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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, October 13, 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 7:05 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; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; 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; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Davis by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Council Budget Workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 22, 1997, at 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Tucci and Sons has submitted an application to site a \$3.5 million batch plant in the industrial park by McChord Air Force Base.

City Manager Rohlfs also reported that a SEPA application was filed by Lakewood Cinemas Act III theater. The theater is a 65,000 square foot structure on 84th Street. Construction is scheduled to occur in January 1998.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that there has been \$45 million in building permit valuation activity in 1997.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Washington and Pierce County regarding property at Fort Steilacoom Park and Golf Course.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the terms of the agreement with the State of Washington and Pierce County for the Fort Steilacoom Park and Golf Course property. He indicated that the agreement provides for the long-term use of Fort Steilacoom Park as a park and open space. Under the terms of the agreement, the 340 acres of Fort Steilacoom

Park will be leased by the State to Pierce County for a 50-year term with an option to renew for an additional 50 years. The County will surrender its claim for title of 260 acres of patent land. The County will cede back to the State the 23 acres next to the Child Study and Treatment Center which is being utilized as a disc golf course. Mr. John Reynolds, Department of Social and Health Services, and Mr. Jan Wolcott, Pierce County Parks and Recreation, spoke in support of the agreement.

Discussion ensued on ceding back the 23 acres utilized as a disc golf course; potential restrictions on the type of recreational uses that may be allowed on park property; how land use and zoning issues are addressed in the agreement; Pierce County's maintenance of historic sites on the property; legislative involvement and awareness of the agreement; and the definition of a regional park.

Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to Hearing Examiner fees, land use and site plan review fees and non-conforming sign permit fees.

Associate Planner Forte reviewed the Fee Schedule for fees relative to Hearing Examiner fees, land use and site plan review fees and non-conforming sign permit fees. In the case of Hearing Examiner fees, a charge of \$100 per hour is proposed. A \$44 per hour fee is recommended for land use and site plan review fees. There would be no charge for non-conforming sign permit fees for the first 90 days and \$84 after the 90 days.

Discussion ensued on the process for estimating the number of hours it would take the Hearing Examiner to review and process applications, and comparable fees other cities charge for Hearing Examiner fees.

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Amending Section 10.16.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to parking oversized vehicles on residential streets.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance to prohibit the parking of oversized vehicles on residential streets.

Discussion ensued on the definition of the types of oversized vehicles and the number of complaints received.

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Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

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Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Regional Transit Authority and Pierce Transit to select a preferred site for the Lakewood Commuter Rail Station.

Principal Planner Blaylock requested that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Regional Transit Authority and Pierce Transit to select a preferred site for the Lakewood Commuter Rail Station. He explained that the RTA will provide \$35,000 to support this planning project. He then distributed a schedule of events on the siting study.

Discussion ensued on the RTA funding for the study.

Establishing a Bereavement Leave policy for City employees.

Human Resources Administrator Young reviewed the ordinance which establishes a bereavement policy for city employees.

Discussion ensued on the number of days authorized for bereavement leave for out-of-state situations.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 20, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Washington and Pierce County regarding property at Fort Steilacoom Park and Golf Course. - (Motion)

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- 2. Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to Hearing Examiner fees, land use and site plan review fees and non-conforming sign permit fees. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)**
- 3. Amending Section 10.16.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to parking oversized vehicles on residential streets. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 4. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Regional Transit Authority and Pierce Transit to select a preferred site for the Lakewood Commuter Rail Station. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)**
- 5. Establishing a Bereavement Leave policy for City employees. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 6. Denying various claims for damages. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)**
- 7. Setting Monday, November 17, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 1998 City of Lakewood Budget and the mill levy rate. - (Consent Agenda)**
- 8. Setting Monday, December 15, 1997, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the proposed 1997 City of Lakewood Budget amendments. - (Consent Agenda)**
- 9. Establishing a Section 125 Plan to allow subscribing employees to pay certain deductions for child care, medical and related expenses with pre-Federal income tax dollars and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for administration of the Plan. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**

There were no comments.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Henry thanked Councilmembers for attending the blue ribbon ceremony at the Quality Inn on October 9, 1997.

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Councilmember Henry announced that the Lakewood Gallery opening over the weekend featured the work of Thomas Kinkade.

Councilmember Davis reported on the Lakewood clean-up event she participated in on 100th Street. She commented that there was a lot to clean up on 100th Street.

Councilmember Davis noted that since 1983, there have been 700 entries who have received the Financial Award for budgeting. She congratulated the Finance Department for their superb job.

Councilmember Davis reported that at the Regional Transit Authority Board meeting she attended, Board members reached consensus on the type of commuter rail cars that the RTA will purchase. The Board also defined the parameters for negotiations between the RTA, Burlington Northern Railroad and Union Pacific Railroad. Mayor Harrison indicated that Pierce County Executive Sutherland informed him that Councilmember Davis' term on the RTA had expired. Mayor Harrison indicated that Councilmember Davis has agreed to serve another term.

Councilmember Thomas reported that at the Department of Corrections Advisory Board meeting, the Board discussed the siting of a civil commitment facility. There currently is a facility in Monroe. She explained that the facility houses sexual predators who are not fit to enter or live in the community. There are approximately 55 individuals in the Monroe facility and the cost to house these individuals is approximately \$65,000 per person annually. She explained that this type of offender would not be housed at Western State Hospital. She indicated that McNeil Island is

being considered as a potential site for housing sexual predators.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she, too, participated in the clean-up project on South Tacoma Way.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that the Human Services Collaboration is gearing up to award funds for 1998.

Mayor Harrison reported that TCI is requesting that the Council and City staff videotape a holiday greeting.

Mayor Harrison reported on a visit he received from two Cub Scouts who wanted to know what the Mayor did.

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Mayor Harrison asked staff to provide a progress report on the code enforcement efforts in Tillicum.

Mayor Harrison reported that he attended an interesting meeting of the Economic Development Board in Puyallup where the Board discussed how peripheral businesses start to open up when larger businesses are located in an area.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he recently attended an interesting meeting of the Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors.

Mayor Harrison announced that Starbucks opened on 100th Street.

Mayor Harrison commented that the Lakewood Lions Club had a successful auction and community event.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he attended another meeting with Pierce County on the City's CUGA application.

Councilmember Henry announced that the Tillicum Chamber will be having its first event called "Taste of Tillicum" on October 23, 1997, at 5:00 p.m. at the Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Center.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council's Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **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**