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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 19, 1997

Tillicum/American Lake Gardens

Community Service Center

14916 Washington Avenue SW

Lakewood, WA 98498

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

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ryan Slawzer by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that because of the Memorial Day holiday, next week's Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 1997, at Lakewood City Hall. In addition, the June 2, 1997, City Council meeting will be held at Lake City Elementary School.

Also, on June 2, 1997, City Hall will be moved to 10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW. He explained that the phone system at City Hall will be down beginning at noon on Friday, May 30, 1997.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that two visioning sessions on the Comprehensive Plan will be held on Saturday, May 31, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at Clover Park High School and on June 12, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at Lakes High School.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that he and Police Chief Masko will be meeting with the American Lake Improvement Club to discuss Marine Patrol services.

Mayor Harrison then called on Glen Anderson.

Glen Anderson, Bill's Boat House, spoke about opening the parks and schools and posting rules for everyone to see and follow.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisor Report.

Youth Advisor Urban announced that flyers on the upcoming Youth Advisor position have been circulated to the high schools.

Youth Advisor Urban commented that work has begun on putting together a youth forum to discuss jobs.

On a personal note, Youth Advisor Urban announced that she was accepted to the University of Washington and was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Lakewood Women's Rotary Club.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the Council tour of Tillicum, May 3, 1997.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 5, 1997.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of May 12, 1997.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$119,449.72 for the period April 16-30, 1997.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$99,787.08 for the period ending May 14, 1997.

F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 23, 1997.

2. City Hall Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of April 25, 1997.

G. [Ordinance No. 125](#)

Creating Sections 3.08.160 and 3.08.170 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to establishing a Police Investigation Fund with impressed accounts and a Municipal Court Agency Fund.

H. [Ordinance No. 126](#)

Creating Chapter 8.76 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to rules governing the use of City parks and facilities.

I. [Resolution No. 1997-14](#)

Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule to include vehicle parking fees in Harry Todd Park and American Lake North Park.

J. [Motion No. 1997-14](#)

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department and Communities in Schools of Lakewood, Inc., for a summer youth recreation program.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REFLECT THAT EVERYTHING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED EXCEPT FOR THE TWO INVOICES IN THE LIST OF CLAIM VOUCHERS THAT WERE MARKED VOID. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WA TAKEN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Lillah Stewart, 11326 Interlaaken Drive, presented a petition on implementing a curfew in Lakewood. She also expressed the need to implement a building moratorium.

Kenny Lee, 15310 Union Avenue, spoke about broken glass found in the sandboxes at Harry Todd Park.

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Chic Jackson-King, 9666 Bridgeport Way, spoke about rezoning a portion of Bridgeport Way to OLB2.

Cynthia Reddick, 9668 Bridgeport Way, spoke about the attractive commercial buildings along Bridgeport Way. She also expressed support for the OLB2 rezoning.

Carol Masters, 6420 150th Street SW, read a letter distributed to the Council expressing concern about the Cross Base Highway project. She requested the Council to delay voting on this matter until the Environmental Impact Statement was completed.

John Brooks, 12918 65th Avenue Court SW, requested Council to delay its vote on the Cross Base Highway project.

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Walter Robb, 12500 Bridgeport Way, expressed support for the OLB zoning designations.

Jim Taylor, Lakewood resident, thanked the Council and staff for their work on Harry Todd Park and the work being done in Tillicum.

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Alyce Backman, 15309 Portland Avenue SW, spoke about the eagles in Tillicum. She asked that the developers leave the trees where the eagles are nesting alone.

Debby Hockstaff, Centerforce, spoke in support of the OLB zoning classification.

Dave Fogg, 11204 Lake Steilacoom Drive, owner of property east of American Lake North Park, expressed concern about the lack of supervision in the park.

Casey Fogg, 9128 128th Street SW, expressed concern about people killing ducks in the park and the problems in the park.

Don Arsenault, Lakewood property owner, spoke in support of Centerforce and the proposed OLB zoning classifications.

Esther Miler, Lakewood resident, expressed concern about the need for a streetlight between 146th and Woodbrook Avenue.

Garry Cooper, Centerforce Board, spoke in support of the OLB zoning classification.

Kathy Mahoney, Western Inn property owner, spoke about the hotel/motel tax increase by the County and how the County's tax and Lakewood's passage of the hotel/motel tax would affect her business.

Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a hearing by the City Council on the request to vacate a portion of Lakewood Drive SW right-of-way to provide additional space for a proposed service station complex. (Changela, Inc.; File No. VAC. 97.002)

Speaking before the Council was:

Jeff Moore, Apex Engineering, spoke about the 60-foot right-of-way on the proposed site and lighting in the area.

APPOINTMENTS

Confirming the appointment of individuals to the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee.

