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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 7, 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis (arrived at 7:40 p.m.); 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.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jack Hertzog by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs deferred to Councilmember Henry who presented Mayor Harrison with a birthday cake. Councilmembers and members of the audience sang "Happy Birthday."

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation honoring the men and women listed on the Vietnam "Moving Wall."

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation honoring the men and women listed on the Vietnam "Moving Wall" to Ms. Cindy Thompson, Mountain View Funeral Home Director.

Youth Advisor Report.

There was no report.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Darrell Jesse, 11605 Gravelly Lake Drive, spoke about certain zoning requirements and returning it back to what it

was.

Hal Iverson, Lake Louise Drive, spoke about imposing a moratorium on water and jet skis on Lake Louise.

Dean Minor, Gravelly Lake Drive SW resident, spoke in support of the Council's moratorium on short plats/long subdivisions.

Edna Anderson, Lakewood resident, spoke about the zoning designation on her home on Interlaaken Drive.

John Clancy, Lakewood resident, asked the Council to do what is fair in allowing development.

Wilbur Barker, Lakewood resident, spoke about an undeveloped tract of land on Gravelly Lake Drive SW.

George Wessel spoke about maintaining smaller lot zoning.

Leona Wyatt, Langlow Street, commented that Pierce County was unfair in their decision on the development of a lot on North Street.

Harvey Kuester, Interlaaken Drive, spoke about Pierce County raping the lots at 104th and Idlewild with "cookie cutter" homes. He requested that there be decent lot sizes for development.

Henry Scholtz, Lakewood resident, spoke about minimizing the amount of growth and development in Lakewood.

Scott Shera, 11210 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, welcomed interested citizens to see the property he is proposing to develop and to call him to discuss the nine acres on Gravelly Lake Drive he wants to develop.

Wally Christopherson, Steilacoom Drive SW, expressed concern about the deterioration of the quality of life in Lakewood when more development occurs.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 16, 1997.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 23, 1997.

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C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$102,708.29 for the period June 1-15, 1997.

D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$911,605.02 for the period ending June 25, 1997.

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

1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 21, 1997.

2. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 28, 1997.

[F. Resolution No. 1997-21](#)

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

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

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the moratorium relating to land use and short plats, long plats/subdivisions and planned development districts in certain areas of the city.

Councilmember Davis arrived at 7:40 p.m.

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Speaking before the Council were:

Randall Bennett, 12753 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, representing Gravelly Lake Homeowners Association, spoke about continuing the moratorium on short plats, long plats/subdivisions and planned development districts.
Larry Else, 9116 128th Street SW, American Lake Improvement Club, spoke about growth and development and higher density in Lakewood and requested the Council consider changing the zoning to what it was.
Ron Leighton, 34 Country Club Drive, spoke on behalf of several individuals to support the moratorium.
Lillah Stewart, 11326 Interlaaken Drive, spoke in support of the moratorium and increase the density requirements.
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Marilee Titus, 10922 Idlewild Road, spoke in support of the moratorium.

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Robin Furstoss, 7201 120th Street SW, requested that the moratorium on property at Idlewild and 104th be waived. She explained that the St. Moritz property has been in her family for generations.
Ron Pemberton, 6638 Hilltop Lane, spoke in support of the moratorium.
Art Hudtloff, 7501 Ruby Drive SW, spoke about the 104th and Idlewild property development and expressed concern about the moratorium being applied to that property.
Tom Morberg, 6111 Community Place SW, asked Council to consider a two-tier moratorium on property around the lakes.
Bob Moawad, 10901 Greendale Drive SW, spoke in support of the moratorium.
T. W. Roarke, 11512 Interlaaken Drive, spoke in support of the moratorium until a Lakewood Plan is put into place.
Bud Rees, Attorney, 5920 120th SW, representing Scott Shera, asked that his letter be made part of the record.
June Olsen, Nyanza Drive, asked that the trees on properties that are being developed remain.
George Wessel, 64th Avenue SW, spoke in opposition to the moratorium and the secretive manner in which the moratorium was done.
Doug Richter, 7127 Interlaaken Drive, asked that the moratorium not be imposed on those individuals who had previously filed plans for development.
Scott Shera, Lakewood resident, expressed concern about the deceitful manner in which the moratorium was done and believes that his project was grandfathered in.
Molly Edmond, Gravelly Lake Drive, spoke in support of the moratorium until Lakewood's Plan is developed.
Pat O'Malley, Gravelly Lake Drive, spoke in support of the moratorium to protect the unique quality of life in Lakewood.
Rick Myer, Hilltop Lane, spoke about density zoning and including Nyanza Road as a part of the moratorium.
Ms. Davidson, Interlaaken Drive, questioned whether her property was part of the moratorium.
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Howie Meadowcroft, Lakewood resident, indicated that the moratorium also allows for the study of commercial properties.

