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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 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: 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; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Chief Rob Masko; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Masko at the request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs asked Police Chief Masko to provide an update on the two recent shooting incidents. Police Chief Masko reported that an arrest was made for the robbery death of John Watkins. He also reported that in the shooting of Ann Marie Harris, the Police Department does have people of interest that they are looking into. He then reviewed a list of what citizens can do to help the community, such as volunteering to help the youth and people in need. Police Chief Masko then asked Jim Thoburn from Safe Streets to talk about the Safe Streets program. Mr. Thoburn echoed Police Chief Masko's comments about getting citizens involved to help keep neighborhoods safe. He explained that Safe Streets helps neighborhoods try to form a strong sense of community.

City Manager Rohlfs then asked Engineering Manager Larkin to provide an update on the bicycle lane and sidewalk projects. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the City has received grant funds for various sidewalk construction

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projects. He then distributed copies of a memo outlining 14 proposed sidewalk projects eligible for 1999-2000 ISTEA countywide funds.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the April 14, 1997, City Council Study Session will be held at Woodbrook Middle School.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a proposed Tillicum community tour itinerary hosted by Richard Rabisa on

Saturday, April 19, 1997. City Manager Rohlfs noted that the groundbreaking ceremony of the Commencement Bay Rowing Club is also scheduled for noon on April 19, 1997.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed copies of a letter from the Pierce County Executive indicating that the two appeals on the final Environmental Impact Statement relative to the Northwest Landing Sanitary Sewer Project were denied by the Hearing Examiner. The County Executive, in his letter indicates that he is directing County staff to proceed with the Farwest Drive Split Flow Alternative and to continue to perform an analysis on the Tatsolo Point Alternative as a long-term component to the regional sewer plan. Discussion ensued on reiterating the City's position on the Northwest Landing project to the Pierce County Council.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that because item G on the Consent Agenda deals with setting a hearing on the Mickey Portnoy Substantial Development Permit appeal, citizens should be asked not to comment on this item tonight as both parties to the appeal are not present. He indicated that the appeal is scheduled to be heard on April 21, 1997.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Anneliese Platzer as a 1997 Washington Scholar

Mayor Harrison read a proclamation recognizing Anneliese Platzer, Clover Park High School senior, as a 1997 Washington Scholar.

Youth Advisor Report

Youth Advisor Iris Urban announced that the topic for discussion at the Youth Forum on May 31, 1997, will be jobs for youth.

She also announced that on April 23, 1997, the Boys and Girls Club will be meeting to discuss youth issues.

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She asked what process will be used to fill her position as Youth Advisor when her term ends this school year. Mayor Harrison asked that she work with Deputy Mayor Thomas on the process for filling the position and marketing the youth representative.

Councilmembers Palmas and Thomas expressed an interest to explore the feasibility of holding a teen dance to help promote the youth representative.

Council recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Christine Jacobs, Lakes High student, invited the public to purchase tickets to a comedy play at Lakes High School Commons on April 26, 1997, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., to help pay for choir robes. The cost for a ticket is \$10.

John Morrison, Laurel Oaks Homes, spoke about concerns on the short plat moratorium.

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Jim Senko, Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee, announced that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee will be having another clean-up on May 10, 1997. He also asked for volunteers to help with a project on May 17, 1997. He suggested that an "Adopt a Sign" program be implemented.

Cynthia Reddig, 9668 Bridgeport Way, expressed concern about the homes along Bridgeport Way depreciating in

value. She suggested the area be zoned commercial.

Chic Jackson-King, 9666 Bridgeport Way, spoke about changing the zoning along Bridgeport Way between 59th Street and 100th Street to commercial.

Carolyn Holliday, Lakewood resident, Planning Advisory Board, spoke about the Planning Advisory Board's recommendation concerning the moratorium on short plats. She indicated that the Board's position is that the moratorium does not send a positive message. She explained that the Board is working on an alternative recommendation for Council's consideration.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 17, 1997.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of March 24, 1997.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 24, 1997.
- D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$94,004.11 for the period March 1-15, 1997.
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$949,619.35 for the period ending March 27, 1997.
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 5 and 19, 1997.
 - 2. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 28 and February 25, 1997.
- G. Setting April 21, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for an appeal before the City Council regarding the Hearing Examiner's decision on a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for the construction of a 190' long pier, dock and float and a sports court within the 50 foot shoreline setback at 11914 Nyanza Drive SW. (Mickey Portnoy; Case No. LU96083/84)

H. [Ordinance No. 119](#)

Creating Sections 3.08.100, 3.08.110, 3.08.120, 3.08.130, 3.08.140 and 3.08.150 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to various funds of the City.

