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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 20, 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 7:03 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; 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 Colt Scarbrough, by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that a Council's Budget Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 1997, at 5:00 p.m.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that he has discussed and submitted an op-ed piece to THE NEWS TRIBUNE regarding the equitable reporting of crime statistics in Lakewood.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski reported that they are working on a non-violence campaign to commemorate Ann Harris. A committee will be created to develop ideas on what can be done to commemorate Ann Harris. Youth Advisor Paskowski announced that on October 31, 1997, there will be a Clover Park and Lakes High School game at 7:00 p.m. She reported that Mayor Harrison has suggested that the game be recognized as a City event.

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Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski reported that a group of youths from middle and high schools who are interested in community involvement activities will be meeting soon. Youth Advisor Paskowski reported that she had met with the Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families to discuss ways to involve youth.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Maury Peerenboom, Lakewood resident, reported that the Lions Club received \$12,000 from their auction for the Boys and Girls Club. He also brought a box of chocolates from a family relative. He commented that he will be visiting Indianapolis and will spread some Lakewood goodwill.*

*Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane, questioned a large number of logging and wood being hauled from residential areas. Four large oak trees were cut down in the area of Grant and Orchard. He also expressed concern about trash dumpsters in street right-of-ways along Portland Road. He also expressed concern that there was no code regarding the keeping of gun powder.*

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*J. B. Layne, Lakewood resident, spoke about a pre-fab house at 11415 Holden Road, across from Mann Middle School, that is devaluing other homes in that neighborhood.*

*Rita Happy, Lakewood resident, expressed concern that the Memorandum of Agreement on Fort Steilacoom Park did not mention the one square mile of the park that is in the national historic district. She requested that language on the historic district be included in the agreement.*

*Ann Marie Batti'e, Lakewood resident, spoke about the "Reading is Fundamental" program and requested volunteers to read at Oakwood and Custer schools.*

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

**A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 6, 1997.**

**B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of October 13, 1997.**

**C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Budget Workshop of October 14, 1997.**

**D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$145,490.18 for the period September 16-30, 1997.**

**E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$173,737.01 for the period ending October 14, 1997.**

**F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$653.19 for the period ending October 15, 1997.**

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**G. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**

**1. City Hall Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of September 19, 1997.**

**2. Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families meeting minutes of September 11, 1997.**

**3. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 26, 1997.**

**4. Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of September 15, 1997.**

**5. Human Service Collaboration Funders/Providers meeting minutes of September 24, 1997.**

**H. [Ordinance No. 140](#)**

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

**I. [Ordinance No. 141](#)**

Establishing a Bereavement Leave policy for City employees.

**J. [Ordinance No. 142](#)**

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.

**K. [Resolution No. 1997-31](#)**

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.

**L. [Motion No. 1997-24](#)**

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.

**M. [Motion No. 1997-25](#)**

Denying various claims for damages.

N. 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.

O. 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.

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion No. 1997-26 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 MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND PIERCE COUNTY REGARDING PROPERTY AT FORT STEILACOOM PARK AND GOLF COURSE, INCLUDING LANGUAGE NOTING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CERTAIN AREAS OF THE PARK. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the second United Way campaign of the City went up 333 percent from last year's employee participation. He thanked Seattle Bagel, E&B Espresso, Cranes Creations, Cookies By Design, and City department heads for donations to help with the United Way campaign spirit.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Henry announced that City Council candidates Larry Humphrey and Lillah Stewart will be guest

speakers at the Chamber's breakfast on Thursday, October 23, 1997, at Happy Days.

Councilmember Davis announced that on Saturday, October 25, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., Pierce Transit will officially open their Tacoma intermodal station. She indicated that the Regional Transit Authority is using this event as the kick-off in Pierce County.

Councilmember Davis announced that the Chamber of Commerce transportation meeting will meet on Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at 7:30 a.m., at Happy Days. She indicated that these meetings are very informative.

Mayor Harrison called on Deputy City Manager Neiditz who introduced Carl Sargent, Safe Streets coordinator at McChord Gate Community Center. Councilmembers welcomed Mr. Sargent to Lakewood. Mr. Sargent extended an invitation for Councilmembers to attend a Safe Streets gathering on November 8, 1997.

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Mayor Harrison commented on the "Novel Affair" gathering he attended at the Lakewood Library on Sunday, October 19, 1997. He indicated that Councilmember Davis was present as a Lakewood author who wrote a book on Christmas trees.

Mayor Harrison reported that he, Councilmember Richardson, and Deputy Mayor Thomas met with Pierce County Councilmembers on the City's CUGA application. He noted that the application is still a work in progress. Councilmember Richardson added that County Councilmember O'Malley is making efforts to work with the City.

Mayor Harrison questioned some of the criminal justice funding available to the City. City Manager Rohlf indicated that Lakewood will be pursuing all types of criminal justice funding available to the City.

Mayor Harrison questioned the meaning of the letter from Pierce County on surface water management rates. City Manager Rohlf indicated that pursuant to the agreement with Pierce County on surface water management billings, there will not be any additional costs.

Councilmembers thanked Maury Peerenboom for the chocolates.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess to Executive Session for approximately 25 minutes to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters.

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The Council recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

**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**