The hearing was declared closed.

Council recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the codification of the regulatory ordinances of the City as the official Lakewood Municipal Code.

Speaking before the Council were:

There were no speakers.

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 132](#) authorizing the codification of the regulatory ordinances of the City as the official Lakewood Municipal Code.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 132. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 133](#) amending Ordinance Nos. 21 and 120, codified as Chapter 3.36 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Transient Occupancy Tax, to provide for reserve tax authority and to establish a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 133. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Richardson asked if jurisdiction had been invoked on the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen annexation. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that he does not believe Steilacoom had invoked jurisdiction.

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NEW BUSINESS

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO REAFFIRM THE MORATORIUM ON LAND USE AND SHORT PLATS, LONG PLATS/SUBDIVISION AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY. COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 1997-19 authorizing the purchase of geographical information system hardware and software from Environmental Systems Research, Inc., a sole source provider.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH, INC., A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Bill Marken was hired as GIS Technician and Jeffrey Brewster was hired as Administrative Analyst.

City Manager Rohlfs routed a sign-up sheet for the Paint Lakewood Beautiful project, if Councilmembers were interested in participating.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry asked Councilmembers to let her know if they would be interested to help staff the Summerfest booth on July 19, 1997.

Councilmember Henry indicated that Mountain View Funeral Home is still looking for volunteers to help with the "Moving Wall" event on July 12, 1997.

Councilmember Henry announced that Connie Bacon will be speaking at the Chamber's breakfast meeting on Thursday, July 10, 1997.

Councilmember Davis reported that she arrived at tonight's Council meeting late because she had to make a presentation before the University Place City Council on the RTA project. She indicated that she will also be making presentations before the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs and the Edgewood City Council.

Councilmember Davis reported on the meeting she attended in Los Angeles concerning freight traffic coming into the ports.

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Councilmember Thomas reported on the June 26, 1997, Safe Streets meeting she attended in Lake City. She indicated that the Safe Streets coordinator and the police officer who attended the meeting did a good job of listening and communicating with the public.

Councilmember Palmas asked that the Council consider adopting an ordinance on cleaning up fireworks debris on streets. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the litter control ordinance covers the litter of fireworks debris.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that the Human Services group has appointed committee members to the Human Services Collaboration Steering Committee. She indicated that the Committee is in the process of screening applications received for funding. Funding requests in the amount of \$200,000 had been received. She indicated that the City will be allocating \$80,000 for human services projects.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that at the Joint Council/School Board meeting on September 22, 1997, the Council will recognize Iris Urban for her service as Youth Advisor and at the same time, introduce two new youth advisors who will be replacing her.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked how the Office of Financial Management arrived at the adjusted 62,240 population figure for the City of Lakewood. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the City argued with the Office of Financial Management on the methodology used to adjust the City of Lakewood's population base. He indicated that the City gained a little bit, but that the City did not gain what he thought the City should have received.

Mayor Harrison referred to a recent article by *The News Tribune* on cell towers. He noted that Weyerhaeuser had filed suit against the City of DuPont for approving a cell tower.

Mayor Harrison commented that he received a phone call from Northwest Landing expressing concern that all of the trains will be routed through Lakewood, and Northwest Landing will be unable to build a motel because of the noise factor from the trains.

Based on Hal Iverson's remarks under the "Public Comments" period, Mayor Harrison requested that staff respond to Mr. Iverson's concerns about jet skis on Lake Steilacoom.

Mayor Harrison reported that the Council and the Community Development Director received some disturbing and threatening anonymous phone call messages that were left on the Council's voice mail and the Community Development Director's voice mail.

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Councilmember Henry indicated that her daughter recently moved back to Lakewood and after filling out a change of address card, her daughter received back from the U.S. Post Office an information card about her community indicating that City Hall's number was 591-5000, not 589-2489 and that her local chamber's phone number was the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, not the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. City Attorney Heid indicated that a letter has been written to Congressman Dicks asking for his assistance on the postal situation with a copy of the card that Councilmember Henry's daughter received.

With regard to the recent fire on Steilacoom Boulevard over the Fourth of July weekend, Mayor Harrison expressed disappointment that the three major television stations made reference to "Pierce County" Police Department and "Pierce County" Fire District and not one time were they referred to as "Lakewood" Police Department or "Lakewood" Fire District. Mayor Harrison indicated that he received three outside calls from agencies that complimented the Lakewood Police Department and Fire District for their efforts on the fire. Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that there is a perception that the fire was a derivative of a hate crime and that there is a hate crime group in Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately ten minutes to discuss potential litigation.

The Council recessed at 10:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK