LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 28, 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 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Colleen Henry; José 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; Police Lieutenant Eileen Bisson; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

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

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that next week's City Council meeting on May 5, 1997, will be held at Southgate Elementary School Library. He also announced that the July 7, 1997, City Council meeting, scheduled at Lake City Elementary School, has been rescheduled to June 2, 1997.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that City Attorney Heid is currently the president of the Municipal Research Center Board, and he is now the president of the Washington Association of Attorneys.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that earlier the Greater Tacoma-Pierce County Community Network received a \$50,000 grant. An additional \$27,000 grant will be awarded to the City of Lakewood in which the City has until August 30, 1997, to expend those funds.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff is recommending that the Council appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to assist staff with developing the Parks Master Plan. He indicated that after the Plan is written, the Council may want to form a standing committee. He requested that the Council submit names for nomination. Councilmember Richardson suggested that the Lakewood Baseball and Soccer Clubs be contacted for nominations.

Police Update

Police Chief Masko presented a police report which he will be providing the Council monthly. He then reviewed the crime summary report. Statistics from March 1996 to March 1997, were as follows: arson -57%; assault -12%; burglary +12%; rape +71%; robbery +18%; theft +11%; vandalism -16%; and vehicle theft +15%.

Lieutenant Bisson then reviewed the number of dispatch calls received by areas of location such as Oakbrook +25%; International District +5%; Lake City +22%; McChord/Ponders +9%; and Tillicum/American Lake Gardens +16%. She then announced the commendations deputies received for outstanding work.

Lieutenant Reed then provided an investigations report and special operations report.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the week of May 4 - 10, 1997 as National Tourism Week.

Councilmember Henry read a proclamation declaring May 4-10, 1997, as National Tourism Week.

Councilmember Henry announced that on May 6, 1997, booths will be set up at Lakewood Mall to promote tourism. She invited all citizens to attend the event.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway proposed project.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee's design proposal for the northwest corner of Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway. He suggested that the Council support an expanded beautification gateway to Lakewood.

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Jim Senko, Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee, indicated that the committee would like the City to take on the projects for Lakewood's gateways so that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee can begin work on the Gravelly Lake Drive and Nyanza Road project.

Discussion ensued on having water and power at major improvements; time frame to improve the gateway sites; and concerns about electrical power poles and billboard signs at the Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway site. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee determine which projects they would like to proceed with next and have the City take on the project at Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway.

Adopting an Adopt-a-Site program for the City of Lakewood.

Engineering Manager Larkin described the Adopt-a-Site program modeled after the Adopt-a-Street program to control litter. The sites would be maintained by volunteers.

Disaster Priorities Exercise.

Pierce County Emergency Management Director Lokey divided Councilmembers and City staff into two groups to practice an emergency disaster scenario and set priorities.

He explained that the City's responsibility is to get the City of Lakewood operational and to get its emergency management system operating. He commented that the next phase in developing an emergency disaster plan will be to discuss the organizational structure and chain of command during an emergency, and develop a management system to determine who will be responsible for what.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 5, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: (TO BE HELD AT SOUTHGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 10202 EARLEY AVENUE SW.)

- 1. Review of Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway proposed project. (Motion)
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- 2. Adopting an Adopt-a-Site program for the City of Lakewood. (Resolution)
- 3. Presentation on Lakewood parks program.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that based on tonight's discussion, Item No. 1 will not need to come before the Council

next week.

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BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that there will be two additional items on next week's Council agenda that were not listed in this week's agenda. One is an ordinance to seek Council's confirmation of a collection agency that the City entered into an agreement with. City Manager Rohlfs explained that the ordinance that established the court somehow contained a provision which came from another City that provided for the Council to confirm any agreements the court would enter into for collection services. He further explained that there is no State statute that requires Council confirmation, but in order to comply with the ordinance, staff is recommending that the Council confirm staff's selection. He noted that this language will be modified when there may be a need to make a change to the court code.

Another item on the May 5, 1997, agenda will be an ordinance requesting that the Council amend the ordinance adopted last week to implement a three percent Transient Occupancy Tax. He explained that the Department of Revenue has informed staff that it would be extremely difficult for them to make all the necessary changes to implement a tax effective May 1, 1997. Therefore, City Manager Rohlfs explained that staff will be asking the Council to adopt an ordinance amending the effective date to implement the three percent Transient Occupancy Tax from May 1, 1997, to June 1, 1997.

City Manager Rohlfs asked if it was Council's intention to proceed with the ordinance amendment, he would notify the Department of Revenue so they can begin work now. The Council concurred with staff's request to ask the Department of Revenue to proceed.

City Manager Rohlfs noted that both items will be placed on the Consent Agenda next week.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that he had received two petitions from the Southgate area concerning their electricity service providers. He explained that the City's ability to do anything on an immediate basis was limited. He explained that it would be during franchise negotiations that the City could make any impact.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Cross Base Highway project will be presenting a report to the City Council next week.

Councilmember Palmas indicated that last week staff made a report that several businesses were found not to have a Lakewood business license. He asked how would staff know if businesses are reporting to the Department of Revenue. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that through their business UBI number, it can be

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determined whether a business is reporting sales tax through the Department of Revenue.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked staff for participating in the earthquake drill exercises tonight. She reminded everyone that May 1, 1997, is designated as a Day of Prayer. She commented on the Pierce County brunch that she attended for volunteer workers. She indicated that Lakewood should have a recognition event for Lakewood's volunteers. She announced that a social services meeting will be held on May 7, 1997, to discuss the award of \$27,000 for a summer project.

Mayor Harrison asked if there was an ordinance on graffiti. He explained that he was advised by Lakewood Refuse that there was graffiti painted on their building. City Manager Rohlfs replied that there is a graffiti ordinance and it is the property owner's responsibility to remove the graffiti.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the fun run on Saturday was a success.

Mayor Harrison commented that he had noticed that the proposed Village of American Lake project will be constructed using septic tanks. He asked if there was a way to get that project on a sewer line. Engineering Manager

Larkin indicated that there are no sewer systems in Tillicum at this time.

Mayor Harrison asked for a status report on the Fort Steilacoom Park issue. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that there will be public meetings held on Fort Steilacoom Park and the City will be a party to the agreement which will be coming before the City Council for approval.

Mayor Harrison requested that a thank you letter be sent to Mr. Bill Lokey for facilitating tonight's disaster priorities drill.

ADJOURNMEN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.				
BILL HARRISON, MAYOR				
ATTEST:				
ALICE M. BUSH, CMC				

LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Colleen Henry; José 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; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deliberation on the appeal of 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 Road SW. (Mickey Portnoy; Case No. LU96083/84)

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO REMAND THAT PORTION OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION REGARDING CONCLUSION NOS. 3 AND 4 AND REOPEN THE HEARING TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WAS NOT CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE HIS MOTION TO REMAND THAT PORTION OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION AS TO FINDINGS NO. 3 AND 4, TO REOPEN THE HEARING SO THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE INFORMATION SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION; WITH THE HEARING EXAMINER TO RENDER A DECISION THEREIN WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THIS DATE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 4 - RICHARDSON, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, THOMAS, MAYOR HARRISON.

NAYS: 3 - HENRY, PALMAS, DAVIS.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO MODIFY THE HEARING EXAMINER DECISION TO REDUCE THE VISUAL IMPACT BY REDUCING THE LENGTH OF THE FIXED PIER TO A LENGTH OF 100 FEET AND EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF THE FLOATING DOCK TO A LENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 60 FEET TO THE EXISTING PLATFORM. ALSO TO ALLOW AN ENGINEERING STUDY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE APPLICANT TO SEE IF THE PILING CAN BE MODIFIED TO BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING PILINGS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS.

COUNCILMEMBERS DAVIS AND PALMAS AGREED TO WITHDRAW THAT PORTION OF THE MOTION CONCERNING AN ENGINEERING STUDY.

Councilmember Davis explained that what may be considered unduly impaired is a difference of opinion and subjective.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 4 - PALMAS, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, DAVIS, MAYOR HARRISON.

NAYS: 3 - RICHARDSON, THOMAS, HENRY.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business	, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
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ATTES ⁻	Γ:			

LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL TOUR MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

The Council began the tour of 11914 and 11930 Nyanza Road SW at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Colleen Henry; José Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; City Attorney Dan Heid; Community Development Director David Bugher and Principal Planner Roger Blaylock.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tour of 11914 and 11930 Nyanza Road SW.

The Council toured the properties at 11914 and 11930 Nyanza Road SW to observe the pier, dock and floats at 11914 Nyanza Road SW with regard to the appeal of Mickey Portnoy appealing the decision of the Hearing Examiner on a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for the construction of a 190 foot long pier, dock and float and a sports court within the 50 foot shoreline setback at 11914 Nyanza Road SW.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council concluded the tour at 6:25 p.m.				
BILL HARRISON, MAYOR				
ATTEST:				
ALICE M. BUSH, CMC				
CITY CLERK				