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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 1996

5:00 p.m.

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 5:16 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember Sherri Thomas (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

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Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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; Municipal Court Administrator Kathy Westerdahl; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of the 1997 City of Lakewood Budget.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the City of Lakewood's road tax loan amount would be reduced by \$60,000 in the 1997 budget.

City Manager Rohlfs then reviewed the City Council and City Manager's budget.

Discussion ensued on the expenditures relating to travel and minor outlay purchases.

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Finance Director Kidd reviewed the Finance/Information Systems budget. He indicated that the Information Systems budget includes the hiring of an Information Systems Manager, two GIS individuals and the purchase of a GIS system. Finance Director Kidd explained that the GIS system would primarily map and track land use activities and other related activities in the City of Lakewood.

Councilmember Thomas arrived at 5:35 p.m.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush then reviewed the General Services and Municipal Court budget. She indicated that 40 percent of the General Services budget was allocated for election and voter maintenance costs. The other significant change in the General Services budget included an increase in advertising expenses for legal notices and publications.

She then reviewed the Municipal Court budget. She explained that the staffing for the 1997 Municipal Court included one additional court clerk which was not filled in 1996. A significant change to the Municipal Court budget related to how the courts would be handling transports of defendants. She noted that there are two full-time community service officers budgeted in the Public Safety budget to handle transports on a part-time basis and on the other half-time basis, these officers would be assigned to work on community public safety issues.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush also indicated that the Court budget includes the provision for securing guard services in the courtroom during jury trials and other arraignments specifically for defendants with felony charges. The Court budget also includes the purchase of a van to transport defendants. She also noted that the line item for public defender services has been increased to \$100,000 and that another additional item that must be included is a budget for \$2,000 to provide probationary monitoring services. This service would be provided on a contractual basis for tracking and monitoring defendants that are placed on probation for such services as counseling and drug and alcohol treatment.

Discussion ensued on the election and voter maintenance costs and the transport of defendants.

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City Attorney Heid reviewed the Legal Department's budget. He explained that the Legal Department is asking for a domestic violence victims' advocate program. Discussion ensued on the need for a lobbyist to work on City issues such as the algae problem on Steilacoom Lake and issues concerning the telecommunications act.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the Community Development Budget consisting of planning, building and land use issues.

Discussion ensued on code enforcement.

Due to other scheduled meetings discussion on the Community Development Budget was continued to the meeting of October 21, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK