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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, December 9, 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 2 - Councilmembers Colleen Henry and JosÃ© Palmas.

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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; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Chief Nik Dunbar; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Thomas by request of Mayor Harrison.

Councilmembers, staff and the audience wished Councilmember Richardson a "Happy Birthday."

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush then played a videotape of the City of Lakewood's holiday greeting.

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REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of proposed legislation regarding the redistribution of taxes by counties for juvenile detention facilities and jails. He noted that the Association of Washington Cities supports this proposed legislation.

City Manger Rohlfs reported that Bob Arndt was recently appointed to serve on the Pierce County Strategic Economic Development Plan Citizens Advisory Committee.

City Manger Rohlfs reported that he and Mayor Harrison recently met with Pierce Transit officials regarding representation on the Pierce Transit Board and ways in which Lakewood can become involved in regional

transportation issues.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that he recently received additional information on the proposed improvements to Bridgeport Way from the City of University Place.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Stewart and Goss for public defender services.

City Manager Rohlfs provided an overview on the selection process for public defender services. He explained that a Request for Proposal was let in October. Eight proposals were received. Four firms were interviewed by a review committee. The committee unanimously recommended that the firm of Stewart and Goss be selected for providing public defender services. Discussion ensued on contract costs, the firm opening a Lakewood office and methods for streamlining court proceedings for efficiencies.

Review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Chambers Creek Properties Master Site Plan.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed a proposed draft letter to the City of University Place commenting on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Chambers Creek Properties Master Site Plan. The comments included concerns relating to the relationship of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to planning documents, the phase development review, procedural agreement, costs for amending planning documents, public safety mitigation measures, traffic projections and social considerations. He noted that the letter must be submitted prior to December 19th, the comment period deadline. Discussion ensued on alternatives one, two and three of the Chambers Creek Properties Master Site Plan;

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the approval process for selection of alternatives; the impacts of curtailing mining operations on the site; trailheads in Oakbrook, a future potential for odor; security officers patrolling the area; partying and parking at trailheads; providing for emergency access to trailheads; proper lighting in the area; and potential ballfield sites.

Review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Northwest Landing Off-Site Waste Water Facilities project.

Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the proposed resolution provides for taking a formal position for the Tatsolo Point alternative as the recommended alternative for the Northwest Landing Off-Site Waste Water Facility. City Manager Rohlfs distributed a copy of a letter from the Northwest Landing Off-Site Waste Water Facilities Task Force outlining their position on the Final Environmental Impact Statement. He noted that a public meeting on the Environmental Impact Statement will be held with the Task Force on December 11, 1996. Discussion ensued on the cost for the Tatsolo Point alternative; maintenance and upgrade costs; environmental concerns of the Nisqually Tribune on the Tatsolo Point alternative; and the appeal process.

The Council recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

Review of parks maintenance options.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reported that on January 1, 1997, the City of Lakewood will be acquiring the Harry Todd Park, American Lake North Park and Marina and six neighborhood parks from Pierce County. He explained that several informal proposals were reviewed to provide parks maintenance services from Tacoma Public Utilities, Thornhill Services Incorporated, Clover Park School District and Tacoma Goodwill Industries. He noted that the fee for services ranged from \$49,000 to \$66,000. It is recommended that the City enter into an agreement with the Clover Park School District for parks maintenance services. Discussion ensued on costs for maintenance services and the 1997 budget allocation.

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Amending Section 5.02 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to general business license fees.

Finance Director Kidd distributed copies of the revised business license ordinance. He then reviewed the number of specialty business licenses issued thus far and the costs associated with processing first-time business licenses and renewal of licenses.

He noted that the proposed ordinance provides that business license renewals be \$25 and first time business licenses be \$50 annually. Discussion ensued on concerns about changing the fees when the City has not yet captured all of the businesses in Lakewood and charging a higher fee for new businesses starting up. Discussion then ensued on keeping first time business license fees to \$35 and renewals to \$25 a year.

Amending Section 5.35.070 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to massage manager licenses.

City Attorney Heid explained that the proposed amendment to the ordinance provides for an exemption to pay a business manager fee for massage businesses where the person who is the business manager is also working as a licensed massage practitioner in the same business. He noted that the proposed change does not, however, eliminate the need for obtaining a business license.

