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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 3, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Colleen Henry.

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

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Iris Urban by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the first annual budget for 1997 has been published and is available for public review. Copies will be placed at the public library for review and copies can be purchased for a \$10 fee.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Lakewood Refuse intends to have the initial clean-up of storm debris completed by this weekend. He announced that the 112th Street site will be closed for all storm debris dumping on March 9, 1997.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a memorandum to the Pierce County Community Services Advisory Board clarifying the Community Development Block Grant funding applications for Harry Todd Park and American Lake North Park.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Department of Ecology (DOE) will be releasing a press release announcing that DOE will be allowing treatment in Lake Steilacoom this year and that DOE anticipates treating Lake Steilacoom for the next two years.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisor Report.

Youth Advisor Iris Urban reported that 50 youths attended the Youth Task Force forum on Friday, February 28, 1997.

The topics discussed were AIDS, STDs and teenage pregnancy. She indicated that the forum was informative and educational.

She indicated that employment opportunities will be the topic of discussion at the next forum.

Presentation on a visitor center tourism proposal.

Ms. Judy Swortz, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Business Development Committee member, presented the Lakewood Chamber's proposal to provide tourism services to the City. She discussed the opportunity to partner with the City to site a permanent Visitor Center, staff the Visitor Center with a combination of professionals, volunteers, interns and students, and develop a comprehensive marketing plan. The estimated cost for the Chamber's proposal is \$39,700.

Discussion ensued on the Visitor Center site and marketing and promoting Lakewood.

Council recessed at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Chuck Gordon, 7504 88th Avenue SW, spoke in support of a visitor center to promote tourism. He expressed anger about the proposed lease with the Lakewood Group, Inc., and the possibility of City Hall moving out of People's Plaza.

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William Morales, People's Plaza owner, expressed concern about the City potentially moving its facility out of People's Plaza.

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Ed Jamina, Lake Louise Drive, asked for an update on the Harr family home development. City Attorney Heid replied that progress is being made.

Joseph Still, 12008 Dekoven Drive, ask that the Council to take into consideration the amount of time provided for tenant improvements (90 days) and expressed concern whether the new lessor will be able to meet the move-in deadline. He also expressed concern about traffic ingress and egress at the proposed Lakewood Professional Center.

Jana Forrester, 1714 North Street SW, expressed concern that there was no land use inventory for Lakewood. She asked about Lakewood's marketing and planning visions.

Andie Gernon, Lakewood resident, spoke about the remarkable job the Council has undertaken. She expressed concern about the parking and the ingress and egress traffic problems at the Lakewood Professional Center. She supported City Hall facilities remaining at People's Plaza.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 18, 1997.

B. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of February 24, 1997.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of February 24, 1997.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$91,098.65 for the period February 1-15, 1997.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$777,137.30 for the period ending February 26, 1997.

F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 26, 1996.

G. [Resolution No. 1997-6](#)

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Puget Sound Regional Council for membership from March 1, 1997 through July 1, 1998.

H. [Motion No. 1997-4](#)

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Lakewood Group, Inc., for City Hall space.

I. [Motion No. 1997-5](#)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Clover Park School District for parks maintenance services.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD BE ABSTAINING FROM VOTING BECAUSE HE HAS A BUSINESS INTEREST WITH ONE OF THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON VOTING IN ABSTENTION.

REGULAR AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

None

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff is working on a community survey which will be provided to the Council for review in April. He explained that part of the survey will include questions for a visioning plan for the Comprehensive Plan. Staff intends to conduct a sampling of the survey with a small group of citizens to evaluate the clarity of the questions.

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City Manager Rohlfs stated that a work plan on the Comprehensive Plan process and time frame will be provided to the Council soon. He asked if two Councilmembers would be interested in volunteering to participate in the interviews for selecting a consultant(s) to prepare the Comprehensive Plan. He also asked if two Councilmembers would be

interested in participating in the interviews for selecting a consultant(s) to prepare the Economic Development element and the Parks master plan.

City Manager Rohlfs requested an Executive Session for approximately 25 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas explained that Pierce County parks have a good program for lifeguards and that their lifeguards were well-trained and organized. She suggested that staff contact Pierce County Parks Department to get information about the lifeguard program as the City makes the transition to take over these programs in Lakewood.

Councilmember Thomas asked for an update on any late night activities at the late night clubs. Police Chief Masko replied that all reports indicate it was a quiet weekend.

Councilmember Palmas asked for staff to review a letter he received from a citizen expressing concern about extending the deadline for paying the business license renewal fee from two weeks to 30 days.

Councilmember Richardson thanked all the volunteers and staff who helped put together a memorable first City birthday celebration. He asked that the proclamation recognizing City Manager Scott Rohlfs be placed on next week's Council Study Session agenda.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she had the opportunity to attend the Governor's 1997 prayer breakfast this morning. She noted that the Governor read a proclamation declaring May 1, 1997, as prayer day, and requested that a similar proclamation be prepared for the City.

Mayor Harrison thanked Councilmember Henry for leading the events Ad Hoc Committee in coordinating the first City birthday celebration. He requested that the proclamation recognizing City Manager Rohlfs be placed on the next regular Council meeting agenda, March 17, 1997.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 25 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

The Council recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

