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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 18, 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; Deputy City Manager Andy Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Lieutenant Eileen Bisson; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that tonight's videotaping of the City Council meeting will be replayed on Channels 28 and 29 on the following dates and times:

Channel 28: Tuesday, November 19, 1996, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 21, 1996, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 24, 1996, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

Channel 29: Saturday, November 23, 1996, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 30, 1996, 5:00 p.m.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the week of November 17-23, 1996, as *American Education Week*.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring the week of November 17-23, 1996, as American Education Week to Ms. Violet Satterwhite.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Pat Nelson, 2220 Lake Louise Drive SW, spoke about Council's decision with regard to holding the density of Harr Family Homes to 4 units per acre.

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Dick Gloor, 2613 South 92nd Street, spoke about beautification and sanitation and the need for mandatory trash pick-up.

Tom Suss, 5602 Boston Avenue SW, McChord Gate Area Manager's Association, requested lighting, Safe Streets, crosswalks across Bridgeport Way and San Francisco Avenue and a four-way stop at Lincoln and Chicago Avenues.

Larry Bell, 9802 Lawndale Avenue SW, spoke about the need for a curfew ordinance.

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Shi Stockman, 10832 Interlaaken Drive SW, requested Council to consider lifting the burning ban twice a year. She also commented that any improvements at the corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Washington Boulevard, in terms of any planting of shrubs in the area, may disappear. She also commented on the need for sidewalks around schools.

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Charlie Maxwell, President, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the hotel-motel tax and using the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce to provide a visitor center and other services.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the Budget Workshops of November 4 and 12, 1996.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 4, 1996.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of November 12, 1996.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$101,478.69 for the period October 16-31, 1996.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$29,132.93 for the period ending November 13, 1996.

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

Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes, October 16, 1996.

G. Denying the claim of Shawn D. Jewett for damages and referring that claim to the City's insurance carrier.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 1997 City of Lakewood Budget and the mill levy rate.

City Manager Rohlf's summarized the 1997 Budget. He noted that the 1997 Budget totals \$19.5 million of which \$14.5 million makes up the General Fund. Councilmember Thomas reviewed the three funding alternatives for providing human services programs and spoke in support of Proposal "B" which created a Human Services division and budget for all Human Services activities. She reiterated the need to keep all program funds in one budget and Option "B" provided this opportunity. Councilmember Thomas indicated that Option "B" increases the General Fund allocation from .75 percent to one percent.

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Michelle Brown, 4500 Steilacoom Boulevard, requested funds for the Lakewood Senior Center.

Joanne Witthaus, 2614 92nd Street South, spoke about the need for child abuse prevention programs.

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Vicki Pollock, 3252 South 84th Street, spoke about the need for the child abuse prevention program.

Jim Thoborn, 4842 South 16th Street, spoke about building family, community and law enforcement and supporting human services needs.

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Andie Gernon, 10930 Meadow Road SW, spoke about a different approach to provide human services through collaboration.

Hal Young, 7802 89th Avenue SW, recommended that the Council make a positive decision on the second one-quarter percent real estate excise tax.

Nancy Watkins, Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor Convention Bureau, spoke about services that could be provided to Lakewood by the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor Convention Bureau.

Sharon Hansen, 3629 South D Street, spoke about prevention partnerships for children, and about family support services through the Lakewood human services collaboration effort.

Harold Allen, realtor, spoke against the real estate excise tax.

Ken Jones, 12712 Lincoln Avenue SW, spoke in support of neighborhood meetings and the City's efforts to help improve the McChord Gate area. He also expressed concern about the shifting emphasis from crime control to human services needs.

Joe Rodaway, 111th Street SW, spoke in support of Safe Streets to help with law enforcement.

Clyde Brown, 6313 78th Street West, expressed concern about an unfair real estate excise tax on the sale of property.

Forrest Thompson, Tillicum resident, spoke about opening the Harry Todd Park for longer hours during the summer months.

Edwin Kendrick, Lakewood resident, indicated that the drawbacks of human services is the lack of funding and one of the key elements is to seek input from those citizens who need to be represented at the table when discussing human services needs.

Jan Hudson, Lakewood Area Shelter Association, spoke about transitional housing shelters.

Helen Myrick, Lakewood residents, spoke in support of the Safe Streets program.

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Larry Bell, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of Safe Streets.

Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1996-39 authorizing the execution of an agreement with cities and towns in Pierce County and Pierce County approving the amendments to the Pierce County County-Wide Planning Policies.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 1996-39. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution No. 1996-40 amending the City of Lakewood Purchasing Policy.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-40. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution No. 1996-41 authorizing the City Manager to designate the Finance Director as the Auditing Officer.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-41. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1996-17 authorizing the execution of an employment agreement for City Manager.

Councilmember Palmas noted that the employment agreement should be changed to reflect a maximum accumulation of 40 days accrued unused combination leave may be accumulated and carried forward from one employment year to the next.

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DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH D. SCOTT ROHLFS AS CITY MANAGER. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs thanked the Council for their open communication with him as City Manager.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry announced that at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 1996, the Lakewood Mall will be held welcoming Santa. She also announced that the City's first holiday party will be held on December 6, 1996, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the former Fabricland parking lot and Lakewood Theater.

Councilmember Richardson thanked the Lakewood police on the recent arrest of the suspect who killed a nine year-old child at the McChord Gate area.

Councilmember Davis reported that the Regional Transit Authority ballot did pass and \$3.9 billion will be spent on transportation improvements over the next three years.

Councilmember Thomas thanked Bill Colglazier from Clover Park Technical College and the Clover Park Technical College students for videotaping tonight's Council meeting.

Councilmember Palmas also thanked Bill Colglazier from Clover Park Technical College and the Rainier Cable Commission for tonight's videotaping. Councilmember Palmas reminded the audience that approximately 60 percent of the budget is being allocated for public safety and only one percent of the budget is being allocated for human services needs. He also noted that the City Manager will be moving to the City of Lakewood soon.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for a status report on the Cross Base Highway recommendations. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the minutes from the last Cross Base Highway Steering Committee will be provided to the Council.

Mayor Harrison asked for the election results on the County Executive. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the last count he had received indicated that County Executive Sutherland was leading by 1,900 votes.

Mayor Harrison announced that on November 20, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., the holiday greeting from the City of Lakewood will be videotaped at City Hall.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the "Reading is Fundamental" schedule has been changed and the program will now be held at Oakwood Elementary School instead of the Lakewood Mall.

Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers for their input on the Police Chief's recommendation on the curfew. It was the consensus of the Council to bring this item for their consideration at a study session.

Mayor Harrison thanked Engineering Manager Larkin for the information on improvements that are being provided by the City of University Place on Bridgeport Way.

Mayor Harrison announced that despite the negativism in recent news articles, there are many positive aspects of Lakewood that should be emphasized.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK