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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 15, 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; Jos   Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; 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; Senior Budget Finance Analyst Kim Austin; Information Systems Manager Tony Orozco and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a memo on the McNeil Island Work Crew clean-up projects on various roadways in Lakewood.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that three Finance Department staff received the Washington State Financial Award. They are Kim Austin, Terrina McMichael and former employee Lalaina Olson.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the City's alarm system is now in place. If there are any questions about the system, they should be directed to General Services Director/City Clerk Bush.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on Monday, September 22, 1997, a Special Meeting of the City Council is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Then at 6:30 p.m. the Joint City Council/Clover Park School District Board will be held.

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Police Chief Masko reported on the gang related homicide that occurred late Saturday night.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring September 17-23, 1997, as *Constitution Week*.

Councilmember Davis presented a proclamation to Ms. Holly Ann Muller declaring September 17-23, 1997, as *Constitution Week*.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Gary Nomensen, Puget Sound Energy, asked that Ordinance No. 139 be continued for two weeks.

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Lillah Stewart, 11326 Interlaaken Drive, also supported a utility district so that all citizens can pay the same electric rate. She also requested that the Council consider the Police Chief's request for additional deputies.

Jack Watkins, 6605 Villa Madera Drive, spoke on an electric power petition that was filed with the City to have Tacoma Public Utilities serve as the electric provider for the Madera Homeowners Association property owners.

Don Geiselman, Lakeview Light and Power, spoke about the non-profit status of Lakeview Light and Power and pass-through charges to the rate payers. He expressed concerns regarding the legality of Ordinance No. 139 and stated that Lakeview Light and Power staff and City staff will be negotiating this matter. He requested a continuance of the ordinance.

Dee Youmans, 4905 Pacific Street SW, submitted a petition of Puget Sound Energy users requesting to be serviced by Lakeview Light and Power.

George Vanarsdall, 4515 108th Street SW, Lakeview Light and Power, questioned the agreement with Tacoma Public Utilities and asked Council to carefully consider Ordinance No. 139.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 2, 1997.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 8, 1997.
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$135,471.50 for the period August 16-31, 1997.
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$492,725.01 for the period ending September 10, 1997.
- E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families meeting minutes of July 10, 1997.

F. [Ordinance No. 137](#)

Amending Section 3.08.160 of the Lakewood Municipal Code to increase the Police Special Investigations Fund account from \$2,000 to \$12,000 and the Police General Investigations account from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

G. [Ordinance No. 138](#)

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

H. Resolution No. 1997-28

Setting Monday, October 6, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on a proposed moratorium for certain wireless communication facilities.

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DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO REMOVE ITEM NO. H FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN TO APPROVE ITEM NOS. A THROUGH G. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 139 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.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 139 SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1997-28 setting Monday, October 6, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on a proposed moratorium for certain wireless communication facilities.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-28 SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution No. 1997-29 designating the color blue as the official color for holiday lights in the commercial districts of the city.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-29 SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

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BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry announced that the Chamber will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Councilmember Davis indicated that she was glad that the Council, at their meeting last week, suggested that staff investigate the Oregon statutes on jet skis. She reported on an accident a local merchant incurred by a jet ski.

Councilmember Davis reported that she will be serving on the Washington State Transportation Committee to study issues on imposing tolls for the improved Narrows Bridge.

Councilmember Davis requested that the Council be provided an update on Regional Transit Authority revenues coming to Lakewood.

Councilmember Richardson suggested that a lakes task force meeting be held concerning issues on the lakes before next summer.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he will be taking the tour of the Pierce County Elections Office offered by the County Auditor.

Councilmember Thomas asked that a skateboard park be considered in the budget preparation process. She then asked if Engineering Manager Larkin would provide a report on the Farwest Drive improvements meeting.

Councilmember Palmas asked if any Councilmembers were planning to participate in the muscular dystrophy lock-up.

Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested that the City develop a plan to handle the clean-up of debris during inclement weather and that citizens be informed on the level of service the City can provide. She expressed concern about the amount for normal pruning debris that the City ended up paying for during the last storm.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that youths be given the opportunity to be involved in the skateboard park project.

Mayor Harrison congratulated Councilmember Henry for her work on the dedication of the Memorial Grove at McChord Air Force Base.

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Mayor Harrison commented that he attended the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting on which he serves as vice chair. He also attended the Pierce County Economic Development Advisory Board meeting in which the Board discussed the Pierce County Economic Development Plan. He encouraged Councilmembers to read the Plan.

Mayor Harrison requested that the Council be provided copies of the Joint Council/Clover Park School District meeting agenda.

Mayor Harrison asked that the topic of the transportation right-of-way monies be included as a topic of discussion at the meeting with State legislators.

Mayor Harrison asked if Councilmembers had any agenda topics to be discussed at the September 30, 1997 Pierce County Council meeting to be held at Lakewood City Hall.

City Manager Rohlfs called on Engineering Manager Larkin who reported on the meeting regarding the sidewalk/pedestrian/bicycle lane facilities on Farwest Drive. He reported that the primary concerns raised related to peak-hour traffic into and out of the college and the potential conflict vehicular traffic may have with bicycles and pedestrians. He noted that Pierce College has expressed a willingness to participate in some of the construction costs. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that staff will be further studying the concerns raised and finding alternative solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of the City of Lakewood proposed 1998 Budget goals.

General Fund:

City Council

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the highlighted 1998 goals of the City Council which included encouraging citizen involvement; giving policy direction for a permanent City Hall facility; overseeing the public process in the Comprehensive planning efforts;

and providing direction to the City Manager regarding the utilization of the City's limited resources.

General Services/Municipal Court

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush highlighted the Municipal Court's significant 1998 goals which included probation monitoring services and a work crew program.

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City Manager

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed significant 1998 goals of the City Manager which included securing a permanent City Hall; administering the budget; communicating goals and programs adopted by the Council; stressing the importance of a strong customer service philosophy; and completing franchise agreements with major utilities and service providers.

Finance/Systems

Senior Finance Budget Analyst Austin indicated that the significant goals in the Finance area included developing the 1998 Budget for submission to the Government Finance Officers Association for awards; developing the 1997 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for a certificate of excellence; seeking an unqualified auditor's opinion on the budget; and reaching a 100 percent match between vendors submitting sales tax and vendors who have obtained business licenses.

Information Systems Manager Orozco reviewed the significant goals for Information Systems which included developing a City-wide intranet inclusive of a GIS and database software tools and using the World Wide Web.

General Services/City Clerk

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reviewed the 1998 significant goals of the City Clerk's Office which included a comprehensive records management program; a sister cities program; and developing and distributing the City newsletters.

Legal

City Attorney Heid reviewed the 1998 significant goals of the Legal Department which included developing ordinances for adoption and re-codification of interim codes; negotiating and developing franchise agreements and ordinances for utilities operating within the City; enhancing the ability to address domestic violence cases; and developing comprehensive regulations for sexually-oriented businesses.

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Community Development

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the 1998 significant goals of the Community Development Department which included reorganizing the Community Development Department; implementing a permit tracking system and a GIS system; developing a Draft Comprehensive Plan; developing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comprehensive Plan; and starting an abatement program.

Public Safety

Police Chief Masko reviewed the 1998 significant goals for the Lakewood Police Department which included increasing public safety; developing a strategic plan on public safety; improving community problem solving capabilities and enhancing cooperation and teamwork; and enhancing activities of the Criminal Justice Resource Officers.

Human Resources/Human Services

Human Resources Administrator Young reviewed the 1998 significant goals of Human Resources and Human Services which included developing a safety/risk management program; developing an in-house customer service training program; developing comprehensive personnel policies; providing a comprehensive funding process for human services; maintaining a comprehensive Lakewood area resource guide on the Web; and maintaining comprehensive audits for grants.

Deputy City Manager/ Parks and Recreation

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the Deputy City Manager significant 1998 goals which included establishing the economic development element of the Comprehensive Plan; implementing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; implementing the five-year Police Services Strategic Plan; implementing the first phase of the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation Services; completing improvements to Harry Todd and American Lake North parks; and developing a "pocket" park and playground in the McChord Gate area.

Non-Departmental/Contingency Fund/Municipal CIP Fund

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed the 1998 significant non-departmental goals which included maintaining \$700,000 in the Contingency Fund and transferring \$900,000 from the General Fund to the Municipal Capital Improvements Projects Fund for a permanent City Hall.

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City Streets Fund/Arterial Streets Fund/Surface Water Management Fund

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the Streets Funds' 1998 highlighted goals which included visually inspecting the Pavement Management System; achieving a two-week turnaround on the Engineering Department's review of development site and storm drainage plans; responding to citizen action requests within three days of receipt; chipsealing 80 percent of streets; designing and constructing the 1998 Capital Improvements Projects; reviewing speed limits on one-half of the arterial streets in the city; submitting grant applications for funding on eligible projects; preparing the Six-Year Transportation Plan and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan; studying the fee schedule regarding the sufficiency of the Surface Water Management Fund; completing the inventory of storm drainage facilities; and establishing the value of the existing storm drainage system.

Other related budget matters.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC
CITY CLERK

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