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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 28, 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; Colleen Henry; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; 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 Dave Bugher by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Washington Finance Officers Association has awarded the City of Lakewood the Distinguished Budget Award for its 1997 budget.

City Manager Rohlfs thanked Engineering Manager Larkin and Human Resources Administrator Young for their volunteer efforts on the Paint Lakewood Beautiful project. Mayor Harrison then presented Engineering Manager Larkin and Human Resources Administrator Young with certificates of appreciation for their volunteer efforts. Mayor Harrison requested that a press release be sent to the newspapers about the City and community's effort in painting several homes in Lakewood.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Lakewood Hatchery and South Sound Wildlife Area is requesting Council's support in their efforts to seek a grant to make the hatchery and wildlife area more accessible to the public. The Council endorsed the Lakewood Hatchery's application to seek grant funding and concurred with sending a letter of support on their project.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported on the ruling that was made on the hotel/motel tax. He indicated that staff will be working on this matter in preparation of the next legislative session.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that once more information is obtained in regard to the Victory Apartments letter on code enforcement issues, a response will be forthcoming.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a letter to the editor of the Lakewood Journal in response to a letter to the editor from Mr. Hutchins with regard to the annexation of the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen area. He indicated that his letter attempts to set forth the facts on the annexation. City Manager Rohlfs asked for Councilmembers input on the content of the letter. He indicated that a fact sheet on the annexation will be distributed ten days to two weeks prior to the election and a community forum will be held a week before the election to provide information and facts about the annexation.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation recognizing April Falkin for service on the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Mayor Harrison announced that Dr. April Falkin called earlier today and indicated that she would not be able to attend tonight's Council meeting to receive her certificate of appreciation for serving on the Economic Development Advisory Board.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of the 1998 Budget calendar.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the proposed 1998 budget calendar. He then described the forms that staff will be completing which will be used for Council's review.

Discussion ensued on the budget line item for funding human services projects.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that in August staff will be preparing departmental goals and objectives. Then in September, the City Manager will be reviewing departmental budgets and the preliminary budget is scheduled to be presented to the Council on September 29, 1997. The public hearing on the 1998 budget is scheduled for November 17, 1997, with adoption to follow on December 1, 1997.

Discussion ensued on the calendar and process for Council's input.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 4, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Pedestrian Roadshow briefing. - *Federal Highway Administration***
- 2. Confirming the appointment of Jim Crabbe to the Economic Development Advisory Board through February 11, 2000.**
- 3. Amending Section 3.40.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to increasing the Parks Department change account from \$100 to \$175. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 4. Setting Monday, August 18, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the extension of the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for adult entertainment businesses to February 28, 1998. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)**

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that it has been brought to his attention on several occasions that there appears to be some opportunities in the area of an international district. He explained that the Port of Tacoma is looking at ways to enhance their marketability in the Pacific Rim. The idea of forming an international district ad hoc committee may be something the Council may want to consider in terms of how the City may want to market its international district. He requested Council's input on the idea.

Discussion ensued on the make-up of the committee and whether the committee would be a subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Board. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Council may want to consider including Councilmembers in this effort and perhaps a member of the Economic Development Advisory Board could serve on the committee. He added that the ad hoc committee could work through the Economic Development Advisory Board. Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested that the Asian community be provided the opportunity to become involved in this effort.

Discussion ensued on what the ad hoc committee would focus their efforts on. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the committee could serve to develop a better tie with Lakewood and the international district; define the City's international district; consider zoning issues with regard to the international district; and determine what the external (Port of Tacoma) involvement may be with regard to economic development.

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Councilmember Henry volunteered, if the Council desired, to serve on the ad hoc committee.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis reported on the Regional Transit Authority Board workshop she attended on Thursday, July 24, 1997. She also indicated that she made a presentation to the Lions Club.

Councilmember Richardson explained that with regard to the ten year extension Pierce County is entering into with LRI, Inc. for garbage services, LRI is requesting that certain costs such as taxes that are imposed by cities and states that are not within their control, be authorized as automatic pass-through fees. He asked for Council's input on the matter. The Council concurred to continue with its earlier position to reaffirm the Pierce County Council's position to extend the agreement with LRI, Inc.

Councilmember Palmas reported on the Corrections Alternative Committee's study on alternative methods to jail.

Mayor Harrison requested that the Police Department develop a schedule for Councilmembers to ride along with the police to various neighborhoods participating in Safe Streets Night Out on August 5, 1997.

Councilmember Thomas commented that Lakefolkfest was delightful and magical. She also reported on her ride-along experience with Lt. Eileen Bisson on a traffic emphasis patrol in Tillicum.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked General Services Director/City Clerk Bush for the good work on the General Services Department Quarterly report.

Mayor Harrison requested that City Manager Rohlfs proceed with sending the editor of the Lakewood Journal his letter on the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen annexation.

Mayor Harrison asked if the Council needed to take any legal action with regard to the petition that was filed on a curfew in Lakewood. City Manager Rohlfs replied that there is no legal requirement for the Council to take action.

Mayor Harrison reported that the meeting that was held with McChord Air Force on the City's CUGA application was a positive meeting.

Mayor Harrison announced that Senator Slade Gorton will be holding a town hall meeting on August 2, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Lakewood Mall. He asked that a list of agenda topics be developed that could be discussed at the meeting.

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Mayor Harrison commented on the number of vehicles speeding along Lakewood Drive and Bridgeport Way.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Lakewood water tower has been painted.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential land acquisition.

The Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK