the School District Board that the City Council will be pleased to attend that meeting.

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**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation welcoming the Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan visiting delegation to the City of Lakewood.

Councilmember Henry presented a proclamation welcoming the Okinawa City delegation to the City of Lakewood.

Okinawa City delegation member Mr. Uechi then presented the Council with a letter of greetings from the Mayor of

Okinawa City and a gift of friendship.

Proclamation declaring the week of October 6-12, 1996, as *Fire Prevention Week*.

Councilmember Richardson presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 6-12, 1996, as Fire Prevention Week to Assistant Fire Marshal Paul Webb.

Proclamation declaring the week of October 6-12, 1996, as *Mental Illness Awareness Week*.

Councilmember Palmas presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 6-12, 1996, as Mental Health Awareness Week to Rev. Paul Reitman and Ms. Kay Olson.

Proclamation declaring the week of October 7-13, 1996, as *CropWalk for Hunger Week*.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 7-13, 1996, as Cropwalk for Hunger Week to Ms. Kathleen Brown and Mr. Paul Johnson.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the next item on the agenda which is a briefing on the Cross Base Highway Project by the Port of Tacoma, would be held in abeyance until Commissioner Jerry Thorpe arrived.

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Mayor Harrison then moved to the next item on the agenda.

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Events Ad Hoc Committee Report.

Councilmember Henry called on Ms. Wendy Lockhart to report on the recommendations of the Events Ad Hoc Committee. She reported that the festivities that the Ad Hoc Committee considered of high priority were the following: a Christmas parade, City birthday, International/Multicultural Day, Armed Forces Day, Admiral Russell Day, Independence Day, Flag Day and Summerfest. Mayor Harrison suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee meet with the City Manager to develop a budget proposal for funding some of these festivities.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council was:

*J.B. Layne, 9911 116th Street SW, expressed concern about frontage requirements for developments. He noted that the development at Edgewood and Winona has only 520 feet of frontage, which is too short for the development in his opinion.*

#### **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 16, 1996.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 23, 1996.
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$76,741.37 for the period September 1-15, 1996.
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$811,869.95 for the period ending September 30, 1996.
- E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes, July 23, 1996.
  - 2. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes, September 10, 1996.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 93](#) amending Section 18.75.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to streamlining variance provisions.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 93. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 94](#) amending Section 18.85.020 (E)(1) of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to public notice procedures for administrative permits on administrative variance and use permits, short plats, large lot subdivisions, binding site plans, lot combinations, boundary line adjustments, home occupation permits and minor amendments.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 94. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

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[Ordinance No. 95](#) providing for the employee Merit Based Salary Increases, Vacation Leave - Standard Form, Sick Leave - Standard Form, Combination Leave and Major Medical Leave.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 95. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 96](#) creating Chapter 10.22 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to bicycle helmet regulations.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 96. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mayor Harrison requested that the briefing on the Cross Base Highway Project be addressed at this time.

Briefing on the Cross Base Highway Project by the Port of Tacoma

Commissioner Thorpe from the Port of Tacoma expressed support of the City's efforts on the Cross Base Highway Project. Commissioner Thorpe indicated that the Port currently has not taken a position on all of the preferable routes. He added that the Port would recommend a second alternative.

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RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1996-32](#) amending the fee schedule for major variance fees to \$600 for single-family residential projects where the valuation does not exceed \$12,000.

Councilmember Palmas declared that because he has a personal affiliation with an applicant for a variance, he

excused himself from voting on this matter.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-32 WITH THE ADDITIONAL PROVISION THAT THE FEE TO BE APPLIED FOR ANY APPLICATION PENDING ON THE DATE OF THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION SHALL BE THE LESSER OF THE APPLICABLE FEES UNDER THE PRIOR FEE SCHEDULE FOR MAJOR AMENDMENT VARIANCES OR THE AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS VOTING IN ABSTENTION.**

[Resolution No. 1996-33](#) approving an investment policy for the City of Lakewood.

**COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-33. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Richardson requested staff to provide the Council with recommendations on obtaining lobbyists to assist the City with the 1997-1998 legislative issues.**

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**Acting City Manager/City Attorney Heid reported that the 1997 preliminary budget will be distributed to Councilmembers tonight.**

**Acting City Manager/City Attorney Heid then called on Community Development Director Bugher to report on the status of the City's request for Urban Growth Boundary changes and the decision of the Pierce County Council Environmental and Planning Committee subcommittee's recommendation regarding this issue.**

**Community Development Director Bugher reported that the subcommittee unanimously accepted the City of Lakewood's Urban Growth Boundary changes to include the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen area. He explained that the other proposals which included McChord Air Force Base, Ft. Lewis and the Parkland/Spanaway area were not well-received. These proposals were denied by the subcommittee. He indicated that the subcommittee's recommendations will go before the Pierce County Council for their approval. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that he will inform Councilmembers of the date when the Pierce County Council will be taking action on this recommendation.**

**Acting City Manager/City Attorney Heid reported that neither Pierce County nor City of Lakewood representatives were invited to the October 7, 1996, meeting with State legislative officials regarding Ft. Steilacoom Park. He indicated that another meeting will be held in which County and City representatives will be invited to attend.**

**Community Development Director Bugher indicated that City staff has received copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Chambers Creek Project for review and comment. He also noted that the Northwest Landing Environmental Impact Statement will be available for comment within the next 30 days.**

**City Attorney Heid reported that with regard to the San Juan County legislation on the ban on watercraft uses was considered by the Superior Court. The Superior Court's decision was that the total ban on watercraft uses did not warrant a blanket ban.**

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#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Richardson asked if the sidewalk project, specifically at the corner of Bridgeport and 112th Street, will be completed. Engineering Manager Larkin reported that Pierce County has completed only a part of that project using grant funds. He indicated that there are two other grants that will cover sidewalk improvements and the City will be working on completing the remaining sidewalk for that project.**

Councilmember Thomas reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Cross Base Highway Project has asked for additional time to provide a recommendation to the County. The Ad Hoc Committee is waiting for a response from the military groups concerning this project.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that Rita Happy has requested that Councilmembers answer a short questionnaire that was distributed to the Council earlier.

Councilmember Palmas requested that when non-English-speaking individuals are known to be present at future Council meetings, interpreters be provided. He also requested that a notice be placed on the agenda that indicates headsets are available for hearing-impaired individuals.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the next McChord Gate area meeting will be held on October 23, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. She also announced that there will be a neighborhood clean-up on October 19, 1996.

She reported that the Human Services Collaboration report, scheduled for October 14, 1996, will be postponed for another meeting.

Deputy Mayor Thomas also announced that the deadline for interested youth to submit an essay to be considered to sit on the City Council has been extended.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the Youth Task Force will be holding a forum on drugs and alcohol at the Lakewood Mall on November 2, 1996.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the discussions at a recent Community Development Black Grant meeting she attended. She indicated that there were significant comments made about the lack of transportation in the American Lake/Tillicum area.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked General Services Director/City Clerk Bush for planning the itinerary for the Okinawa City delegation visit.

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Mayor Harrison requested that staff develop a proposal on how to handle the algae situation in Steilacoom Lake prior to next summer.

Mayor Harrison announced that the next meeting of Pierce County regarding the stormwater and parks and recreation negotiations will be held on October 14, 1996, at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Harrison indicated that at the Lake City Community Church dedication, the church expressed their appreciation for the City's efforts in processing their vacation request for the construction of their parking lot.

Mayor Harrison requested that the City Manager urge the Pierce Transit Board to appoint a Lakewood member on the Pierce Transit Board.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he has received several letters regarding the Wards Lake/Sylvan Park area and requested that staff review the situation and provide a report to the City Council on the issues in that area.

Mayor Harrison reported that he received a letter from Steve Wolfgram, dated October 1, 1996, having to do with cardroom tax. Mr. Wolfgram had indicated that he had not received a response to his letter. Mayor Harrison requested that staff provide the Council with the City's response with regard to Mr. Wolfgram's concerns.

Councilmember Henry indicated that she has contacted U.S. West regarding the telephone directory listing of the City of Lakewood City Hall being in the City of Tacoma. She indicated that she had spoken to several representatives from U.S. West and U.S. West has indicated that this correction will be made in the next printing of the U.S. West directory.

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Mayor Harrison announced the Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters. The Council reconvened at 10:40 p.m.

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**Mayor Harrison requested that staff draft a letter that Councilmembers could send to the Postmaster General on the issues of using the name of "Lakewood" as the City name when addressing mail and the delivery of mail.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**