

# 1997 10 27 BUDGET

## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL

### BUDGET WORKSHOP

#### MINUTES

Monday, October 27, 1997

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

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; 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 Mayor Harrison.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of the City of Lakewood proposed 1998 Budget.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that a meeting was held with the Pierce County Sheriff to discuss ways to accurately report crime statistics in order for the City to qualify for State and grant funds. He indicated that a meeting is scheduled this week to meet with LESA Records to also work on accurately reporting of Lakewood's crime statistics.

Discussion ensued on the importance of that portion of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax revenue source that is allocated for cities and the need to emphasize its importance with the legislators at the joint meeting with the Council and State legislators.

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City Manager Rohlfs reviewed adjustments to the 1998 budget from previous Council budget workshop discussion, as follows:

**Budget Adjustments**

Community Development Plans Examiner contract	\$14,310
Transfer to CDBG capital projects for Parks and Rec.	\$41,900
Reduction in Parks capital outlay	(\$41,900)
Public Safety Officers (property crime and traffic officers)	\$175,000
High Crime Revenue Officers (juvenile and traffic officers)	(\$175,000)
Payroll Merit Modifier	\$75,604
Safe Streets in public safety	\$12,500
EMS contract	\$3,000
Chamber of Commerce	\$6,000
Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor Convention Bureau	\$6,000
<b>General Fund Total Adjustments:</b>	<b>\$117,414</b>

SWM increase	\$13,000
AutoCAD GIS software	\$3,000
Keep Lakewood Beautiful (less private donation)	(\$11,000)
Street lighting (which would be generated by electric franchise)	\$50,000

Discussion ensued on the ratio of officers to total population; the number of sex offenders residing in Lakewood and the need to allocate funds for sex offenders monitoring and providing the Police Chief the flexibility to direct overtime funds in which arson and sex offender monitoring dollars are expended. Councilmembers supported using funds for sex offender and arson monitoring.

Councilmembers indicated their support for the Keep Lakewood Beautiful budget adjustments and the allocation of funding for street lights.

Councilmember Henry indicated that if hotel/motel funds should become available after the upcoming legislative session, the proposed budget does not reflect how the funds would be expended. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the budget did not pre-establish expenditure for these funds. He indicated that the Economic Development study has yet to be completed and the Council could re-open the budget for identifying how these funds should be designated.

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Discussion ensued on how Referendum 47 would impact the City if it passes. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the ordinance adopting the 1998 budget would need to include specific language with regard to the impacts of Referendum 47. He explained that the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer would need to provide information to the City based on each parcel within the city limits.

Mayor Harrison asked that the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee proceed with studying the feasibility for a skateboard park. He also suggested that the same committee address the issues on Lake Louise with regard to policing and watercraft.

Mayor Harrison requested that staff investigate ways to further identify the Lakewood Police Department with Lakewood citizens and the City of Lakewood.

Councilmember Davis commented with regard to the Rainier Cable Commission's proposal to provide broadcasting services of Lakewood programs.

Discussion ensued on the status of the Humane Society's contract and garbage administration fees.

Mayor Harrison noted the need to assign a public information role on getting the word out on what the Council and City are doing. He commented on the enthusiastic effort of Lochburn Middle School to clean up the area around the school, McChord Gate and Tillicum as a part of "Make a Difference Day."

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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