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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 2, 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 (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and Sherri Thomas.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Deputy City Manager Andy Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; 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 Jason Johnson and Sterling Johnson by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that an informational forum on the Arrowhead/Partridge Glen annexation will be held on September 3, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakes High School Commons Area.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the City and Pierce County were successful in reaching an agreement on drug seizure and forfeiture. He explained that the agreement provides the City the ability to go after those assets that are seized.

City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to let Engineering Manager Larkin know of any rights-of-way in the City the Council may want the Pierce County litter crew to clean up. The crew will be working in Lakewood this week.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Status report on the Comprehensive Plan.

Principal Planner Blaylock reported that City staff and EDAW consultants are working on finalizing the Existing Conditions Report. The draft Economic Conditions Report is scheduled to be presented to the Economic Development Advisory Board and Planning Advisory Board at a joint meeting on September 23, 1997. The Council will

then review the results of the joint meeting.

Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Principal Planner Blaylock indicated that the goals and policies based on the Existing Conditions Report will be brought before the Council for review sometime in December 1997 or January 1998.

Moment of Silence

Mayor Harrison asked the audience to pause for a moment of silence in the recent deaths of City of Tacoma Police Officer William Lowry and Pierce County Director of Community and Health Services Daisy Stallworth.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

There were no comments.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 18, 1997.
 - B. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$110,862.52 for the period August 1-15, 1997.
 - C. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$754,277.51 for the period ending August 22, 1997.
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D. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

- 1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of July 9 and 16, 1997.
- 2. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes of July 15, 1997.
- 3. Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting minutes of August 27, 1997.

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 to consider 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.

Speaking before the Council were:

Gary Nomensen, Puget Sound Energy, spoke about partnering with the City to provide electrical services. He

expressed appreciation for the City's business.

Discussion ensued on the petitions that were filed about changing electric providers from Puget Sound Energy to Lakeview Light and Power; a 20 year franchise versus a five year franchise; no rate changes through the year 2000; and the City's inability to set rates.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Richardson asked for a status report on the installation of street lights around Lakes High School. Civil Engineer Gunther indicated that Puget Sound Energy has indicated that the installation of street lights would occur this week.

Councilmember Henry requested that staff ask the military for their presence in patrolling the lakes.

NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Rohlf reported that the City was awarded the International General Financial Officers Award for the 1996 Budget.

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Councilmember Richardson asked if the Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee will be looking at levels of service and dispatching protocols. Deputy City Manager Neiditz replied that the Committee will be developing a plan on policing levels and philosophies.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the YWCA is sponsoring a Silent Witness Program on domestic violence and suggested that the City participate with the activities being planned for this event.

Council recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

1. Briefing on Steilacoom Boulevard, Hageness Drive, South Tacoma Way sidewalk project.
2. Briefing on 83rd Avenue, 87th Avenue, Onyx Drive sidewalk project.

Engineering Manager Larkin provided a briefing on the curb, gutter and sidewalk projects on Steilacoom Boulevard from Hageness Drive to South Tacoma Way and on 83rd Avenue, 87th Avenue and Onyx Drive.

He explained that the school district will participate in funding 20 percent of the construction of the 83rd Avenue, 87th Avenue and Onyx Drive project.

He then reviewed the two alternatives of the Steilacoom Boulevard sidewalk project.

Alternative 1 involves adding a six-foot sidewalk on Steilacoom Boulevard adjacent to Clover Park Technical College. The project would cost approximately \$775,000.

Alternative 2 is similar to Alternative 1 but widens the street an additional three feet for a bikeway.

Staff recommends Alternative 2 at a cost of \$1.226 million. He explained that funds are available from the Streets Fund, the diverted road tax fund and projected franchise fees from the electric utility.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with Alternative 2.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry announced that City Manager Rohlf's will be the guest speaker at the Chamber luncheon on Thursday, September 4, 1997. She then announced that there will be a blue ribbon ceremony for Napoli Ice Cream on September 10, 1997, at 4:30 p.m., and on September 11, 1997, at 4:30 p.m., a blue ribbon ceremony will be held for dentist, Dr. Connie Small.

Councilmember Henry reported that she will not be attending the September 8, 1997, City Council meeting.

Councilmember Davis reported on the Lakewood Flyers 172 mile Courage Classic bicycle ride.

Councilmember Richardson reported on the first meeting he attended as a Lakewood member of the Visitor and Convention Bureau. He indicated that the next meeting will be held in Lakewood at the Thornewood Mansion on September 17, 1997.

Councilmember Thomas asked if the Park Lodge Elementary School received a Certificate of Occupancy. City Manager Rohlf's indicated that a temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued.

Councilmember Palmas reported that at the Telecommunications Committee meeting last week, the wireless communication providers asked that wireless services be exempt from the telecommunications moratorium. He indicated that the Committee is looking into their concerns.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that the new Youth Advisors are looking forward to serving the City.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the successful banquet she attended for advocates for the youth.

Mayor Harrison distributed pictures from Skip Rash on the Lakewoodfest Children's Stage.

Mayor Harrison announced that Councilmember Palmas has agreed to represent the City of Lakewood as the representative for the three contract cities on the LESA Board.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on Club Nubian. Police Chief Masko indicated that the Police Department has been trying to work with Club Nubian to honor their commitment to meet the conditions of their business license.

Mayor Harrison complimented the Police Department for their work on the stand-off that occurred over the weekend.

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Mayor Harrison asked Police Chief Masko for an update on the Tillicum police emphasis. Chief Masko replied that staff is continually working the area.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the Fort Steilacoom Park agreement. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that a meeting is scheduled for September 3, 1997, to review the agreement.

Mayor Harrison announced that the meeting on Lake Steilacoom improvement went well and that another meeting is scheduled for September 15, 1997.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the Bridgeport Way/Pacific Highway/I-5 beautification project. Engineering Manager Larkin replied that he will be briefing the Council on this project at next week's Council Study Session.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess to Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss potential land acquisition.

The Council recessed at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC
CITY CLERK