Amending Section 2.16.090 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to juror fees.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush explained that the proposed ordinance provides for an amendment to the Lakewood Municipal Code to reduce fees paid to jurors from \$20 to \$10 per day as most Pierce County courts are paying. She noted that the reduction in fees would result in a cost savings to the City of approximately \$2,100-6,400 annually if juror fees were reduced.

Items Scheduled for the December 16, 1996, Regular City Council Meeting:

- 1. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Stewart and Goss for public defender services. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)**
- 2. Review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Chambers Creek Properties Master Site Plan. - (Resolution)**

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- 3. Review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Northwest Landing Off-Site Waste Water Facilities project. - (Resolution)**
- 4. Amending Section 5.02 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to general business license fees. - (Ordinance)**
- 5. Amending Section 5.35.070 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to massage manager licenses. - (Ordinance)**
- 6. Amending Section 2.16.090 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to juror fees. - (Ordinance)**
- 7. Creating Chapter 6.14 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to exotic animal regulations. - (Ordinance)**
- 8. Creating Chapter 9.12 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to aggressive begging. - (Ordinance)**

Discussion ensued about whether tarantulas were considered to be exotic animals.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manger Rohlfs requested an Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas announced that the Lakes High School Choir will be making a presentation on Friday, December 13, 1996. She indicated that she will be providing Council with copies on the McNeil Island Corrections Center Community Advisory Mission Statement.

Council Member Richardson announced that he attended the orientation meeting of the Safe Streets Board of Directors.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commended City staff and citizens who organized the first City Christmas festivities. She announced that there will be an open house of the McChord Gate Community Center and Councilmembers should have received a flyer about this opening.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she recently attended a citizens' advisory board meeting on Community Development Block Grant funding. She explained that the advisory board was divided up into subcommittees and she will be serving on the physical improvement subcommittee to review grant applications that are submitted for funding.

Mayor Harrison requested that staff keep the Council informed on the Lake Steilacoom issue. He also requested that staff look into what the city could do to help the Tillicum Community Center come up with \$8,000 to help fund their center.

Mayor Harrison commented on the thanks he had received for the installation of streetlights in the Woodbrook area.

Mayor Harrison announced that there will be a Pierce County hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. to review the City's agreement on surface water management.

Mayor Harrison announced that there will be a luncheon for Pierce County Councilmembers Dennis Flannigan, Bill Stoner, and Sally Walker.

Mayor Harrison announced that a letter was sent to Tony Vail and the Lakewood Mall indicating Council's support to locate a major retailer (J C Penney) in the Lakewood Mall.

Mayor Harrison announced that Merrill Lynch has been offering seniors with free long distance calls. He suggested that next year perhaps the City could bus Lakewood seniors to Merrill Lynch in order to provide them an opportunity to take advantage of Merrill Lynch's offer.

Mayor Harrison expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Henry, City staff Lesa Newman and the Events Ad Hoc Committee for a very well-done first Christmas tree lighting event.

Mayor Harrison announced that a public forum will be held on December 11, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., at Pierce College to discuss the Northwest Landing Sewer Environmental Impact Statement project.

Mayor Harrison reported that the "Keep Lakewood Beautiful" Committee had a ground breaking ceremony at Gravelly Lake Drive and Washington Boulevard. He noted that it is the Beautification Committee's goal to have two of the triangles completed by February 28, 1997.

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Mayor Harrison announced that he, Deputy Mayor Thomas and City Manager Rohlfs had the joyous opportunity to ride in the Tacoma Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 8, 1996.

Mayor Harrison announced that there will be a new Commanding General at Fort Lewis.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the meeting with he, Community Development Director Bugher and the Lakewood Area Shelter Association went very well.

Mayor Harrison requested that a meeting be set up with the 28th District Congressional Legislation between the 2nd and 14th of January 1997.

Mayor Harrison requested that Councilmembers note on their calendars that the first Lakewood "Run the Prairie" run will be held on April 26, 1997.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Tillicum Community Center will be holding a Christmas dinner on Friday, December 13, 1996, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Harrison recessed to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

The Council recessed at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened at 11:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC
CITY CLERK