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CITY OF LAKEWOOD  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 1997

7:00 p.m.

Lakewood City Hall

9315 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW

Lakewood, WA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Harrison thanked and congratulated all the citizens who participated in organizing the Daffodil Parade float.

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Taylor by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) informed staff that House Bill 2117 passed both the Senate and House. He explained that this House Bill cuts social card game taxes. AWC urged cities to contact Governor Locke to veto the bill.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Police Department will be acquiring six new patrol vehicles and the vehicle decals may change.

City Manager Rohlfs called on Police Chief Masko to provide a police update on the recent shootings. Chief Masko reported that there has been an arrest of a suspect in the Ann Marie Harris case. Chief Masko also indicated that the Police Department is still investigating suspects in the death of Carlos Villamore. Chief Masko indicated that three of the four recent homicides involved gang members.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation declaring May 1, 1997, as *Day of Prayer*.

Councilmember Thomas read a proclamation declaring May 1, 1997, as a *Day of Prayer*.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that this proclamation be advertised in the *Lakewood Journal*.

Proclamation declaring April 1997 as *Earthquake Awareness Month*.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that on April 24, 1997, at 9:56 a.m. there will be a statewide earthquake drill. She requested that the City participate in this drill.

#### Youth Advisor Report.

Youth Advisor Urban reported on her findings at the B & I miniature skatepark. She indicated that the youths would prefer a permanent skatepark.

Youth Advisor Urban indicated that the upcoming Youth Advisor vacancy will be opened to all juniors and seniors. She commented that the application process would include an essay and an interview process. Mayor Harrison requested that Youth Advisor Urban meet with Deputy City Manager Neiditz to develop a process for finding the next Youth Advisor which the Council can share with the Clover Park School District Superintendent to seek his support.

You Advisor Urban announced that the May 31, 1997, Youth Forum will be rescheduled to another date.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Forrest Thompson, 14716 Portland Avenue SW, thanked the City for the Daffodil float. Lakewood won first place for communities over 5,000.*

Councilmember Henry thanked Forrest Thompson for welding the Lakewood float together. She requested that thank you letters be sent to those who helped with the float.

*Will Dempsey, Advocacy for Youth Program, spoke about the need to place more emphasis on youths to help them become more productive citizens. He asked that an ad for youth jobs be placed in the Lakewood Journal. He presented Deputy Mayor Thomas with a certificate of appreciation for speaking to the youths.*

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

( 1 ) A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 7, 1997.

( 9 ) B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of April 14, 1997.

(16) C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$135,781.98 for the period March 16-31, 1997.

(20) D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$152,633.47 for the period ending April 16, 1997.

(29) E. [Ordinance No. 120](#)

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.

(64) F. [Ordinance No. 121](#)

Creating Chapter 15.50 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the adoption of the Uniform Sign Code.

(70) G. [Resolution No. 1997-12](#)

Setting Monday, May 19, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the request to vacate a portion of Lakewood Drive SW right-of-way to provide additional area for a proposed service station complex. (Changlea, Inc., File No. VAC. 97-002)

**(75) H. Motion No. 1997-9**

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

**(85) I. Motion No. 1997-10**

**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.**

**(90) J. Motion No. 1997-11**

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

**(102) K. Motion No. 1997-12**

**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.**

**Mayor Harrison requested that Item J be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.**

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NOS. A-I AND K. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**R E G U L A R A G E N D A**

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**Councilmember Henry declared a conflict of interest and removed herself from the Council Chambers.**

**COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ITEM J. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**Councilmember Henry returned to the Council Chambers.**

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## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

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)

Speaking before the Council were:

*John Jackson, Development for Bental Corporation, expressed concerns about traffic impacts on the vacation of Villa Lane SW onto Lakewood Drive. He commented that the improvements on 100th Street appears to benefit the City. He proposed that providing access to Lakewood Mall from 100th Street SW through Lakewood Center would more beneficial.*

*Ms. Jackson-King, 9666 Bridgeport Way, asked if the Fire Department, could review the proposed street vacation for fire accessibility.*

*Scott Tveten, Lakewood resident, expressed concern about the traffic volumes on Bridgeport Way and indicated that opening Villa Lane would relieve some of the traffic. He also indicated that by opening up Villa Lane it would remove the seclusion where gang members hang out.*

*Mon Wig, developer for Lakewood Center, commented that because of existing leases, the project is on a tight development schedule. By allowing access to the Transit Center, it was his opinion that this would invite vandalism and more crime.*

The public hearing was declared closed.

