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**LAKESIDE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, April 14, 1997**  
**Woodbrook Middle School**  
**Library**  
**14920 Spring Street SW**  
**Lakewood, WA 98439**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 4 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Colleen Henry and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 2 - Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis and Doug Richardson.

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Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Staff Present: 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 and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carol Masters by request of Mayor Harrison.

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Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation recognizing Anneliese Platzer as a 1997 Washington Scholar.

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**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

Deputy City Manager Neiditz announced that the Commencement Bay Rowing Club groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 19, 1997.

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Deputy City Manager Neiditz called on Engineering Manager Larkin who provided an update on the cutting of trees in the right-of-way along Wauna and North Star. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the tree that was removed in the right-of-way along Wauna created a public hazard as a result of the winter storm. He also indicated that an additional 30 trees on private property were removed.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz announced that the second annual City cosponsored "Run the Prairie" family walk and run will be held on April 26, 1997.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation declaring May 2 and 3, 1997, as *Lions White Cane Days*.

Deputy Mayor Thomas proclaimed May 2 and 3, 1997, as *Lions White Cane Days* and presented the proclamation to Mr. Min Uyechi.

Community priority-building study.

Ms. Clipper Maxfield briefly described the community priority-building study the Diversified Occupation Club of America at Clover Park High School participated in with Carol Owens. One of the students (Elizabeth McNair) who participated in the study indicated that approximately 90 students were surveyed. They discussed the problems in Lakewood and identified solutions. The group concluded that the higher priorities for the youth were more opportunities for recreation and better jobs. The lower priorities were having a convention center, museum and the arts.

Ms. Carol Owens then described the process that was used in gathering the data and developing an ideal community model.

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Councilmember Palmas arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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Ms. Owens then distributed copies of the ranking and scores derived from the study defining what constituted an ideal community.

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before Council were:

*David Swindale, 9424 108th Street SW, expressed concerns about hazardous trees being cut down on the right-of-way on Wauna Drive. He indicated that he would like to see the diseased trees taken down and replaced with other trees. He also thanked City Attorney Heid and the Council for the settlement with regard to the Harr Family Homes.*

*Tom Davis, 14907 Murray Road SW, spoke about not grandfathering the provision for cargo containers relative to the proposed ordinance.*

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*Harvard Robbins, 7910 148th Street SW, expressed dissatisfaction about regulations imposed on citizens with regard to cargo containers.*

*Garry Cooper, 10115 100th Street Court SW, expressed concern about the safety of citizens and giving recognition to the family and support of a crime fund for Ann Harris.*

*Mary Haggerty, 10106 Sales Road S, spoke about developing a social service network and welfare reform.*

*John Brooks, Lakewood resident, asked for an update on the Cross Base Highway project.*

*Forrest Thompson, Lakewood resident, indicated that Lakewood will have a float in the Daffodil Parade. Volunteers are being sought to help decorate the float.*

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Council recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

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## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Approving a Human Services Policy and Collaborative Statement.**

Human Resources Administrator Young briefly described the Human Services Policy and Collaborative Statement. She then described the Steering Committee process to oversee various portions of the collaborative implementation process.

Ms. Andie Gernon then spoke about the efforts of the collaboration group and its effort for addressing human services needs.

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Discussion ensued on the policy and statement and the work of the collaboration group.

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families to encourage the development of planning and programs for children, youth and their families.

Ms. Sharon Hansen, Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families, described the services that the Commission will be providing to the City of Lakewood.

Discussion ensued on the age of the youths to be served and the services of the Commission.

Authorizing the execution of contracts with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau for tourism services.

Councilmember Henry declared that she had a conflict of interest and excused herself from the Council dais.

Deputy Manager Neiditz described the tourism services that would be provided by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau. He explained that the funding for these agreements would come from the hotel/motel tax.

Mr. Garry Cooper, Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Board, indicated that the Economic Development Advisory Board supports the Visitor and Convention Bureau and Lakewood Chamber of Commerce proposals to promote tourism in Lakewood from both a regional and local approach.

Discussion ensued on what the differences would be between the Visitor and Convention Bureau and the Lakewood Chamber pamphlets. Concerns were expressed that both agencies will be producing similar pamphlets. Discussion also ensued on hotel/motel tax revenues to maintain funding for services.

Amending Chapter 18.15 and Sections 18.25.400 and 18.35.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to cargo containers, commercial trailers and commercial vehicles.

Community Development Director Bugher described the proposed regulations for parking cargo containers, commercial trailers and commercial vehicles. He then explained that commercial trailers and vehicles and cargo containers would not be allowed to park in residential and open space zoning areas.

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Discussion ensued on parking containers in rural areas; where containers and commercial trailers and vehicles can park; and concerns about moving forward with the ordinance without providing the public more education and awareness of the proposed ordinance.

Codifying Chapter 3.36 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, creating Section 3.36.025 relative to imposing an additional three percent Transient Occupancy Tax and amending Section 3.36.050 relative to the funds and use of said tax.

City Attorney Heid explained that the proposed ordinance provides for imposing an additional three percent hotel/motel tax as provided by State law. He indicated that Pierce County is considering imposing a three percent

hotel/motel tax. He explained that if the City does not adopt the tax, and if the County does impose the tax, that tax would be allocated to the County. The proposed ordinance provides for the collection of that tax to come to Lakewood.

Discussion ensued on the amount of activity and taxes that would be generated; and rescinding the City ordinance if the County doesn't impose a three percent hotel/motel tax.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 21, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Approving a Human Services Policy and Collaborative Statement. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
2. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families to encourage the development of planning and programs for children, youth and their families. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
3. Authorizing the execution of contracts with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau for tourism services. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
4. Amending Chapter 18.15 and Sections 18.25.400 and 18.35.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to cargo containers, commercial trailers and commercial vehicles. - (Ordinance)
5. Codifying Chapter 3.36 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, creating Section 3.36.025 relative to imposing an additional three percent Transient Occupancy Tax and amending Section 3.36.050 relative to the funds and use of said tax. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

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6. Creating Chapter 15.50 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the adoption of the Uniform Sign Code. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
7. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the request to vacate a portion of Villa Lane SW for a new retail center. (Washington Commercial Properties, Ltd.; John Florance; Tveten's Corner Partnership; and M. K. Wig; File No. VAC. 97-001)
8. Authorizing the vacation of a portion of Villa Lane SW for a new retail center. (Washington Commercial Properties, Ltd.; John Florance; Tveten's Corner Partnership; and M. K. Wig; File No. VAC. 97-001). - (Ordinance)
9. This is 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)
10. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreements with Entranco, Inc.; Perteet Engineers, Inc.; and Reid Middleton, Inc.; in a total amount not to exceed \$300,000 for preliminary engineering and right-of-way appraisals for various sidewalk construction projects. (Motion - Consent Agenda)

There were no comments.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

Deputy City Manager Neiditz announced that the Consulate-General of Japan in connection with potential Sister City, Okinawa City, extended an invitation to the Mayor and City Council to attend an Okinawa Classical Dance Performance on Sunday, April 20, 1997, at 3:00 p.m.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz announced that at the April 28, 1997, Council Study Session, a 90-minute Disaster Priorities exercise is scheduled for Councilmembers.

He asked Councilmembers to let him know if they had any questions in response to a complaint about the Humane Society.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Henry announced that Alice Anderson will be the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast on Thursday, April 17, 1997. She noted that Ms. Anderson is starting a newspaper in Tillicum.

Councilmember Henry asked what is the next step for the City to take in response to the U. S. Postal Service letter from the Senior Analyst. Mayor Harrison asked staff to provide a recommendation on the next step and to look at taking potential legal action.

Councilmember Palmas asked which Councilmembers are planning to attend the Association of Washington Cities conference. Councilmembers indicated that they had not yet had a chance to review the material on the conference.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**