I. [Motion No. 1997-7](#)

Approval of the Citizen Participation Plan for public involvement in the Comprehensive Plan.

J. [Motion No. 1997-8](#)

Denying various claims for damages.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.

Deputy Mayor Thomas noted that the March 24, 1997, City Council Study Session minutes be amended to reflect that Deputy Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO REMOVE ITEMS D AND E FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON APPROVING ITEMS A-C AND F-J OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED

UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on a proposed moratorium for accepting applications on permits for telecommunications facilities and short plats.

Speaking before the Council were:

Jerry Dindorff, Master Builders Association, spoke against a short plat moratorium.

Bruce Barth, Lakewood resident, spoke against a short plat moratorium because of financial hardships to developers.
RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1997-9](#) accepting the petition for annexation of the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen area into the City of Lakewood; calling for an election by the voters of the proposed annexation area; and providing for taxation at the City's property tax rate.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-9. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Resolution No. 1997-10](#) establishing a moratorium for accepting applications on permits for telecommunications facilities and short plats.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-10. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 1997-10 TO SEPARATE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SHORT PLAT ISSUES AND VOTE ON THE TWO ISSUES (RESOLUTION NO. 1997-10A AND RESOLUTION NO. 1997-10B) SEPARATELY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-10A TO IMPOSE A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 1997-10B TO LIMIT THE MORATORIUM RELATIVE TO SHORT PLATS TO NO MORE THAN 60 DAYS. DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECOND, THE MOTION DIED.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION NO. 1997-10B TO IMPOSE A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON SHORT PLATS. THE MOTION FAILED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Resolution No. 1997-11](#) authorizing the submission of an application for a modification of the Comprehensive Urban Growth Area and for modification of text amendments to the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan as a part of Pierce County's 1997 amendment process.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-11. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO PLACE BACK ON THE AGENDA AND APPROVE ITEM NOS. D AND E OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Thomas requested that a thank you letter be sent to the Oakland Police Department for their assistance.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Councilmember Henry brought to his attention that Pierce County was considering to impose a hotel/motel tax. He explained that staff is researching this matter and checking with the State Auditor. He asked Councilmembers for direction as to whether Council would want to consider implementing the same tax the County is considering. It was the consensus of the Council to consider implementing the same tax.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry announced that the City of Tacoma, Tacoma Cares program staff person will be speaking at the Chamber's breakfast meeting about their program.

Councilmember Henry announced that April 19, 1997, is the Daffodil Parade and expressed concern that the Tillicum tour hosted by Richard Rabisa was in conflict. It was the consensus of the Council to reschedule the Tillicum tour with Richard Rabisa.

Councilmember Davis announced that she will not be in attendance at next Monday's April 14, 1997, City Council meeting. She indicated that she will be in Dallas attending a Regional Transit Authority meeting.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he met with Tacoma and Pierce County attorneys to discuss establishing a program for youth offenders. He indicated that he will be discussing this item with City Attorney Heid.

Councilmember Thomas reported that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee island at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Gravelly Lake Drive needs to be mowed.

Councilmember Palmas expressed concern that the City should have issued a statement in response to the two recent shootings.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that she received a complaint from a citizen regarding the treatment the person received by the Humane Society.

Mayor Harrison announced that May 10, 1997, is Lakewood Clean-up Day.

Mayor Harrison announced that on June 27-29, 1997, the Korean Amateur Sports event will be held in Tacoma. He indicated that the Mayor of the City of Tacoma is designing an international district in Tacoma and is looking at Lakewood's Korean community. He asked City staff to identify the international district in Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison indicated that two gambling bills are currently being discussed in the State legislature. He encouraged Councilmembers to talk with Senator Shirley Winsley about the two gambling bills. He indicated that these two bills impact the City's revenue by approximately \$100,000 a year.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Lakewood Run will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1997.

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Mayor Harrison suggested that the Council Rules of Procedure be revised to place the Public Comments period earlier on the agenda, possibly after the flag salute.

Mayor Harrison announced that he is recommending that Dan Roberts from Clover Park Technical College be appointed to the Pierce County Parks and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Mayor Harrison announced that the City Hall Space Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 1997.

Mayor Harrison announced that an account has been set up at Key Bank for Ann Harris.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the Health Department will be enlarging its Board to include a member from either Lakewood or University Place. He indicated that Councilmember Richardson has expressed a willingness to serve on that Board and he will be recommending Councilmember Richardson for appointment.

Mayor Harrison thanked the Police Department for their services.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that on Wednesday night, April 9, 1997, the Pierce County Citizen Advisory Board will be holding its last meeting on requests for Community Development Block Grant funds. She indicated that they will be making their final recommendation to the Pierce County Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK