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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, September 8, 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: 4 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; 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 Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Performance by children from the McChord Gate neighborhood.

Mayor Harrison announced that there will not be a performance from the children of the McChord Gate neighborhood tonight. They have requested that their performance be rescheduled to another date.

Proclamation recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the United States Air Force and joining Team McChord in the dedication of the Memorial Grove to serve as a place of honor and remembrance of the heritage of the United States Air Force.

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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Briefing on Fort Steilacoom Park agreement.**

**Deputy City Manager Neiditz reported on the significant changes to the Fort Steilacoom Park agreement. He explained that the language specifies that although parts of the agreement involves issues that may ultimately include land use and zoning, the parties of the agreement agree that the agreement does not address such land use and zoning, but such issues shall be resolved through applicable land use and zoning statutes, ordinances and regulations.**

**The parties also agreed to new language to ensure that the golf course lease will not be terminated after 30 years unless a specific allowable development is approved and allowed to be built.**

**It was also agreed that another Lakewood representative (citizen) appointed by the City Council would serve on the joint planning and consultation group.**

**Discussion ensued on the City's role and the progress that has been made on the agreement.**

**Update on sidewalk and bike lane projects:**

**A. Bridgeport Way sidewalks from I-5 to Steilacoom Boulevard.**

**Engineering Manager Larkin reported that construction of sidewalks on the portion of Bridgeport Way to 115th Street is anticipated to commence in November 1997. Phase II of the project, which involves right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to commence in the Spring of 1998. He explained that if there is insufficient funding for the entire project, then the portions between I-5 and Pacific Highway and 93rd Street North to Steilacoom Boulevard, would be eliminated from the project.**

**B. Steilacoom Boulevard sidewalks from Briggs Lane to Weller Road (vicinity of Custer Elementary School.)**

**Engineering Manager Larkin explained that this project includes right-of-way acquisition and is a federally funded project. Construction of this project will likely commence after the 1997-1998 school year. He noted that on-street parking is proposed in portions of the project area.**

**C. Custer Road sidewalks, south side only from John Dower Road to Bridgeport Way.**

**Engineering Manager Larkin explained that this project includes a six-foot sidewalk with a five-foot bike lane and a proposed widening of the bridge over fleet creek. He indicated that staff is working on negotiating a contract for the project. Construction will likely commence after the 1997-1998 school year.**

**D. Lakeview and Lake City Elementary School sidewalks (Community Development Block Grant project.)**

**Engineering Manager Larkin reported that in consultation with the Clover Park School District, the School District identified Lakeview Elementary and Lake City Elementary as their priority for the construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters. He explained that the project would be funded with Community Development Block Grant funds. The area for improvements around Lakeview Elementary include 47th Avenue to 108th to Pacific. The area for improvements around Lake City Elementary include the south side of 121st Street along the north side of the school property.**

**E. Farwest Drive modifications to create bike lane and pedestrian facilities.**

**Engineering Manager Larkin explained that the modifications on Farwest Drive include changing the five foot lane to a bike lane and pedestrian facility. The project also includes a proposed planting median between the college entrances.**

**F. Bike lane markings.**

**Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed what streets would have bike lane markings.**

**Presentation on a proposed street tree planting program.**

Engineering Manager Larkin reported that the proposed street tree planting program provides for 300 trees to be planted along various arterials which would provide the greatest physical/visual impact. He explained that a landscape architect will determine what types of trees should be planted. The architect will also develop a street tree planting scheme for the City. He indicated that the cost of a three-inch tree is approximately \$140 and approximately \$280 in labor for planting.

Discussion ensued on investigating the feasibility of having the Clover Park Technical College landscaping program assist with the project.

**Briefing on proposed improvements of the traffic islands at Gravelly Lake Drive and Nyanza Road.**

Engineering Manager Larkin reported that two US West telephone poles will be removed from the traffic islands. He then called on Mr. Ed Chaffee, landscape architect, who displayed a schematic drawing of the proposed beautification of the three traffic islands. He suggested planting crimson trees to provide accents throughout the City.

Discussion ensued on the placement of signs on the traffic islands and the possibility of constructing bike lanes along Gravelly Lake Drive around the islands.

**Briefing on the beautification of Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway.**

Engineering Manager Larkin reported that the interim beautification plan for the Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway entrance is to create a mound along the north and west sides of the property and a small area at the corner of the intersection. He further explained that two large fir trees would be planted in the northeastern portion of the site and the mound would be covered with bark and the flat areas would be hydroseeded.

**Amending Section 18.25.100 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to educational facilities in the employment center zone.**

Community Development Director Bugher explained that the proposed ordinance would provide for an amendment to the Municipal Code to allow for educational facilities in the employment center zone, subject to administrative review.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

**1. Amending Section 18.25.100 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to educational facilities in the employment center zone. - (Ordinance)**

**2. Granting the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities, Light Division a twenty-year nonexclusive franchise to provide an electric light and power system in designated public rights-of-way in the City of Lakewood. - (Ordinance)**

**3. 1998 Budget goals.**

There were no comments.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a letter addressed to the LAKEWOOD JOURNAL from an interested citizen regarding the annexation of the Arrowhead/ Partridge Glen area into the City of Lakewood.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the law suit regarding Woodbrook was filed in Pierce County on Friday, September 5, 1997.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Palmas announced that Representative Mike Carrell is accepting input from the City concerning any legislative matters of concern.**

**Councilmember Palmas asked if there were any Councilmembers planning to attend the National League of Cities conference this year. Mayor Harrison indicated that the conference will be held in Philadelphia on December 2-6, 1997.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas shared pictures that were taken of the Okinawa City visit last month. She suggested that a system be developed for seeking donations or contributions for the purchase of welcoming gifts for hosting visiting delegations.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that staff is researching the Oregon statutes on their rules and regulations on the use of jet skis.**

**Mayor Harrison requested that the City establish a meeting with State legislators in early December to discuss legislative matters that are of concern to the City. Mayor Harrison requested that a list of proposed agenda topics be distributed to Councilmembers for review.**

**Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the McChord Gate area park. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that staff is working on this project and a report will be coming within a couple weeks.**

**Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the Sister City program proposal. General Services Director/City Clerk Bush indicated that the proposal will be presented to the Council as a part of the 1998 budget.**

**Mayor Harrison asked when will the final analysis of the citizen survey results be made available. City Manager Rohlf indicated that the analysis should be made available by the end of the year.**

**Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the removal of graffiti on the railroad bridge. City Attorney Heid indicated that a meeting was held with the railroad and the railroad is checking with the State to determine if the State should share some of this responsibility.**

**Mayor Harrison asked if staff could prepare for Council's consideration on next week's agenda a request of Lakewood businesses, who decorate their businesses with holiday lights, to consider using blue lights during the holiday season. He explained that the use of blue lights is an old Lakewood holiday tradition.**

**Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers if the Council should hold a Council retreat with the new Council in early January. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with a January retreat.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**