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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 11, 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; Deputy City Manager Andy Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; 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.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Deputy City Manager Andy Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; 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 Richard Rabisa by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has asked the City to work with them on a study they are conducting on locating the commuter rail system in Lakewood. He indicated that the RTA will allocate funds to the City for the study.

City Manager Rohlfs asked that Councilmembers submit their menu selections to General Services Director/City Clerk Bush for the Okinawa City visit dinner on Monday, August 25, 1997.

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**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation on SR16 alternatives.

Mr. Jim Metcalf, United Infrastructure, and Ms. Rhonda Brooks, Washington State Department of Transportation, presented information on the proposed alternatives for improvements to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Mr. Metcalf indicated that the Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared now. He noted that the proposed schedule for implementation includes that the preferred alternative will be selected in the Spring of 1998; an advisory election will be held in November 1998 and the decision to start implementation will begin in 1999. He then reviewed the alternatives for consideration which include 1) no action; 2) consider improvements of a one lane addition with a second deck on the existing bridge; and 3) consider improvements of a one lane addition for the new parallel bridge.

Ms. Brooks indicated that improvements for the bridge will be funded by tolls, state and federal funds. She indicated that the City of Lakewood will be able to participate in the process by serving on the local involvement committee. The role of the local involvement committee is to advise Washington State Department of Transportation on the execution of an advisory election. She explained that one elected official of each county and city in the affected area will serve on the committee. The local involvement committee will be making recommendations on the initial boundary.

Ms. Brooks explained that the ballot proposition in November 1998, will be to ask voters within the affected area to impose tolls for funding improvements to the bridge. If the proposition should fail then the Department of Transportation would have to go back to the drawing board. She indicated that Lakewood is within the affected area.

Presentation on the Cross Base Highway "no-build" alternative.

Mr. Kirk Kirkland, Tahoma Audubon Society, spoke in support of a "no-build" alternative for the Cross Base Highway and presented alternatives for encouraging people to live closer to where they work and improve the existing roadways. The alternative proposes to keep Fredrickson a bedroom community.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Citizen survey results.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the results of the citizen survey conducted in May 1997. He then distributed copies of the data collected. Overall, 38% of the respondents were over 65 years of age. The survey indicated that a safe environment, police response, police investigation and listening to citizens were ranked as the top four important services. As for satisfaction of services being provided, the top four rankings included garbage collection, police response, service accessibility and professional and courteous staff.

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The survey also indicated that citizens would somewhat likely support taxes for enhanced police services, street lighting and enhanced parks/open space.

Discussion ensued on the method for communicating the results of the citizen survey with the Lakewood Journal, The News Tribune and the City's newsletter.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Sierra Computer Systems for an automated permit tracking system.

City Manager Rohlfs explained that the automated permit tracking system by Sierra Computer Systems would allow the City to track building permits and to develop a catalog of permitting history which will eventually interface with the GIS system.

Discussion ensued on the interfaces the system will have with the City's network and information from Pierce County.

#### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 18, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Sierra Computer Systems for an automated permit tracking system. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
2. This is the date set 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.
3. Extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for adult entertainment businesses to February 28, 1998. - (Resolution)

There were no comments.

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

City Manager Rohlfs announced that one additional item will be placed on the Council's agenda next week which is to seek Council's approval to surplus excess office partitions so that the City can sell them to an interested buyer.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Henry noted that her name was not reflected in the Council follow-up matrix noting that she did attend the town hall meeting with Senator Slade Gorton on August 2, 1997.

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She then noted that she did not see a response to the July 14, 1997, Council request for copies on advertisements that the Visitor and Convention Bureau is producing to promote Lakewood in the August 8, 1997, informational bullets. City Manager Rohlf indicated that a response is scheduled to be provided by August 15, 1997.

Councilmember Richardson asked if staff had received any feedback from the chipsealing operations. He then asked if striping were to follow after the chipsealing. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that striping will follow after the chipsealing has been completed.

Mayor Harrison asked Principal Planner Blaylock to provide an update on the Pedestrian Roadshow. Principal Planner Blaylock reported that 55 people attended the Pedestrian Roadshow which was a success. He referred to a map which displayed the location of various pedestrian accidents and fatalities.

Mayor Harrison reported that the Safe Streets meeting on Sunday, August 10, 1997, was well attended.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he had the pleasure of attending the 75th birthday celebration of Barbara Lindberg who has been an active volunteer with Keep Lakewood Beautiful and Lakewold Gardens.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

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The Council recessed at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**

