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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 5, 1997

Southgate Elementary School

Library

10202 Earley Avenue SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Colleen Henry; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

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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 Analyst Mary Pandrea and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Pillow by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that staff is working on putting together an ad hoc committee for the parks and he requested that Councilmembers provide him with nominations.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff is also working on putting together the concept of a public safety citizens review committee for Council's consideration.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that June 1, 1997, is *Lakewood Day*. Because City Hall will be moving the weekend of May 31 and June 1, there may be limited staff participation at *Lakewood Day*.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Council dais at the new City Hall facility is deeper in width. He explained that staff is looking at putting the gooseneck microphones on stands rather than affixing the microphones to the dais to allow for more flexibility in moving the microphones.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Youth Advisor Report.

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Councilmember Palmas arrived at 7:15 p.m.

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Speaking before the Council were:

*Carl Fisk, Lakewood resident, indicated that residents in the Southgate area submitted a petition to change their electrical franchise from Puget Sound Power to Lakeview Power and Light.*

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*Wendy Bickford, Pierce College, spoke about the bomb threats at Pierce College. She indicated that the college is working with the police and FBI to try to bring the threats to a halt.*

*Sally Larsen, 7514 66th Avenue W, spoke about the Cross Base Highway project and presenting alternatives to the proposed alignments.*

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 21, 1997.
  - B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council tour of April 28, 1997.
  - C. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of April 28, 1997.
  - D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of April 28, 1997.
  - E. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$97,283.23 for the period April 1-15, 1997.
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- F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$740,832.64 for the period ending April 30, 1997.
  - G. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
    - 1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 26 and April 16, 1997.
    - 2. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 25, 1997.
    - 3. City Hall Ad Hoc Committee minutes of March 13 and 27, 1997.

**H. [Ordinance No. 123](#)**

Amending the implementation date of Ordinance No. 120 relative to implementing a three percent Transient Occupancy Tax to June 1, 1997.

**I. [Resolution No. 1997-13](#)**

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

**J. [Motion No. 1997-13](#)**

Confirming Allied Credit Companies as the Municipal Court's collection agency for the collection of outstanding

delinquent accounts imposed by the Court.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 124](#) amending the provisions of Ordinance No. 122 relative to vacating a portion of Villa Lane SW regarding the width and location of the utility easement.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 124. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Thomas presented the Cross Base Highway Ad Hoc Committee's report. She explained that after considering the military's rejection of the City's proposed alternative and a review of studies conducted by Pierce County, the Committee is recommending conditional acceptance of the south alignment. Discussion ensued on improvements to Union Avenue and the need for holding a public hearing on the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation.

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Councilmember Palmas asked for more information about Lakewood being selected as the Northwest regional site for a pedestrian road show, as noted in the Planning Advisory Board minutes.

Councilmember Palmas also commented that in the Economic Development Advisory Board minutes, Ms. Falkin indicated that SR-512 is a potential site for a Lakewood Visitor Center.

### NEW BUSINESS

Report on Lakewood parks program.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz updated the Council on the process for selecting a consultant to prepare the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He explained that the maintenance contract with Clover Park School District began on March 1, 1997, and was going well. He then explained that the baseball programs at Harry Todd Park, Forest Park, Kiwanis Park and Active Park has begun.

Discussion ensued on area lighting at the parks.

He then indicated that the lifeguard programs at American Lake and Harry Todd parks will begin Memorial Day weekend.

Discussion ensued on monitoring jet skis on the lakes.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that park security is a concern especially at Harry Todd Park and staff is looking at options on how to make the parks safer. He explained that there will be a police presence at least three hours on Fridays and six hours on weekends, at least for the first month in the summer. Staff is also proposing that summer aides, Lakewood cadets, be hired to provide a presence in the parks to serve as the eyes and ears of the Lakewood Police.

Discussion ensued on the level of authority of the summer aides.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that staff is recommending that parking fees be imposed in the parks to help maintain control and provide for safe and family-oriented parks. It is proposed that a \$1 resident fee and a \$3 non-

resident fee per vehicle be imposed at American Lake North and Harry Todd parks.

Discussion ensued on providing family seasonal passes for Lakewood residents and parking enforcement in and around the parks.

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For 1997, Deputy City Manager Neiditz explained that Communities and Schools and Pierce County Parks and Recreation has approached the City to see if the City would be interested in partnering with them to set up recreational programs at Southgate, Lake City, Tyee and Oakwood schools.

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Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

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Deputy City Manager Neiditz then reviewed the projects that were awarded Community Development Block Grant funding for restrooms and other improvements. He also reviewed the purpose of the Interagency Commission for Outdoor Recreation grant application.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz provided an update on the Commencement Bay Rowing Club facility project at Harry Todd Park.

He then noted that the McChord Gate Community Services Center is being leased and going well. Meetings have been held with neighborhood residents once a month.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that a number of the City's concerns on the proposed agreement concerning Fort Steilacoom Park have been addressed and the City of Lakewood will be a signatory to the agreement.

Discussion ensued about continuing the discussion about the ownership of the land of Fort Steilacoom Park and providing Lakewood an opportunity to become involved in the discussions early in the process.

#### BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a draft letter requesting Governor Locke to veto House Bill 2117 on cardroom taxes.

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry announced that in recognition of *National Tourism Week*, booths will be available at the Lakewood Mall beginning May 6, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to help promote tourism.

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Councilmember Henry announced that Wendy's on South Tacoma Way and SR-512 will be holding a blue ribbon ceremony on May 6, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember Henry requested that a thank you letter be sent to Principal Diane Pillow for the refreshments she provided tonight.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Tillicum tour he and Councilmembers Davis, Palmas and Thomas took with host Richard Rabisa on Saturday, May 3, 1997. Mayor Harrison indicated that during the tour, he noticed that there needs to be a special emphasis neighborhood cleanup sweep in the Tillicum and American Lake Gardens area.

Councilmember Davis thanked Richard Rabisa for the wonderful lunch at Tillicum Community Center.

Councilmember Thomas reported on the Common Ground Heartbeat of the City meeting she attended. She explained that the discussion at the meeting centered around how churches and religious organizations can participate in City

government and be a better resource for the City.

Deputy Mayor Thomas noted that it looks like progress is being made on the Lake Steilacoom issues. She asked for an update on the post office issue. City Attorney Heid indicated that he is working on this matter and it looks as though any legal action will end up in Federal court.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reminded Councilmembers and citizens that Lakewood Cleanup day is May 10, 1997.

Mayor Harrison announced that he had an opportunity to attend a Legal Offender Unit Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. He commented that the Legislature has approved \$4.2 million to Western State Hospital for the Legal Offender Unit. He also noted that funds for a pre-release facility were approved by the Legislature to move the pre-release facility at Western State to the tide flats in Tacoma.

Mayor Harrison reported that at the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee meeting he reiterated what was discussed at last week's Council meeting concerning beautification projects.

Mayor Harrison commented that the new Greater Lakes Mental Health building was a very nice building.

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Mayor Harrison indicated that he recently attended a meeting on the Chambers Creek Plan. He commented that the plan proposes two more trailheads along Chambers Creek.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on Club Nubian. Police Chief Masko indicated that there was activity with regard to liquor control and violations were filed.

Mayor Harrison commented on the dynamic speaker who spoke at the Countywide Prayer Breakfast.

Mayor Harrison announced that he was recently approached by a couple of construction developers who told him that Community Development Director Bugher and City Attorney Heid treated them with professionalism and courtesy. Mayor Harrison congratulated staff for the good work.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**