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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 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: 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 Rob Masko; 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 Wil Dempsey by request of Mayor Harrison.

Corrected Mayor Harrison announced that Colonel Doug Richardson is now the Commander 1-6-97 of a battalion of the 91st Division on Ft. Lewis and congratulated him.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the McChord Gate Community Center ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 19, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed a copy of the letter confirming the agreement between Pierce County and the City on splitting the jail billing costs for the months of February, March and April 1996. The letter also confirmed the agreement regarding 1996 police overtime charges in excess of the police contract. In 1997 the overtime hours will be tracked and monitored and billed accordingly.

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City Manager Rohlfs then displayed a bronze plaque listing the names of the first City Council and the first City staff that is to be mounted at City Hall.

City Manager Rohlfs thanked Councilmembers for attending the City's Christmas party on Sunday, December 15,

1996.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will consider Resolution No. 1996-45 at this time.

[Resolution No. 1996-45](#) thanking Pierce County Council Chairperson Sally Walker for her service to the City of Lakewood and Pierce County.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-45. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Proclamation declaring December 1996 as *Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month*.

Mayor Harrison proclaimed the month of December 1996 as *Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month* and presented the proclamation to Police Lieutenant Rob Masko and Deputy Gene Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Jack Gamble, 7010 Turquoise Drive, Northwest Landing Off-Site Facilities Task Force, spoke in favor of the Tatsolo Point alternative for the Northwest Landing Off-Site Waste Water Facility.

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Ray Walsh, 8402 121st Street SW, spoke about the taking and dumping of yard sale signs. He requested a response on why he received a citation for expired auto license tabs on a vehicle that was parked on private property.

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Jim Senko, 10919 101st Avenue SW, spoke about the need for curbs and sidewalks around schools for safety reasons. He also expressed support for the Tatsolo Point alternative and keeping the density of homes to four homes per acre.

Jack McNall, 100th Avenue, Seventh Addition, Oakbrook, spoke in support of the Tatsolo Point alternative for the Northwest Landing Off-Site Waste Water Facility.

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Kris Koffman, 12228 Nyanza Road SW, displayed a cost summary comparison between the Chambers Creek and Tatsolo Point alternatives.

Joe Scorcio, 9116 Gravelly Lake Drive, indicated that he was in attendance to answer any questions that the Council may have on the Chambers Creek Master Site Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

J. B. Layne, Lakewood resident, commended the Council for supporting the Hearing Examiner's decision on the Lake Louise development.

Brian Wolf, 9908 Meadow Road, spoke about business licenses; the timing of business licenses; the need to have a better mixture of senior and junior police officers in the department for cost-savings; establishing a procurement process to obtain Lakewood vendors; relocation of City Hall to Pacific Highway; Boeing leasing executives to help the City; seeking grant monies from Intel for police service issues; and the City purchasing close-ended technology for information systems.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 2, 1996.**
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of December 9, 1996.**
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$105,938.25 for the period November 16-30, 1996.**
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$61,999.54 for the period ending December 11, 1996.**
- E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**
 - 1. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes, October 22, 1996.**
 - 2. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes, November 6, 1996.**
- F. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Stewart and Goss for public defender services.**

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

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Mr. Scott Stewart of Stewart and Goss thanked the Council for the opportunity to work with the City to provide public defender services.

Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 104](#) amending Section 2.16.090 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to juror fees.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 104. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 105](#) creating Chapter 6.14 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to exotic animal regulations.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 105. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 106](#) creating Chapter 9.12 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to aggressive begging.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 106. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 107](#) amending Section 5.35.070 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to massage manager licenses.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 107. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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[Ordinance No. 108](#) amending Section 5.02 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to general business license fees.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 108. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 - DAVIS, PALMAS, THOMAS, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS AND MAYOR HARRISON.

NAYS: 2 - HENRY AND RICHARDSON.

THE ORDINANCE NO. 108 WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1996-43](#) authorizing the submission of comments to the City of University Place on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Chambers Creek Properties Master Site Plan.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-43. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Resolution No. 1996-44](#) expressing the City of Lakewood's position to support the Tatsolo Point alternative for the Northwest Landing Off-Site Waste Water Facilities project.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1996-44. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Richardson commented on the Lakewood Journal article regarding the Lakewood Water District selling water to Steilacoom. He asked for a report on what the impacts of selling water to Steilacoom and Ft. Lewis would have on Lakewood residents.

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Councilmember Richardson questioned the 1997 budget allocation for police overtime. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that monies were budgeted for overtime in two categories and one of those categories was for special overtime hours in the amount of \$100,000.

Councilmember Richardson asked if the Pierce County Council passed an impact fee for parks. He also questioned whether some of the impact fees can be made available for regional parks such as Ft. Steilacoom and the Old Settlers Park. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that he would look into this matter and report back to the Council.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that staff submitted Community Development Block Grant applications to the Pierce County Consortium for funding human services projects in the amount of \$195,290. Applications were also submitted for physical improvements in the amount of approximately \$1,282,000.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that a request has been made to the landlords of the City Hall facility for an additional 5,000 square feet. The landlords indicated that they could provide the space and staff is working with their agent to see if something can be worked out. He noted that there are three options; 1) work an arrangement with the current landlords; 2) if they could not meet the City's needs, City staff would split its operation to the old Washington Mutual site or the Greater Lakes Mental Health Center which would more than likely become available sometime in April; or 3)

the City may choose to exercise the escape clause in the current contract and try to find another facility with approximately 14,000 to 15,000 square feet to accommodate all City staff.

In terms of long-range planning for a City Hall, City Manager Rohlf indicated that the Council may wish to consider establishing a citizens' ad hoc committee to look into leasing versus purchasing a City Hall as well as look at the parameters of defining a City center for a City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry shared some pictures of children playing with the toys made by McNeil Island inmates that were given to them at the City's first Christmas tree lighting party. She noted that the Events Ad Hoc Committee has agreed to help with the City's volunteer recognition event. She asked for Council input on any ideas for the upcoming City birthday celebration. Councilmember Henry then announced that on January 6, 1997, a blue ribbon and open house ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Lakewood Mall for the opening of the Office Depot. Councilmember Henry then commented on the National League of Cities Conference she recently attended in San Antonio, Texas.

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Councilmember Davis reported that she and Mayor Harrison attended a regional meeting for newly elected councilmembers. She also announced that the Regional Transit Authority received election results from the three counties. She noted that in the 28th District, the number of "yes" votes for the Regional Transit proposal passed by 55 percent.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he has enjoyed working with City staff and fellow Councilmembers. He thanked members of the audience for coming to the Council meetings and wished everyone a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Councilmember Thomas indicated that she and Mayor Harrison had the pleasure of attending the first Lakes High School Choir gala. She requested that a good will ambassador letter be sent to the Lakes High School Choir for representing the City and the School District at a national choir event.

Councilmember Palmas highlighted some of the discussions at the National League of Cities Conference that he attended in San Antonio, Texas. He indicated that there were several discussions concerning demassification of society to niche marketing to one-to-one marketing. He also commented on customization; business-city partnerships; demographics changes; involvement with Federal block grants; telecommunications act; and city manager/council relationships.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that she was impressed that the Municipal Court case filings were going down. She wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mayor Harrison reported that he was pleased to see that the School District is working with Okinawa City on a student exchange program.

Mayor Harrison commented on the short planning course he attended last week and expressed his appreciation for the work the City's planning staff has been doing.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he met with Congressman Norm Dicks and discussed Lakewood's position on the Cross Base Highway project.

He also commented that the Tillicum Community Center Christmas party held last week was a heart-warming event.

Mayor Harrison also commended staff for the well-done City Christmas party that was held on Sunday, December 15, 1996.

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Mayor Harrison announced that there will be no Council meetings on December 23 and 30, 1996.

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

Council recessed at 10:25 p.m. and reconvened at 10:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK