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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 1997

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 7:05 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 Chief Nik Dunbar; 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 Councilmember Davis.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Bob Arndt, Jim Taylor and Andy Neiditz were appointed to the Pierce County Strategic Economic Development Board.

He then announced that the Greater Pierce County Community Network received \$50,000 out of a request of \$83,000. Human Resources Administrator Young indicated that the funds would be used for a tutoring and mentoring program for at-risk youth.

City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's input on the draft City newsletter provided to Council earlier. Councilmember Palmas suggested that the City's e-mail address be listed in the newsletter. Councilmember Henry suggested that copies be made available at the City birthday celebration and at the Chamber of Commerce.

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City Manager Rohlfs then asked for Council's input on the two draft versions of the customer survey that were provided the Council earlier. Councilmembers preferred draft survey No. 2.

Mayor Harrison indicated that City staff birthdays in January all happened last week. On behalf of the City Council, he wished Dan Heid, Juli Neher, Chrishendra Thompson and Dave Bugher a happy birthday,

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring January 17, 1997, as *Boys and Girls Clubs of Pierce County Lakewood Branch Commemoration Day*.

Mayor Harrison proclaimed January 17, 1997, as *Boys and Girls Clubs of Pierce County Lakewood Branch Commemoration Day* and presented the proclamation to Mr. Don Greenleaf.

Proclamation declaring January 20, 1997, as *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*.

Mayor Harrison proclaimed January 20, 1997, as *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*. Councilmember Palmas requested that the proclamation be sent to the NAACP, Tom Dixon of the Tacoma Urban League, and the chair of the City of Tacoma Human Rights Commission.

Land Use Inventory Update.

Principal Planner Blaylock reported that staff is working on a citizen participation model and overall flow chart. He reported that 25 percent of assessed values seem to be in multi-family housing which makes up only five percent of the land area.

Mayor Harrison requested that the Council consider the juvenile and curfew presentation at this time.

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Briefing on Juvenile and Curfew Issues.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz introduced Mr. Dan Erker from Pierce County Juvenile Court who spoke on juvenile justice issues. He indicated that one-third of the gang population comes from Lakewood. He then explained that collaboration, decentralization of services and community involvement were important in developing and implementing a curfew.

Iris Urban, Youth Advisor to the Council, spoke about juvenile concerns in the Hudtloff area and expressed concern about changing the proposed curfew ordinance from 12:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. She also expressed concern that there were not enough public places for teens to go to. She also expressed the need for a skateboard park.

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Briefing on Noxious Weed Control.

Mr. Thomas Bertram, Coordinator of the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board, described the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control program and reviewed the classes of noxious weeds.

Discussion ensued on controlling blackberries which make up a good portion of noxious weeds in Lakewood.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Amending Sections 8.40.020 and 8.52.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to uncontrolled weeds and

property maintenance requirements.

City Attorney Heid explained that the proposed ordinance includes a 15" height limitation and variance provisions. The ordinance also addresses property maintenance requirements to include the area of the public right-of-way adjacent to and between the property being in possession of the right-of-way. Discussion ensued on when vegetation such as blackberries would become a fire hazard; property maintenance requirements; the agricultural and rural character of the property; strategy in dealing with absentee owners; and adding a sunset clause to the ordinance.

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Creating Chapter 9.24 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to establishing a curfew in the City of Lakewood.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance and indicated that the curfew ordinance would be a tool for police to protect minors from potential dangers. Discussion ensued on youth crime statistics; definition of custody and control of the juvenile if accompanied by a person over 18 years old; the need for a curfew ordinance; parental responsibility; and the need for a companion component to the ordinance. Council requested that a public hearing be held on the proposed curfew ordinance.

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County for emergency management services.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz explained that State law requires cities to have an emergency management program. Staff is recommending that the City contract with Pierce County for said services. Mr. Bill Lokey, Pierce County Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke about the services that Pierce County would provide to make Lakewood better prepared to handle emergency disasters. Discussion issued on how coordination efforts between Pierce County Emergency Management and Lakewood will work; and training citizens to prepare for disasters. Council requested that Emergency Preparedness training be provided at the next Council retreat.

Creating a policy and procedure for naming and renaming of City parks and facilities.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed resolution for the naming and renaming of City parks and facilities. He then distributed copies of a revised resolution that corrected a few typographical errors.

Fixing the compensation for the Mayor and City Councilmembers.

City Manager Rohlf reviewed the proposed ordinance fixing the compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers which would become effective January 1, 1998. He then reviewed salary comparisons from cities surrounding Lakewood and cities with Council-Manager forms of government published through the Association of Washington Cities. Based on these findings and comparisons, staff is recommending \$700 per month for Councilmembers and \$900 for the Mayor.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 21, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending Sections 8.40.020 and 8.52.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to uncontrolled weeds and property maintenance requirements. - (Ordinance)

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2. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County for emergency management services. - (Motion)

3. Creating a policy and procedure for naming and renaming of City parks and facilities. - (Resolution)

4. Fixing the compensation for the Mayor and City Councilmembers. - (Ordinance)

5. City Hall office space lease. - (Memorandum)

6. Extending the moratorium on adult entertainment businesses in the City of Lakewood through August 28, 1997, and conducting a public hearing by the City Council on Tuesday, January 21, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m., relative to

said moratorium. - (Ordinance)

7. Codifying Ordinance No. 26 as Chapter 10.04 of the Lakewood Municipal Code and creating a new Section 10.04.030 relative to the Traffic Code. - (Ordinance)

Council recessed at 10:45 p.m. and reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a report on noise impacts to equestrian facilities in the American Lake Gardens area.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a newsletter article by the City of University Place on their study on whether to lease or purchase their City Hall.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of proposed legislative language on the allocation of statewide revenues for cities who abut military bases and are impacted by military bases.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the City responded to 1,061 calls during the recent storm.

City Manager Rohlfs requested Council's consideration to support a proposed gas tax increase to help fund State and local transportation issues and lend support to the 28th Legislative District for such legislation.

City Manager Rohlfs requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas reported that she received several complaints about yellow and green signs on the freeway on and off ramps in the vicinity of Gravelly Lake Drive and Tillicum.

Councilmember Thomas reported that citizens in the American Lake Gardens area have formed a coalition to become a better informed citizenry, to help themselves, and to work in conjunction with the City.

Councilmember Thomas reported that she received many positive comments on the storm clean-up program. She did express concern about ensuring that the site at 112th Street that is currently being used for citizens to take storm debris, be put back in its original state after all of the storm debris is removed.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that the Hidden Lake Apartments is still affected by flooding. She indicated that a senior citizen who had evacuated her apartment because of flooding is still waiting for the flooding in her apartment to be cleaned up.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that February 14th, Valentine's Day, was just around the corner and to prepare staff to begin work to prevent carpetbaggers from coming into Lakewood.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that a youth forum will be held on February 28, 1997, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Lakewood Mall. The topic of discussion will be STDs and teenage pregnancy.

Deputy Mayor Thomas expressed her excitement about the Lakewood Beautification Committee's project on Gravelly Lake Drive. She expressed concern about being able to protect the work that they had done.

Deputy Mayor Thomas also indicated that she received many positive comments about streetlighting that is going up in the City.

Mayor Harrison reported that he received a couple of criticisms on the Lakewood Beautification project at Gravelly Lake Drive. He indicated that when you're heading toward the Water District on Gravelly Lake Drive and veer right,

there is a blind spot caused by a mound at the Beautification project site.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Pierce County Regional Council annual meeting will be held on January 23, 1997, instead of January 16th as he reported last week, at Steilacoom City Hall.

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Mayor Harrison requested Councilmembers to check their calendars on their availability of holding a potluck with the City of University Place on February 3, 5, 10, 12 and 26 or March 3, 5, 10 and 12, 1997. He requested that Councilmembers let staff know which dates are most convenient for them.

Mayor Harrison recessed to executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Council recessed at 11:15 p.m. and reconvened at 11:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK