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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, February 10, 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 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Colleen Henry; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of Senate Bill 5598 on the allocation of revenues for cities who abut military bases as proposed by Senator Winsley. He indicated that there may be a hearing on this Bill as soon as Thursday, February 13, 1997, in the Ways and Means Committee. He requested that one or two Councilmembers join City staff at this hearing.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that he and City Attorney Heid attended the hearing on House Bill 5212. Mayor Harrison indicated that House Bill 5212 did pass Committee.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported that the final 1997 Budget will be available by February 28, 1997, for the City's birthday celebration. He distributed copies of the City Manager's budget message which will be incorporated in the 1997 Budget.

City Manager Rohlfs thanked Powerscourt, the City's computer consultant, for providing the necessary equipment and expertise for the City to participate in the Okinawa City/American International Exchange Festival using a video camera link.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the City is in the process of having a wooden seal made for the Council Chambers. He noted that photographs of carvings done by the artist who will be preparing the City seal are available for Council's

viewing. He requested that Councilmembers let General Services Director Bush know what they think about having a hand-carved wooden seal made.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that next week's meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 1997, because of the President's Day holiday on Monday. He indicated that City Attorney Heid will be conducting next week's meeting.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Introduction of Mark French, Interim Pierce County Sheriff.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz introduced Mark French, Interim Pierce County Sheriff. Interim Sheriff French made a few comments and Councilmembers welcomed him to the City of Lakewood.

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

Engineering Manager Larkin provided an overview of the proposed Local Improvement District process. Discussion ensued on the Council's role in the appeal process; financing alternatives through the use of bonds; and actual L.I.D. experiences of other cities.

Debriefing on the storm.

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the problems that occurred during the December 1996 winter storm. He indicated that the Pierce County Office of Emergency Management, Pierce County Public Works and Lakewood Fire District will work on better coordination of communication to prepare for the next disaster.

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Engineering Manager Larkin explained that there is at least two more weeks of storm debris pickup left to do.

Discussion ensued on Councilmembers helping during a disaster; the amount of time it will take to pick up all of the storm debris; and recognizing the willingness of property owners on 112th Street next to the Police precinct for the use of their property for storing storm debris.

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Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Confirming the appointment of members to the Ad Hoc Committee on City Hall space.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the following individuals are being proposed to initially serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for City Hall space:

#### **Category Representative**

#### **Representative**

At Large-Business Oattie Ladd

Banking/Finance Bill Philip

Real Estate Paul Reeder

Architectural/Engineering Ed Starbird

At Large-Citizen Ash White

**Ex-officio-appointed by the respective Board**

-appointed by the respective Board

Planning Advisory Board Steve Lawson

Charles Hinds, Alternate

Economic Development Advisory Board Kurt Graff

Councilmembers concurred with the names submitted.

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Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce County for street and drainage maintenance. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

Engineering Manager Larkin distributed copies of the proposed amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce County for road and traffic maintenance services. He reviewed the amendments to the agreement and noted that the agreement is proposed to be extended to February 28, 1999.

Discussion ensued on sewer grates that were stolen in the Tillicum area; using McNeil Island inmates for clean-up crews; and the 30 percent overhead administrative costs that are included in the proposed contract.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 18, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce County for street and drainage maintenance. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
2. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on establishing a curfew in the City of Lakewood.
3. Amending Section 9.46.900 of the Lakewood Municipal Code by adopting by reference Revised Code of Washington Section 66.24.481 relative to liquor regulations and enforcement. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
4. Presentation of Planning Advisory Board Annual Report.

There were no comments.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Councilmembers are invited to attend one of two 30-minute training sessions on how to use the Internet on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. or at 4:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Henry indicated that the City's first birthday celebration on February 28, 1997, will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She requested all Councilmembers to plan to attend.

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Councilmember Thomas indicated that she will provide Councilmembers with copies of the minutes of the McNeil Island Department of Corrections last meeting. She explained that she will not be able to attend the next meeting on March 7, 1997, and offered Councilmembers an opportunity to attend the next meeting.

Councilmember Richardson requested that a letter be sent to the Editor of *The News Tribune*, on the good article written recognizing victims as people.

**Councilmember Palmas requested staff to investigate the feasibility of having the Lakewood Mall provide space for a skateboard park at Summerfest.**

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**Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will recess to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation.**

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**Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**  
**CITY CLERK**