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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 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 7:01 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; 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 Jim Senko by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that there were additional problems at Club Nubian over the weekend. He explained that City staff met with Club Nubian and they have expressed a willingness to work with the City as a condition of their business license.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that next week's Council Study Session of January 27, 1997, will begin at 6:00 p.m. He noted that legislators from the 28th District, Health Department and the Department of Ecology have been invited to attend the meeting to hear the discussion on Lake Steilacoom. Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that a representative from the Association of Washington Cities be invited as well.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Planning Advisory Board will be holding two public hearings at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The hearings will be on the sign code revisions and rezoning issues on Ft. Steilacoom Park.

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Mayor Harrison asked if there was a shooting over the weekend at the DJ Club. Mayor Harrison asked if the City could

look at the zoning around this area.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisor Report

Ms. Urban announced that there will be a Youth Forum on February 28, 1997, at the Lakewood Mall to discuss STDs and teen pregnancy.

Ms. Urban indicated that it was her opinion that youths did not need a curfew.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Chuck Gordon, 7504 88th Avenue SW, spoke about salary compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers and the leasing of space at People's Plaza.

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Mike Cooper, 9610 Veterans Drive SW, spoke about the need for a skateboard park.

Gino Garibaldi, Ft. Lewis resident, spoke about the need for a skateboard park and indicated that a curfew was not needed.

Shane Penny, 12515 Edgewood Drive, spoke about the need for a skateboard park.

Tyler Morse, 9325 114th Street SW, spoke about the need for a skateboard park.

Ryan Blevins, 10714 110th Avenue SW, spoke about building a skateboard park at the Lakewood Mall or Ft. Steilacoom Park, and the possibilities of placing a skateboard park and dance hall at the old Ernst building at the Lakewood Mall.

Michael Blevins, 10714 110th Avenue SW, spoke about the need for rollerblade and skateboard parks.

Dale Jensen, 5225 SW Fairview, spoke about the crime situation at Club Nubian.

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Shannon Vaughn, 5215 San Francisco, spoke about the frightening situation at Club Nubian.

Connie Craig, Lakewood Resident, spoke about the fighting at Club Nubian.

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Iris Urban, Lakewood resident, asked the Council to let her know if a youth committee should be established to work on a skateboard park.

Jeff Vaughn, 5215 San Francisco, indicated that it was his opinion that having off-duty officers at Club Nubian won't do anything, because on-duty officers don't do anything.

Mark Christian, 885 Trenton Avenue, spoke about putting a skateboard park at Club Nubian.

Council recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 6, 1997.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the joint meeting of the City Council and Washington State 28th District Legislators of January 6, 1997.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of January 13, 1997.
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$186,272.37 for the period ending January 14, 1997.
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$118,564.95 for the period ending January 15, 1997.
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes, December 4, 1996.
- G. Motion No. 1997-1
Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County for emergency management services.
- H. Resolution No. 1997-2
Creating a policy and procedure for naming and renaming of City parks and facilities.
- I. Ordinance No. 109
Fixing the compensation for the Mayor and City Councilmembers.
- J. Ordinance No. 110
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.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed extension of the moratorium on adult entertainment businesses in the City of Lakewood through August 28, 1997.

Speaking before the Council were:

Tom Van Houte, Glenwood Drive SW, spoke about the need for the Adult Entertainment Task Force to have more time to study the issues and gather information to come up with a recommendation for the Council.

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The hearing was declared closed.

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 111](#) extending the moratorium on adult entertainment businesses in the City of Lakewood through August 28, 1997.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 111. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 112](#) amending Sections 8.40.020 and 8.52.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to uncontrolled weeds and property maintenance requirements.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 112. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS HENRY AND RICHARDSON VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Palmas asked if the City will be putting together a telecommunications ordinance. City Attorney Heid indicated that staff is working on drafting an ordinance for Council's consideration.

Councilmember Richardson commented that the City should support the Clover Park School District on their lobbying efforts to maintain the District's revenue source with regard to the Steilacoom School District issue.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a proposed make-up of an ad hoc committee to study a City Hall facility.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Planning Advisory Board public hearings on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, will be held at 6:30 p.m. and not at 6:00 p.m. as he announced earlier.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of proposed legislation on State Shared Revenues which will be sent to the 28th District Legislators along with crime statistics and economic data.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that there have been volunteer efforts in Pierce County to help the elderly with storm debris pick-up. He commented that staff will also be looking at putting together a similar volunteer effort to help with the Lakewood debris pick-up program.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that two wireless lapel microphones and a gooseneck for the citizens' podium are on order.

City Manager Rohlfs noted that staff is looking at placing items for discussion on the City Council Study Session agenda that require substantial deliberation. Items that are non-controversial will be recommended to be placed on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Harrison explained that Council Rules provides the Council with the liberty to remove items from the Consent Agenda for further discussion if Council desired.

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City Manager Rohlfs requested that the Council provide him with their position with regard to supporting a gas tax increase for transportation funding.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry requested Council to reserve Saturday, July 12, 1997, as a date to help welcome a Vietnam Memorial replica to Lakewood.

Councilmember Henry questioned what the criteria was for the \$5,000 allocation that was set aside for streetlights.

Councilmember Davis called on Mr. Jim Taylor who reported on the inter-city railroad meeting he attended. Mr. Taylor pointed out that in his discussions with the AMTRAK representatives at the meeting, he asked how the tracks would impact the Cross Base Highway at Thornewood Lane. Mr. Taylor indicated that the AMTRAK representatives were unaware of the Cross Base Highway project.

Councilmember Richardson asked for clarification of when the sewer meeting was going to be held. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the sewer meeting will be held on January 29, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at Pierce College.

Councilmember Richardson asked if it was possible to build a fence along the parking area surrounding Club Nubian.

Councilmember Thomas reported on an incident which was brought to her attention by several citizens who requested that she inform the rest of the Council. She explained that the incident involved a truck that was stolen between 11:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. one night. The truck was later found at Ft. Steilacoom Park and inside the truck was the owner's identification. She explained that finally the owners of the truck called 911 and were told that the truck had been found and was towed to University Place. She explained that the owners were frustrated as to why no one called their home when identification was first found in the truck, and for that matter, why no one called to check to see if they were in potential danger. These citizens felt that they were being "brushed off."

Councilmember Palmas asked if parking was a permitted use in the Club Nubian parking lot.

Mayor Harrison noted that Councilmembers should have received a listing of topics that the Association of Washington Cities would like Councilmembers to testify on. He requested that Councilmembers please let staff know which areas they are interested in.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Pierce County Regional Council annual meeting will be held on January 23, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at Steilacoom.

Mayor Harrison suggested that the Boys and Girls Club and the Clover Park School District and church youth groups through Associated Ministries be contacted to see if they may be interested in helping the elderly with picking up storm debris.

Mayor Harrison asked what the status was for Pierce County to be designated as a Federal disaster area. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that Pierce County Emergency Management Office has the City of Lakewood's application for FEMA damages and that Pierce County will soon be designated as a Federal disaster area.

Mayor Harrison requested City staff to investigate the feasibility of constructing a skateboard park.

Mayor Harrison indicated that Councilmembers should have received a letter from J C Penney indicating that they will not be locating to Lakewood because of the close proximity of the J C Penney at Tacoma Mall.

Mayor Harrison stressed the importance for the City to take extraordinary action in curtailing the activities at Club Nubian on an expeditious basis.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess to Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

The Council recessed at 10:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK