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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, June 23, 1997**

**City of Lakewood**

**City Council Chambers**

**10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW**

**Lakewood, WA 98499**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Colleen Henry; JosÃ© Palmas and 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; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Chief Rob Masko; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Hayes by request of Mayor Harrison.

*INVOCATION - Dr. Charles H. Carlson, Senior Pastor, Little Church on the Prairie*

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Mayor Harrison called on Pastor Carlson who provided the invocation.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation declaring June 30, 1997, as *AI Green Day*.

Mayor Harrison proclaimed June 30, 1997, as *AI Green Day* and presented the proclamation to President AI Green of Clover Park Technical College.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on June 24, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a parks and recreation workshop in the Council Chambers in which the public is welcome to attend.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported that Pierce County has accepted the City's Comprehensive Urban Growth Area (CUGA) application and the County anticipates to review the application and conduct a public hearing in late July 1997.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on Wednesday, August 6, 1997, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a pedestrian workshop. He explained that there are 25 seats available and three seats are reserved for Councilmembers. If Councilmembers are interested in attending, please let staff know.

City Manager Rohlfs provided an update on the hotel/motel tax. He explained that effective July 27, 1997, the seven percent hotel/motel tax currently being imposed will be reduced to two percent. He further explained that the U. S. Supreme Court has issued its ruling on the sexual offender law and that, based on that decision, the legislature may or may not have had a special session during which the subject of the hotel/motel tax may have been revisited. He further stated that, based on the City's understanding at this point, the Supreme Court decision would leave the Washington law intact and a special session will not be required. He noted that it is important to make contact with the legislators in January to ensure that this matter is addressed. Two percent of the hotel/motel tax was not reduced but was redistributed from the City to the County, and that is an issue that also must be addressed.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that last Friday, Civil Engineer Ken Gunther, on his way in to work, spotted a duplex in University Place on fire and assisted the tenants in the building to get them out.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Mayor Harrison was elected to the District 6 position on the Association of Washington Cities Board.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there will be no City Council meeting on June 30, 1997.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Report on *Lakewood 2020 Visioning* process.

Principal Planner Blaylock reported on the Comprehensive Plan Visioning workshops that were held on May 31 and June 12, 1997. He explained that at the first workshop, 130 people attended and identified urban design, transportation and human services as the top three vision categories to focus on. At the second workshop, 129 people attended who were asked to identify actions to be taken to implement the visions identified at the first workshop.

Discussion ensued on urban design; population growth and how the land would be used; and educating involving the public in the Comprehensive Planning process.

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Update on street lighting program.

Civil Engineer Gunther reported on staff's recommendation for area street lights in the following areas:

1. 104th Street/Interlaaken Drive
2. Interlaaken Drive/Beach Lane
3. 112th Street/Butte Road
4. Short Lane/104th Street
5. Elwood Drive/Dresden Lane SW/87th Avenue SW
6. Short Lane/Lake Steilacoom Drive
7. Angle Lane/Elwood Drive
8. Farwest Drive/Lakes High School

He explained that these streets were selected based on the criteria that the street must be either a principle, minor or collector arterial; that there must be documented safety concerns; and that justification for lighting must involve consideration of pedestrian and vehicular volumes, accident ratios, roadway geometry, merging lanes, curves and intersenctions.

He indicated that the selected locations would receive a total of 19 light fixtures at a cost of approximately \$5,000

which the Council allocated for street lights earlier.

Discussion ensued on street lights at Dresden Lane.

#### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 7, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

- 1. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the codification of ordinances for the Lakewood Municipal Code.**
- 2. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed moratorium relating to land use and short plats, long plats/subdivisions and planned development districts in certain areas of the city.**
- 3. Authorizing the codification of the regulatory ordinances of the City as the Lakewood Municipal Code. - (Ordinance)**
- 4. Adopting the Amended 1997 and 1998-2003 Six-Year Transportation Program. - (Resolution-Consent Agenda)**
- 5. Adopting the Interim Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)**

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- 6. Amending Resolution No. 1996-3, establishing the location of City Council regular meetings and study sessions to 10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood, Washington. - (Resolution-Consent Agenda)**

There were no comments.

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs reported that there has been an emphasis on code enforcement in the Tillicum area and a meeting with neighborhood groups affiliated with Tillicum will be held to discuss code enforcement. Notice of the meeting has been placed in the *Tillicum Times*.

Engineering Manager Larkin reported that Windermere Realty has adopted two sites at 100th and Bridgeport Way and 93rd and Whitman and Ardmore. He indicated that they have done good work to beautify these sites. Mayor Harrison requested that thank you letters be sent to Windermere Realty in appreciation of their work.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Henry announced that Mary Hall, Lakewood's Safe Streets coordinator, will be speaking at the Chamber breakfast on June 26th, 1997, at Happy Days Restaurant.

Councilmember Palmas distributed copies of the DWI Victim Memorial Signage program in which Lakewood is a participant.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for an update on park activities. Deputy City Manager Neiditz replied that there had been no significant happenings in the parks over the weekend. He reported that the parks are now operating seven days a week.

Councilmember Henry commented that in response to the U. S. Postal Governance Group's letter on using "Lakewood" as a city name, the Governance Group doesn't understand all of the implications about recognizing the city's name. City Attorney Heid indicated that the legal route seems to be the City's only course of action to take which will be brought before the Federal District Court.

Mayor Harrison reported that the Association of Washington Cities Conference was well attended and one of the best conferences put together. He indicated that he thought Lakewood had better programs than those that were presented with the 1997 Achievement Awards. He recommended that the City submit an application next year to be considered.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Pierce County Council will be holding a County Council meeting in the Council Chambers on September 30, 1997. He also announced that the joint School Board and City Council meeting will be held on September 22, 1997.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the Fort Steilacoom Park agreement. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that a draft agreement will be available later this week. The agreement will be provided to the Council for review.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will recess to Executive Session for approximately ten minutes to discuss potential land acquisition. The Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**