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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, January 27, 1997**

**City of Lakewood**

**City Council Chambers**

**9315 Gravelly Lake Drive SW**

**Lakewood, WA 98499**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 3 - Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Colleen Henry and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Absent: 3 - Mayor Bill Harrison arrived at 6:10 p.m.; Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas arrived at 6:15 p.m. and Councilmember Doug Richardson arrived at 6:05 p.m.

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Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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 Lt. Eileen Bisson; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Herb Dayton by request of Deputy Mayor Thomas.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of House Bill 1343 concerning the placement of restrictions on lobbying activities by tax-supported entities.

He then distributed copies of a letter from Master Builders Association in response to construction in MSF zones.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the final City newsletter, called *City Connections*.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported that Club Nubian's manager did come into City Hall to pay for their business license and for two additional police officers to patrol the club over the weekend. Deputy City Manager Neiditz reported that there was a citywide emphasis on night club establishments over the weekend by Lakewood Police to ensure all establishments were receiving equitable treatment.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Briefing on Lake Steilacoom Issues,**

**Mr. Terry McNabb, Resource Management, Inc., presented information on various lake weeds and how they grow.**

**Mr. Herb Dayton, Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club, expressed concern about noxious weed growth in Lake Steilacoom and provided a slide presentation of Lake Steilacoom during the algae growth in 1994. Mr. Dayton explained that the cost for contracting to harvest the Lake would be approximately \$500,000. He explained that the State agencies would like to see the Lake Health Plan establish a framework that gives local governments the lead role, to balance in-lake and watershed needs and mitigate short-term problems while pursuing long-term remedies to underlying causes. The State plan provides for local governments to take the lead role in planning, prevention and education. He explained that the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club's legislative proposal includes removing the Department of Ecology from the aquatic weed management business. Also the Lakes Districts would have the authority to spend the voluntary assessed funds for algae and weed treatment, water quality, storm water diversion and treatment, water safety, funding law enforcement and other things that the Lakes Management Districts fund. Discussion ensued on the proposed Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club legislation; the intent of the Department of Ecology to treat Lake Steilacoom; and the cost for mechanical weed harvesting. Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club requested Council's support of their proposed legislation.**

**Mr. Ray Hannowell, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, described the Health Department's role at Lake Steilacoom. He explained that a plan was developed to control nutrients in the Lake. He indicated that copper sulfate has been used to control the algae, however, the high content of copper sulfate can be toxic to aquatic organisms. The Health Department then took the approach to control the nutrients. The study found that the high levels and concentration of phosphates in Lake Steilacoom were coming from Ponce De Leon. The Health Department recommends working toward a long-term plan and the use of copper sulfate for the short-term plan.**

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**Mr. Bill Backous, Department of Ecology, spoke about the complexity of the treatment of chemicals in the Lake. The Department of Ecology is working toward finding a balance between controlling weeds and sustaining salmon at the watersheds. He explained that the Department of Ecology has not accepted the Lake Management Plan and is looking at using a copper element in the short-term plan.**

**Mr. Dave Williams, Association of Washington Cities, expressed his appreciation for having heard the discussion on Lake Steilacoom. He commented that the Association of Washington Cities is sensitive to the concerns cities have in working with several agencies and can appreciate the levels of frustration. He noted that there will be a watershed legislation introduced primarily concerning water quality.**

**Mayor Harrison requested that the City communicate with the new director of the Department of Ecology on the City's position on the Lake Steilacoom issue and that a copy be sent to the Association of Washington Cities and the 28th District legislators.**

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**Mayor Harrison read a letter from St. Francis Cabrini School thanking the City Council for all that they have done for the community. He then shared the baked cookies from the students of St. Francis Cabrini.**

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**Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.**

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**Briefing on Western State Hospital plans and issues.**

**Mr. Bob Fitzsimmons, Chief Operating Officer of Western State Hospital, reviewed the leases on the land at Western**

State Hospital and provided a history of the capital improvements that were made to the hospital. He then reviewed the proposed the Master Plan of the hospital and described the plans for improvement. He noted that the legal offender project is being proposed to the State for consideration. He then reviewed the proposed changes to the Ft. Steilacoom Golf Course.

**Briefing on the I-5/SR-512 Interchange.**

Engineering Manager Larkin introduced Karl Winterstein, Senior Project Manager from Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Quade and Douglas, Inc., who summarized the alternatives being studied for the I-5/SR-512 interchange. He then reviewed the purpose of the project which is to increase safety through improved

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operational characteristics; and to enhance the mobility of people, goods and services. He then reviewed the schedule for construction. The preliminary design is scheduled for completion in July 1997, right-of-way acquisition in 1998 and completion of the SR-512 interchange in August 2002. He noted that the project is not funded beyond June 30, 1997.

Mr. Neal Campbell, Engineer from the Washington State Department of Transportation, reviewed the project goals for the SR-512 interchange. He then reviewed the four alternatives. They are: no build; extend the collector-distributor to the north; expand the interchange to 108th Street; and expand the interchange to 100th Street. He indicated that the SR-512/100th Street interchange appeared to provide the most benefits. He then reviewed the list of businesses that might be displaced and impacted.