At the request of Councilmember Thomas, Mayor Harrison requested that Walter Neary be contacted to see if he would be interested in serving as an ex-officio member of the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MIRIAM K. DELAIRE, RICHARD J. EBBS, CARL B. HUPMAN, CAROL (T.D.) IMHOLT, ROGER LAYBOURN, TOM LIBERATORE AND JIM TAYLOR AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS MELVIN N. NEIGHBORS, JAN WOLCOTT AND NIKKI BLEVINS (ALTERNATE), JIM TAYLOR AND IRIS URBAN AS MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION AD HOC COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 127](#) authorizing the vacation of a portion of Lakewood Drive SW right-of-way to provide additional space for a proposed service station complex. (Changela, Inc., File No. VAC. 97.002)

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 127. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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[Ordinance No. 128](#) amending Sections 18.25.020, 18.25.100, 18.35.020 Subsection B2 (Zoning Classifications) and 18.45.310 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Office and Limited Business zoning classifications.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 128. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1997-15](#) modifying the City of Lakewood's position on the Cross Base Highway alignment alternatives.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-15. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1997-15 authorizing the execution of an agreement with J.C. Draggoo and Associates for developing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH J.C. DRAGGOO AND ASSOCIATES FOR DEVELOPING THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lakewood 2020 Visioning - Consultant Participation.

Consultant Participation.

Community Development Director Bugher reported that staff is in the process of preparing a contract with EDAW to develop the Comprehensive Plan to come before the Council for consideration and adoption on June 2, 1997.

He explained that EDAW will be assisting with the Visioning 2020 forums beginning May 31, 1997, prior to Council's consideration of the complete contract.

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BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the final version of the citizens' survey and requested Council comments by Tuesday, May 20, 1997, in order to print and distribute the survey before the May 31, 1997, Visioning forum.

City Manager Rohlfs then called on Deputy City Manager Neiditz who explained the role of the Public Safety Advisory Committee. He indicated that a strategic plan will be developed which will include an action plan with priorities driven by the City, to reduce crime and increase safety. He indicated that the plan should be completed within four to five months. The Council supported the concept and encouraged staff to proceed.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry reported on the joint law enforcement memorial she recently attended. She encouraged Councilmembers to attend future memorials to provide support.

Councilmember Henry reminded Councilmembers to call Mountain View Funeral Home to confirm their attendance at the showing of the Vietnam Memorial Wall on July 12-18, 1997.

Councilmember Henry announced that Lakewood Day at Lakewood Gardens will be held on June 1, 1997.

Councilmember Henry requested that a thank you letter be sent to Jim Thoburn, Lakewood Coordinator of Safe Streets for his services at the McChord Gate Community Center.

Councilmember Henry reported that the Events Ad Hoc Committee has agreed to allocate \$250 for publicizing Lakewood City Day. Another \$1,500 will be donated for next year's Daffodil Festival float.

She announced that Kate Starbird has agreed to be Grand Marshall at the Summerfest Parade.

Councilmember Thomas announced that the Lakes High School prom was very nice and well done.

Councilmember Thomas suggested that because McChord Gate receives so much negative publicity that the area should be given a new name.

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Councilmember Palmas questioned the content of the letter he received from the Department of Ecology. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the letter was somewhat confusing, however, the Department of Ecology will be treating Lake Steilacoom.

Councilmember Richardson asked for a report on whether the intersection of 146th Street and Woodbrook is on the list of intersections to receive streetlights and if so, when approximately would it be installed.

Councilmember Richardson commented that if a charge or fee is imposed for parking, people will park elsewhere. He asked if homeowners can post no parking signs on their property. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that property owners can post no parking signs and call a towing company to remove vehicles from their property. He noted, however, that the City can post and enforce no parking on the right-of-way, but not on private property.

Councilmember Richardson suggested that whenever land use changes are being proposed, notices be sent to property owners in the affected area notifying them of the proposed changes.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that the social service group met to discuss strategies on requests for social service funding that will be coming before the Council.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she had a good time representing the Mayor at the Filipino/Pierce County Community annual banquet.

Councilmember Henry reported that a U.S. flag was presented to NCOA, one of the tenants at the new City Hall site. The new flag was raised and is being flown.

Mayor Harrison asked for a status report on the improvements to the Bridgeport Way and I-5 area and if the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee could plant trees in the area. City Manager Rohlf indicated that it may take about a year before substantial improvements can be done in the area because of the franchise situation. However, the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee could proceed with the planting of trees as an interim measure to improve the area.

Mayor Harrison asked if the new City Hall will be ready for staff to move into. City Manager Rohlf reported that so far, it looks positive.

Mayor Harrison reported that he and Councilmember Henry attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the 21 new buildings that will accommodate the C-17 airplanes.

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Mayor Harrison extended Councilmembers an invitation to attend a Memorial Day observance at McChord on Friday, May 30, 1997.

Mayor Harrison expressed his excitement about the opening of the City parks and making the parks available. He emphasized the need to enforce the rules that were adopted tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK