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LAKESIDE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 2, 1997

Lake City Elementary School

Gymnasium

8800 121st Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98498

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Iris Urban by request of Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison announced that several Councilmembers were recognized for their honorable service.

He announced that Councilmember Davis was honored by the Tacoma-Pierce County Municipal League for her service as a City Councilmember and a former Board member of the Clover Park School District.

He announced that Councilmember Henry was honored at the McChord Memorial Day Service for her work on the Memorial Garden.

Deputy Mayor Thomas was honored in a *Lakewood Journal* article for serving as principal at three schools.

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REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the State Auditor has given the City an unqualified audit for 1996. He then distributed copies of the 1996 financial report and expressed appreciation to Finance Director Kidd and the Finance Department staff for their work in receiving a good report.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the June 9, 1997 City Council Study Session will be held at Oakwood Elementary School and the June 16, 1997 Council meeting will be held at Oakbrook Elementary School.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee is working on cleaning up the right-of-way at the I-5 and SR-512 interchange. He also noted that Clover Park Technical College recognized the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee for their work on beautifying the right-of-way at Gravelly Lake Drive and Washington Boulevard.

City Manager Rohlfs reported on the results of the Comprehensive Plan Visioning Forum that was held on May 31, 1997. He explained that the top results in order of priority included the need for pedestrian walkways, lower crime, more public safety, stronger neighborhoods, bike trails, a central commercial center, keeping quality schools and beautifying the City's gateways.

The strengths of Lakewood included the area's natural beauty and environment. The weaknesses included a history of poor zoning and crime. City Manager Rohlfs announced that the next Visioning Forum Workshop will be held on June 12, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at Lakes High School.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that City Hall moved to its new location at 10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW over the weekend. He thanked General Services Director/City Clerk Bush for organizing the City Hall move.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring June 1997, as *Hire a Veteran Month*.

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Presentation by Totem Ski Club regarding parking fees at American Lake North Park.

Mr. Paul Martin from the Totem Ski Club requested that the Council consider reducing the parking and boat launch fees or waiving the fees for members of the Totem Ski Club who are also property owners on Silcox Island.

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Mr. Ron Gilmore spoke about the history on how the Totem Ski Club was organized.

Mr. Bob McCann, tenant at American Lake North Park who handles the boat launch, spoke about the launch fees that were once imposed by the County.

Council requested that staff provide the Council with proposals to address the Ski Club's concerns.

Youth Advisor Report.

Youth Advisor Urban commented on the recent death of Charles Waverly.

Youth Advisor Urban indicated that she had not been able to find a Lakes High student to serve as Youth Advisor. She suggested that the Council extend the deadline for submitting applications. Councilmember Richardson indicated that there is a Lakes High student who has submitted an application to serve as the Youth Advisor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Tim Quigley, 10307 Lakeview Avenue, spoke about appropriate signs for schools.

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Ed Starbird, 8021 Jade Drive, expressed concern that the Council not grant special interest groups special consideration for parking and boat launch fees. He suggested that the Council review the whole situation rather than make decisions on a case-by-case basis.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 19, 1997.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of May 27, 1997.
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$98,861.32 for the period May 1-15, 1997.
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$859,049.30 for the period ending May 29, 1997.

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

Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 7, 1997.

F. [Ordinance No. 129](#)

Creating Section 3.40.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to establishing a Parks Department change account in the amount of \$100.

G. [Resolution No. 1997-16](#)

Setting June 16, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the Amended 1997 and 1998-2003 Six-Year Transportation Program and the Interim Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 130](#) amending Sections 13.06.150, 13.06.160 and 13.06.170 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to garbage utility rates.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 130. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Palmas asked if the City could award Iris Urban a scholarship for her service as Youth Advisor. City Attorney Heid indicated that the City cannot gift funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Davis asked for a status report on the contract negotiations with the firm developing the Comprehensive Plan. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff is still negotiating the contract and hope to have the contract before the Council for adoption at the next regular Council meeting.

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City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's guidance on the waiving of penalty fees for business licenses. He indicated that he had been waiving penalty fees when businesses called to say they had not received a business license notice or did not know that a business license was required. Now that the City has developed a more solid data base of businesses, he was concerned that if a business asked for a waiver, that perhaps the City could issue a more restrictive penalty waiver, giving businesses five working days to pay the current fee and allowing for the waiver of the penalty. Because the City did not have full and complete business information, there was concern that not all businesses received earlier notices for business licenses. In order to be fair to these businesses, it would be

appropriate to waive the penalties that would otherwise be imposed on late business licenses. Additionally, with those waivers, it would only be fair to refund to those businesses that already paid the penalties the amounts paid as penalties so that all such businesses are treated equally. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that those who have paid penalties could be sent refunds.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED THAT THE CITY ISSUE A MORE RESTRICTIVE PENALTY WAIVER, SENDING A LETTER TO BUSINESSES WHO HAVE NOT PAID, GIVING THEM FIVE WORKING DAYS TO PAY THE CURRENT FEE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE WAIVER OF THE PENALTY AND ALSO REFUNDING THOSE BUSINESSES WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THE PENALTY. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an update on the shooting incident in Tillicum. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the incident is under investigation and that it was inappropriate at this time for Police Chief Masko to discuss this matter.

Councilmember Richardson asked that a process for requesting a review of speed limits on city streets be developed.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on Thursday, June 5, 1997, a Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the old Lakewood Terrace Restaurant.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz distributed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Inventory for Council's information.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry thanked Councilmembers for attending Lakewood City Day at Lakewood Gardens on Sunday, June 1, 1997.

Councilmember Davis commended Principal Planner Roger Blaylock for putting together an outstanding Visioning Forum.

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Councilmember Thomas expressed concern about enforcing the City's fireworks ordinance.

Councilmember Palmas announced that on Wednesday, June 4, 1997, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. the Telecommunications Visioning Workshop will be held at City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked Principal Planner Roger Blaylock for organizing the Visioning Forum Workshop. She expressed disappointment that the average age group that attended the Visioning Forum was between 40-62 years old and that there wasn't more youth representation. She also expressed concern that diversity representation was missing.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Economic Development Plan Forum on Pierce County's Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for June 3, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Library and on June 10, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Center.

Mayor Harrison commented on the article entitled "New Rules to Make Boating Safer" that was published in the Lakewood/University Place insert in last week's Lakewood Journal. He expressed concern that the article indicated that there were no speed limit requirements on the lakes in the City of Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison requested that the City respond to William Lindberg's letter that was provided to the Council earlier.

Mayor Harrison requested an update on the Post Office situation. City Attorney Heid indicated that he is waiting for some additional information.

Councilmember Henry thanked Kim Eckart for the well-written news article on the gifted children program that was in today's News Tribune.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK