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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, March 10, 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 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Colleen Henry; JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

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Councilmember Excused: 1 - Mayor Harrison.

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 Rob Masko; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush and Administrative Secretary Juli Neher.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Davis by request of Deputy Mayor Thomas.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Pierce County Committee responsible for reviewing Community Development Block Grant applications has not released its recommendation for funding. He indicated that the report he received is that the City did well on its request for physical improvements and did not do so well on its request for human services funding.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Department of Ecology has provided additional information on the chemical treatment of Lake Steilacoom. Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested that staff share the report with the Lake Steilacoom Association.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Briefing on Pierce County's Unified Sewer Plan.

Ms. Marsha Huebner, Pierce County Public Works, summarized the County's process for developing the Pierce County Unified Sewer Plan which will be a part of the County's Comprehensive Plan. She reviewed the location of the County's treatment facilities and their service areas. She explained that a technical advisory committee will be

established to assist in planning and developing the Unified Sewer Plan. She noted that a Lakewood representative is being requested to sit on the advisory committee. She explained that a series of public meetings will be held to seek input on the sewer plan.

Discussion ensued on the Chambers Creek treatment facility and its impact to Lakewood if Lacey's sewage is treated at the Chambers Creek facility; explanation of the Frederickson area and its sewer needs expansion to Chambers Creek; servicing the Tillicum area; and costs to the cities and affected neighborhoods.

**Commencement Bay Rowing Club Briefing.**

Mr. David Covey, Commencement Bay Rowing Club, spoke about opportunities at the Rowing Club to provide youths with activities to participate in a team sport. Mr. Roger Hansen, architect, displayed drawings of the proposed rowing club facility at Harry Todd Park. The first phase was the reconfiguration of the docks which was completed in August 1996. The second phase is to construct the shell of the building. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April 19, 1997. By Fall 1996, the facility is proposed to be up and running.

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

Comprehensive Plan proposed schedule review.

Community Development Director Bugher briefly outlined the process for developing the Comprehensive Plan. The complete process is projected to be completed in July 1999.

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Principal Planner Blaylock indicated that a citizens participation element and land use inventory will be presented to the Council on March 24, 1997. He explained that the month of March will be focused on approving the process to develop a Comprehensive Plan and selecting consultants to help develop the Plan. In April, meetings will be held with schools and service organizations for them to become involved in the Visioning 2020 plan. Citizen visionary workshops are scheduled for May 17 and 24, 1997. In June, a Comprehensive Plan citizen survey will be conducted. He then reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement process for the Comprehensive Plan. The final revisions to the Environmental Impact Statement are scheduled to be before the Council for approval in January 1999.

Discussion ensued on what the consultants will be doing; how rezone requests will be handled during the development of the Plan; and when street lighting, sidewalks, open space, franchises and lakes management will be considered in the process.

#### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 17, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule to add fees for swimming pool programs and for the purchase of City financial documents. - (Resolution)
2. Creating Chapter 2.10 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to providing a limited commission for Code Enforcement Officers. - (Ordinance)
3. Proclamation recognizing City Manager Scott Rohlfs for the accomplishments achieved during the first year of cityhood.

Councilmember Thomas asked if the City was working with Pierce County to provide limited commissions for Code Enforcement officers. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff is working through the issues with Pierce County and the ordinance is tentatively scheduled for next week if Pierce County decides not to grant limited commissions.

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

City Manager Rohlfs distributed informational copies of an ICMA newsletter for Council's information.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that at 6:30 p.m., prior to next week's March 17, 1997, Council meeting, the City's computer consultant will be available to show Councilmembers how to log onto the City's computer system and access the Internet.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that staff met with the 100th Street project developer and discussed the need for a median, streetscape and street lights along 100th Street between 59th Street and Bridgeport Way as a part of their project development. In addition, a street vacation by the property at Tveten's Auto will be brought before the Council for approval.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Henry indicated that the Boys and Girls Club of Lakewood will be contacting the City Manager to schedule a presentation before the Council. She indicated that the proof sheets on the City's birthday celebration were available for Council's review.

Councilmember Henry announced that she recently attended a Department of Transportation meeting on the I-5/SR512 interchange. She indicated that Department of Transportation officials have been invited to the regular meeting of the Transportation Utilities Committee of the Chamber of Commerce on March 26, 1997, at 7:00 a.m., at the Homestead Restaurant to discuss the relocation assistance program as it impacts businesses affected by the improvements of the I-5/SR512 interchange.

Councilmember Richardson asked for a status report on the petition drive being organized by Mr. Sevin concerning the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen area. City Manager Rohlfs replied that it is his understanding the petitions will be submitted to the Council soon.

Councilmember Richardson asked if the storm debris pick-up was completed this weekend. Councilmember Henry indicated that Mr. Charlie Maxwell of Lakewood Refuse indicated that the storm debris pick-up was completed on Sunday, March 9, 1997.

Councilmember Richardson asked for a status report on the school boundary legislation. Councilmember Davis indicated that the school boundary legislation did go through the Senate Education Committee but it has not gone through the House Rules Committee. He then asked for a status report on the property tax redistribution legislation. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that he would prepare an update on the proposed legislations that affect Lakewood.

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Councilmember Davis announced that she will be attending another Department of Transportation community meeting on March 11, 1997, at the Mount Tahoma High School cafeteria.

Councilmember Davis announced that an open house to discuss the Narrows Bridge/SR16 highway will be held on March 11, 1997, at the Clover Park High School cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

She also announced that on March 20, 1997, executives of the Regional Transit Authority and Pierce Transit will be meeting with City staff to begin discussions about the impacts of the RTA on Lakewood. She indicated that she will be attending this meeting and noted that two other Councilmembers may attend.

Councilmember Davis provided a copy of *The Tacoma News Tribune* article on the Tacoma Public Utilities fiber optics plan to City Manager Rohlfs. She noted that part of the franchise includes Lakewood.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the street lights, sidewalks, landscapes, medians, curbs and gutters and amenities that she was able to see while visiting a convention center in Florida.

Councilmember Thomas asked for a status report on the collection of the second one-quarter percent real estate excise tax. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the information was sent to the Pierce County Assessor and that it has taken a few weeks to get the information out to companies to start collecting the tax.

Councilmember Thomas asked for a status report on the night club activities over the weekend. Police Chief Rob Masko indicated that it was quiet for the most part. He noted that there was a hit and run along South Tacoma Way.

Councilmember Palmas asked that the City respond to a letter from Village Green Mobile Home Park regarding a mandatory security requirement for mobile home parks.

Councilmember Palmas suggested that the Council consider a policy for laying conduit that the City could own. He explained that the City could lease the use of the conduit to other service providers to lay fiber optics and other types of utilities. He then asked about the joint effort with the City of University Place to develop a telecommunications ordinance. City Manager Rohlf indicated that University Place is asking if other cities are interested in pooling together to hire a consultant to develop a model telecommunications ordinance. He indicated that should the City pool with University Place the City's share would be

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approximately \$7,500. He indicated that this item would come before the Council next week.

Councilmember Palmas announced that citizen Richard Rabisa has extended an invitation to Councilmembers to tour areas in Tillicum.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked staff to check into the timing of the lights at Gravelly Lake Drive and Bridgeport Way.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 12, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., at the Alpharetta House.

She then announced that she will be speaking at the 75th Anniversary of Lakeview Light and Power Company.

Deputy Mayor Thomas also announced that the Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale on March 21 and 22, 1997.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**