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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 9, 1997

Oakwood Elementary School

Gymnasium

3230 85th Street S

Lakewood, WA 98409

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson.

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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; Budget Analyst Kim Austin; Community Development Director David Bugher; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock; 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 Chad Wilson by request of Mayor Harrison.

In recognition of Councilmember Thomas' birthday on Thursday, June 12, 1997, members of the audience sang "Happy Birthday."

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on Thursday, June 12, 1997, the second Visioning forum on the Comprehensive Plan will be held at Lakes High School Commons area.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that next week's City Council meeting on June 16, 1997, will be held at Oakbrook Elementary School.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA) Board will be discussing the matter of having a Lakewood representative to serve on their Board at their 2:00 p.m. June 18, 1997, meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Lakewood Police Officers.

Police Chief Masko and Mayor Harrison recognized officers Daniel Wulick, Micah Lundborg, Rustin Wilder and office employee Tom Symonds for exemplary service.

Mayor Harrison also recognized officers Robert Nelson and Todd Donato for their service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Diane Lynn, 8529 33rd Avenue S, spoke about the need for a street light at a nearby park.

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Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane, spoke about a death in Tillicum, liquor licenses in Tillicum and police enforcement in Tillicum.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

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Authorizing the City of Lakewood to participate in the *Pierce County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet* for the 1997 primary and general elections.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush explained that the Pierce County Auditor has requested the Council to participate in the County's Voters' Pamphlet for the 1997 primary and general elections. The City's share to participate with the County will be approximately \$6,000 which is less than what it would cost the City to produce its own pamphlet.

Pierce County Auditor Pearsall-Stipek explained the process and timeframe for producing a Voters' Pamphlet.

Discussion ensued on the order of placement of candidates in the statement and whether the ordinance would provide for the County to produce the Voters' Pamphlet for future elections.

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Review of the 1996 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Finance Director Kidd briefly reviewed the introductory, financial and statistical sections of the 1996 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports.

Budget Analyst Kim Austin provided a detailed review of the 1996 financial statements.

Finance Director Kidd provided a briefing on the statistical section of the City's financial trends.

Discussion ensued on property tax levies in comparison with other cities in Pierce County. The Council commended the staff of the Finance Department for a good report.

Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with EDAW for development of the Comprehensive Plan.

Principal Planner Blaylock reviewed the scope of services required of EADW for development of the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion ensued on the tasks of the consultant; GIS service; format of the Plan; citizen involvement in the Comprehensive Plan; the role of the Planning Advisory Board; and keeping the Council informed of the progress of the Planning Advisory Board's task during the Comprehensive Planning process.

Authorizing the selection of a consultant for the economic development element of the Comprehensive Plan and the execution of an agreement with Economic Consulting Services, Inc.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz requested that Economic Consulting Services, Inc., be allowed to prepare the economic development element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion ensued on what the economic development element will provide in the Comprehensive Plan.

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Authorizing the exercise of the option to execute an interlocal agreement with Pierce County to extend the term for police and law enforcement support services to December 31, 2001.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that the proposed contract extends the term of the Pierce County contract for police and law enforcement support services (LESA) to December 31, 2001. He then reviewed the terms of the contract.

Discussion ensued on the City's ability to provide input on police protocol matters concerning animal control services.

Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreements with Reid Middleton, Inc., Perteet Engineers, Inc. and Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure, Inc. for preliminary engineering and right-of-way appraisals for various construction projects.

Engineering Manager Larkin explained that the agreements with Reid Middleton, Inc., Perteet Engineers, Inc. and Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure, Inc., to provide engineering and appraisals to construct sidewalks on 83rd Avenue SW from Steilacoom Boulevard to the Brighton Place Apartments on the west side and to the Morningtree Apartments on the east side; sidewalk on the south side of Custer Road from John Dower Road SW to Bridgeport Way and to reconstruct and realign a portion of Custer Road.

Discussion ensued on a time schedule for completion of the projects and how to redirect traffic during construction on Custer Road.

Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to boat launch and parking fees at Harry Todd Park and American Lake North Park.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the amendments to the fee schedule relative to boat launch and parking fees at Harry Todd Park and American Lake North Park.

Discussion ensued on the fee structure.