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

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This is the date set 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)

City Attorney Heid and Principal Planner Blaylock presented the Hearing Examiner's decision and staff's report and recommendation on the appeal.

Mr. Blaylock indicated that the Hearing Examiner's decision is to approve the dock and deny the pier and sports court. He then reviewed the alternatives that could be considered.

Councilmember Richardson disclosed that he did talk with Mr. Bob Lewis to ask for permission to access Gravelly Lake Drive if he could visually inspect the property in question. The appellant and opponent indicated that they did not have any opposition to have Councilmember Richardson sit as a quasi-judicial member.

Mr. Robert Denomy, attorney for appellant Mickey Portnoy, presented reasons for the appeal. Mr. Bob Lewis, representing the opponents, presented reasons in opposition of the Portnoy application and recommended that the Hearing Examiner's decision be upheld.

Mr. Denomy then presented rebuttal comments. Mr. Lewis then presented rebuttal comments.

Discussion ensued on the reasons for the appeal.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO DELAY ACTION ON THE APPEAL TO MAY 5, 1997. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.**

**COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO DELAY ACTION ON THE APPEAL UNTIL APRIL 28, 1997. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED TO DELAY ACTION ON THE APPEAL UNTIL THE COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 1997. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 122 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).**

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 122. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Thomas reported that the Cross Base Highway Committee met and will be bringing forth a recommendation to the Council soon.**

**Councilmember Thomas reported that she and Councilmember Palmas determined that a different activity other than a school dance was considered and it is recommended, in consultation with the high school principals, that the Council be provided five minutes during a Seniors Awards Assembly to recognize Iris Urban and the student leaders who have contributed to quality leadership in Lakewood.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**None.**

**None.**

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

**City Manager Rohlf reported that in the 1997 budget an additional Court Clerk position was budgeted and staff is recommending that the position be changed to an Office Assistant which is a lower paying position and thereby create a savings in the budget. He explained that the position would be split between the Municipal Court and the City Clerk's Office.**

**City Manager Rohlf also reported that the temporary staff that were hired in Finance to canvass individuals for business licenses have found that 50 percent of the businesses along South Tacoma Way do not have business licenses.**

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Henry reported that John Clark of the Lakewood Gardens Board of Directors issuing a press release on Lakewood Day at the Gardens. In the release, he is noting that citizens can meet with the Mayor and Councilmembers at Lakewood Day on June 1, 1997, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.**

**Councilmember Davis reported on the Commuter Rail Conference she had recently attended in Dallas. She noted that Burlington Northern and Santa Fe have merged to form Southern Pacific and Union Pacific. She reported that she had the opportunity to observe a rather complex dispatch center at Burlington Northern.**

**Councilmember Davis announced that the City of Lakewood will have another bicycle team this year participating in the Courage Classic.**

**Councilmember Richardson commented that the letter that was sent to the Pierce County Council was not clear in the Council's request to have the County Council modify the sewer plan with regard to the Northwest Landing sewer project.**

**Councilmember Richardson indicated that he will discuss matters concerning reader boards at schools with Community Development Director Bugher.**

**Councilmember Thomas announced that the Lakes High School Choir recently won the Spirit Award in the California event they participated in.**

**Councilmember Thomas announced that the Clover Park Technical College will be holding an open house on May 1, 1997.**

**Councilmember Palmas asked for an update on street lights. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that he will prepare an update.**

**Mayor Harrison asked for an update on skateboard parks. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that an interim skateboard park was addressed in the information bullets provided to the Council last Friday. He noted that the issue concerning permanent skateboard parks will be addressed in the Master Parks Plan.**

**Mayor Harrison requested additional information about the proposed development on Gravelly Lake Drive as described in Community Development Director Bugher's memo in the information bullets.**

**Mayor Harrison then asked for an update on the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen election. Community Development Director Bugher replied that staff is in the process of preparing an application to the Boundary Review Board.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**