**Overview of Local Improvement Districts (L.I.D.).**

**This presentation was rescheduled to the February 10, 1997, Council Study Session.**

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**Mayor Harrison requested that the Council consider the agreement with Safe Streets at this time.**

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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Safe Streets.**

Deputy City Manager Neiditz introduced Priscilla Lisicich, Safe Streets Director, who reviewed the services that would be provided to the City of Lakewood in the proposed 1997 contract.

**Amending Chapter 18.45 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to signs.**

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the process that was used in developing the proposed amendments to the sign ordinance. Discussion ensued on the use of "A" frame signs; temporary signs; code enforcement; administrative variances; and pole signs.

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**Creating Chapter 18.15 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to caretaker homes and amending Chapter 18.25 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to zone classifications for open space and recreational facilities.**

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed zoning classifications for open space and recreational facilities as it specifically related to Ft. Steilacoom Golf Course, Ft. Steilacoom Park and one-half of the lease site of Pierce College, Harry Todd Park, North American Lake Park, the wildlife area along Phillips Road and the Flett Dairy wetlands north of Steilacoom Boulevard and east of Lakewood Drive. Discussion ensued on how the proposed ordinance would impact the changes being proposed for the Ft. Steilacoom Golf Course as identified by Western State Hospital. Council suggested an OSR designation along Chambers Creek be included in the proposed

ordinance.

**Creating Section 9.62.020 of the Lakewood Municipal Code and amending Section 9.62.900 relative to the tattooing and piercing of body parts of minors without parental consent.**

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding the tattooing and piercing of ears and body parts of minors without parental consent.

Discussion ensued on conducting a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Council agreed to remove the item from the Consent Agenda and place it on the Regular Agenda to provide an opportunity for public comment.

Urban Growth Boundaries appeal considerations.

City Attorney Heid explained that it is staff's recommendation not to appeal the Pierce County Council's decision to not include McChord Air Force Base, Ft. Lewis and parts of the Parkland-Spanaway area into the City's Urban Growth Boundary. He pointed out the reasons for not appealing at this time. Council concurred not to file an appeal of the Pierce County Council's decision.

#### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 3, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

- 1. Amending Chapter 18.45 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to signs. - (Ordinance)**
- 2. Creating Chapter 18.15 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to caretaker homes and amending Chapter 18.25 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to zone classifications for open space and recreational facilities. - (Ordinance-Consent Agenda)**
- 3. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Safe Streets. - (Motion-Consent Agenda)**

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- 4. Creating Section 9.62.020 of the Lakewood Municipal Code and amending Section 9.62.900 relative to the tattooing and piercing of body parts of minors without parental consent. - (Ordinance-Consent Agenda)**
- 5. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County for court transport services. - (Motion-Consent Agenda)**
- 6. Nominations to the Economic Development Advisory Board. - (Appointments)**

Mayor Harrison announced that Item Nos. 2 and 4 will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

Mayor Harrison reminded Councilmembers to provide him with their recommendations on filling the vacancy on the Economic Development Advisory Board.

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs called on Police Lt. Eileen Bisson who reported on the weekend activities at Club Nubian. She explained that on Friday night, January 24, 1997, four officers were assigned to the parking lot at Club Nubian. Two other bicycle officers were assigned around the club's area. She explained that it was her understanding that the problems arose from people hanging around the club's parking lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. On Saturday night, two traffic officers were used instead of bicycle officers. Lt. Bisson reported that approximately 80-100 cars were in the parking lot on Friday night and on Saturday night there were approximately 140-150 cars. She noted that on Friday night there was one arrest for alcohol and one field interview. She also indicated that the fire occupancy load of the club did go over the permitted occupancy load. She then reported on the activities at the other night clubs that officers patrolled. Discussion ensued on patrolling the Club Nubian this coming weekend; and fire occupancy limits. City Manger Rohlfs indicated that staff will be discussing the issue of capacity with Club Nubian, the conditions of their business license and reviewing the cabaret activities taking place at the club.

Mayor Harrison requested staff to provide a report on the type of business license issued to the following clubs as well as describe what type of activities are permitted with these licenses: Torch Lite, Polo Lounge (Lakewood Bar and

Grill), DJ's, Golden Eagles, Abadaba, Charlie Chan and Schooner.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked if Lakewood would benefit from FEMA and how. City Manager Rohlf's replied that the City will be able to apply for funding under the Federal program for damages incurred from the storm.

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Mayor Harrison requested that staff coordinate with the 28th District State legislators regarding the City's letter to the Department of Ecology on the Lake Steilacoom issue.

Mayor Harrison requested Councilmembers to provide City Manager Rohlf's with their comments concerning the letter from Master Builders Association which was distributed earlier tonight.

Councilmember Palmas requested that the Congressional delegation be made aware of the proposed alternatives to the I-5/SR-512 interchange project.

Mayor Harrison noted that Representatives Carrell and Talcott are sponsors of House Bill 1343. He requested that Councilmembers discuss any concerns they may have about the House Bill with City Manager Rohlf's.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**