Items Tentatively Scheduled for the June 16, 1997, Regular City Council Meeting: (to be held at Oakbrook Elementary School, 7802 83rd Avenue SW)

1. Authorizing the City of Lakewood to participate in the *Pierce County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet* for the 1997 primary and general elections. - (Ordinance-Consent Agenda)

2. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with EDAW for development of the Comprehensive Plan. - (Motion-Consent Agenda)

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3. Authorizing the selection of a consultant for the economic development element of the Comprehensive Plan and the execution of an agreement with Economic Consulting Services, Inc. - (Motion-Consent Agenda)

4. Authorizing the exercise of the option to execute an interlocal agreement with Pierce County to extend the term for police and law enforcement support services to December 31, 2001. - (Motion-Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreements with Reid Middleton, Inc., Perteet Engineers, Inc. and Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure, Inc. for preliminary engineering and right-of-way appraisals for various construction projects. - (Resolution)
6. Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to boat launch and parking fees at Harry Todd Park and American Lake North Park. - (Resolution-Consent Agenda)
7. This is the date set 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.
8. Setting Monday, July 7, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the codification of ordinances for the Lakewood Municipal Code. - (Resolution-Consent Agenda)

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Pierce County Boundary Review Board will be meeting on June 10, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen annexation. He noted that Steilacoom has called to inquire about the deadline to invoke jurisdiction. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the deadline is July 7, 1997.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a map showing where each of the City Hall Ad Hoc Committee members resides and where proposed nominees to the Committee reside. He indicated that based on the map, there are no representatives in the areas of Sylvan and Lake Louise.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry thanked Councilmembers and City staff for the flowers she received last Friday.

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Councilmember Henry asked staff for clarification on Governor Locke's veto of the hotel/motel tax. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that in some cases there is no harm and in some cases the hotel/motel tax is allowed under certain situations. He explained that the three percent hotel/motel tax the Council recently imposed is going to expire on July 27, 1997. The second special two percent hotel/motel tax will also expire on July 27, 1997. The base two percent hotel/motel tax is still in effect. City Manager Rohlfs explained that there would be a revenue loss of \$60,000 annually. If you add three percent hotel/motel loss, it would amount to \$150,000.

Councilmember Henry asked when the public hearing on the proposed changes to the sign ordinance will be held. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Planning Advisory Board will be considering the proposed amendments to the sign ordinance soon.

Councilmember Davis reported that she and Mayor Harrison had the opportunity to attend an interesting conference on economic redevelopment in Tacoma.

Councilmember Davis indicated that she will be making a Regional Transit Authority presentation to the DuPont City Council on Tuesday, June 10, 1997.

Councilmember Davis indicated that she will be making a trip to Los Angeles to attend a meeting that is being organized by Ron Sims to solve freight mobility problems on trucks and rail.

Councilmember Thomas asked for a status report on when the GIS system would be up and operating. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff is in the process of interviewing the GIS staff. He indicated that the system is proposed to be initiated around July 1, 1997.

Councilmember Thomas encouraged Councilmembers to read the editorial on the curfew and the article on bike

pathways in Fort Steilacoom Park.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that she received many positive comments about the Visioning forum. She also indicated that there were some negative comments about the consultant having preconceived ideas in the area of density and urban design.

Councilmember Thomas commented that there were offensive graffiti in the bathrooms at American Lake North Park. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that the bathrooms were painted today.

Councilmember Thomas noted that there was a large grassy area at Harry Todd Park that had not been mowed. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that he will check into this.

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Councilmember Thomas asked when the open house will be held at the new City Hall facility. City Manager Rohlf indicated that staff is working on a date to hold the open house.

Councilmember Palmas asked if street lights in other areas besides arterial streets such on Custer between 75th and Lakewood and on 83rd Avenue could be installed. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that street lights are proposed on the Custer Road project but not on the 83rd Avenue project.

Councilmember Palmas noted that the atrium area at the new City Hall is extremely hot and asked if something was being done to cool that particular area.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that two students submitted applications for the Youth Advisor position and that they will be interviewed this week.

She also noted that the recent editorial by Hugh Hedges encouraged that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee have the opportunity to work on the entrances to Lakewood.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK