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## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 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 8:07 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; 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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Mayor Harrison presented Deputy Mayor Thomas with a birthday cake and members of the audience sang "Happy Birthday."

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### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs asked Council if there were any other agenda topics the Council would like to discuss with the Pierce County Council at their September 30, 1997 meeting in Lakewood.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there will be no City Council meeting on Monday, September 29, 1997.

He then reported that the meeting with the Council and State legislators is being planned for December 8, 1997.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that many of the lakes have been experiencing late algae blooms. He explained that the Department of Ecology was allowed one treatment which was done in the spring. DOE indicated that downstream monitoring was done. DOE indicated that a second treatment would be applied

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if there was a public health hazard. The Health Department indicated that there is not a public health hazard. DOE explained that the blooms will generally last three to four weeks and die on its own. If the weather turns cooler then the blooms should die sooner.

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation declaring the month of October 1997, as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and recognizing Deputy Eric Hook for meritorious service in handling domestic violence cases.

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Proclamation recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce to Councilmember Henry, also the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Regional Transit Authority Status Report.

Principal Planner Blaylock introduced John Hubbard, project manager of the Regional Transit Authority project. Principal Planner Blaylock described the process that will be followed to reach a recommendation on a preferred alternative Lakewood Commuter Rail Station. He explained that a technical committee will be established to review the feasibility of each site. A public forum will be held to provide information and solicit input from citizens on possible locations for a commuter rail station. The Planning Advisory Board will make a recommendation to the Council on a preferred site. The preferred alternative is scheduled to come before the Council in December 1997.

Mr. Hubbard displayed photographs of various commuter rail stations in the United States.

Discussion ensued on adding a Chamber representative on the technical committee.

### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Report on Pierce County Strategic Economic Development Action Plan Citizens' Advisory Committee recommendations.

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2. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the extension and modification of the moratorium on the receipt of applications and issuance of permits for certain wireless communications facilities in the city of Lakewood for six months.

3. Extending and modifying the moratorium on the receipt of applications and issuance of permits for certain wireless communications facilities in the city of Lakewood for six months. - (Resolution)

There were no comments.

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Mayor Harrison indicated that in response to Councilmember Palmas' inquiry at last week's meeting on the Mayor's list of budget considerations, Mayor Harrison indicated that his budget considerations include skateboard facilities; a sister city program; creating a Landmarks Commission; improving entrance ways into Lakewood (on Bridgeport Way from University Place to Lakewood); policing on lakes; a Council-sponsored program for employee recognition; enforcing speed limits in the city; and studying the feasibility of creating a City police department.

Councilmember Richardson added that the land next to the Lakewood Police Precinct should be considered as a potential City Hall site when studying the feasibility of a City police department. Councilmember Richardson also suggested that a lakes task force study the issues on the lakes.

Deputy Mayor Thomas also suggested that when studying the feasibility of creating a police department, a study on jail options should also be made.

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

None.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Henry announced that Representative Gigi Talcott will be speaking at the Thursday Chamber breakfast.**

**Councilmember Henry asked, in light of the recent NEWS TRIBUNE articles, if all City ordinances were legal. City Attorney Heid replied that all ordinances adopted by the City Council are legal, valid and enforceable.**

**Councilmember Richardson noted that the tagging on a fence along Lake Steilacoom that borders a public right-of-way should be the City's responsibility to repaint and not the property owner's. City Manager Rohlf indicated that the fence is on private property and the City cannot enter private property.**

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**Councilmember Richardson indicated that the City has an obligation and the City should look at assisting a property owner on ways to stop the tagging.**

**Council Palmas offered an apology for a statement he made last week concerning the color of blue lights during the holiday season.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas asked if the City Hall Ad Hoc Committee was going to look at the size guidelines on the siting criteria list. City Manager Rohlf indicated that the Committee was provided a 20,000 square foot footprint to work with as the size of the new City Hall. He indicated that the true minimum acreage that would be needed based on a 20,000 square foot footprint was 2.8 acres. He explained that the Committee also discussed if there was a piece of property in the core that was advantageous, the Committee would look at building up versus constructing all on a single level.**

**Mayor Harrison announced that he was very impressed with the first Lakewood Academy class he had attended.**

**Mayor Harrison reported that on Wednesday, September 17, 1997, he attended a Port of Tacoma function and was recognized as an official (the Mayor) from Lakewood.**

**Mayor Harrison announced that he attended a Pierce County Council and Pierce County Regional Council meeting where population allocation was discussed. Mayor Harrison indicated that the County Council indicated that Edgewood's population allocation will not be absorbed and he expressed concerns that remaining Pierce County cities will have to absorb this population increase.**

**Mayor Harrison announced that the Pierce County Council indicated that the Pierce County Planning Commission has recommended disapproval of the City's CUGA application. Mayor Harrison indicated that he met with County Councilmember Pat O'Malley on the City's CUGA application, and explained that the City desires to receive the State shared revenues.**

**Mayor Harrison indicated that on Friday, September 19, 1997, he met with the 1998 Association of Washington Cities Planning Committee members and reported that there may be an opportunity to have some off-site functions of the AWC Conference held in Lakewood next year.**

**Mayor Harrison noted that he met with a representative of Senator Shirley Winsley and a representative of Congressman Norm Dicks to work on the Post Office situation. He indicated that he is attempting to schedule an appointment with the Governor's staff on this matter and that Congressman Norm Dicks will be looking to develop national legislation regarding the Post Office issue.**

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**Mayor Harrison noted that the Association of Washington Cities salary survey has been completed and is available for Councilmembers to review if they are interested.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:16 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; 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.**

**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; Police Chief Rob Masko; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush. NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 1997-23 appointing Amanda Maus and Katelyn Paskowski as the youth advisors to the City Council for the 1997-1998 school year.**

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO APPOINT AMANDA MAUS AND KATELYN PASKOWSKI AS THE YOUTH ADVISORS TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE 1997-1998 SCHOOL YEAR. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS.**

**VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**