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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 17, 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 Andrew Neiditz; 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 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 reported that based on the 1996 crime statistics, Lakewood is ranked 40th in the state.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that he, Mayor Harrison and Pierce County Councilmember Pat O'Malley met with the TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE Editorial Board regarding the City's CUGA application.

Certificate of Appreciation for the Chambers Creek Master Site Plan.

Mr. John Trent, from Pierce County Public Works, presented the Council with a Certificate of Appreciation for the City's participation in the Chambers Creek Master Site Plan.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski reported on the Safe Streets Forum they attended at Mt. Tahoma High School where they discussed ways to make Lakewood safer. They also reported that at the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting they had an opportunity to review the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski indicated that at the November 12, 1997, Youth Advisors' Council meeting, twelve youths attended to discuss the need for a skateboard park and the need for youth activities. The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 1997, at the Lakewood Library.

Mayor Harrison deferred from the agenda to consider Resolution No. 1997-35 at this time.

[Resolution No. 1997-35](#) expressing support for and appreciation of the City of Lakewood Police Chief and law enforcement officers.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-35. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

James E. Winter, 8944 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, asked for an update on DJ's Bar & Grill.

Rita Happy, 11617 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, spoke about the need for a cultural resources department and the need to set up a process for qualifying historical structures for tax credits.

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Cy Happy, 11617 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, spoke about the need for a repository collection of historic materials of Lakewood.

Craig Gunter, 6000 112th Street SW, spoke about the restoration of historical properties, specifically on 112th Street. He asked for Council's support for historic preservation.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 3, 1997.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of November 10, 1997.
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$131,708.19 for the period October 16-31, 1997.
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$270,371.33 for the period ending November 12, 1997.
- E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. City Hall Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of October 10, 1997.
 - 2. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 20, 1997.
 - 3. Human Services Collaboration Marketing Committee meeting minutes of October 29, 1997.

F. [Ordinance No. 143](#)

Authorizing the City Manager to establish an employee recognition program.

G. [Ordinance No. 144](#)

Creating Section 15.16.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Fire Code and Fire Marshal fees.

H. [Resolution No. 1997-32](#)

Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to fees for services performed by the Fire Marshal pursuant to the Uniform Fire Code and/or City ordinance.

I. [Resolution No. 1997-33](#)

Providing for the coordination and administration of a Federal Emergency Management Agency flood insurance program.

J. [Resolution No. 1997-34](#)

Encouraging the Washington State Legislature to fund the construction of airport facilities at Thun Field.

K. [Motion No. 1997-27](#)

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement with Pierce County for Surface Water Management Program billing services from December 31, 1997, to December 31, 1998.

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COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS REQUESTED THAT ITEM NO. F, ORDINANCE NO. 143, BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-E AND G-K. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 1998 City of Lakewood Budget and the mill levy rate.

Speaking before the Council were:

Jim Senko, 10919 101st Avenue SW, asked about financing some of the activities for parks and recreation out of the \$12 million in reserves.

Nancy Watkins, Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau, spoke about the Visitor and Convention Bureau's contractual efforts for promoting tourism in Lakewood.

The hearing was declared closed.

City Manager Rohlf asked for Council's approval to change a portion of the proposed staffing levels in the General Services Department from .5 Records Specialist and 1.5 FTE clerical positions to one FTE clerical and one FTE Records Specialist.

He then asked for a policy direction with regard to the one percent Human Services funding allocations and, if there should be fund balances, whether the Council would want to carry over fund balances to the next year.

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ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 145](#) creating Chapter 18.36 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Development Standards for Flood Damage Prevention.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 145. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1997-36](#) endorsing the proposal to name the SR 509 bridge over Thea Foss Waterway "The Admiral James S. Russell Bridge."

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-36. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Harrison indicated that Ordinance No. 143 would be considered at this time.

[Ordinance No. 143](#) authorizing the City Manager to establish an employee recognition program.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 143 TO INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE MONETARY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LAKEWOOD POLICE OFFICER ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD FROM \$150 TO \$250. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council recessed at 8:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmembers concurred with changing the proposed staffing levels in the General Services Department from .5 Records Specialist and 1.5 FTE clerical positions to one FTE clerical and one FTE Records Specialist.

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Councilmembers concurred with providing for the flexibility of carrying over unexpended funds in the one percent Human Services funding allocation over the next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1997-28 authorizing the execution of agreements with Dennis Tate Associates in the amount of \$12,000 and Parametrix, Inc., in the amount of \$13,500 for urban design and traffic analysis services for the Regional Transit Authority Lakewood Commuter Rail Station.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH DENNIS TATE ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 AND PARAMETRIX, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500 FOR URBAN DESIGN AND TRAFFIC ANALYSIS SERVICES FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY LAKEWOOD COMMUTER RAIL STATION. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Resolution No. 1997-37](#) establishing a six-month moratorium on commercial and industrial development within specific areas of Lakewood.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-37. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Resolution No. 1997-38](#) establishing a six-month moratorium on development within the Flett Creek area.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1997-38. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reminded the Council that the TCI holiday greeting videotaping will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

He then reminded the Council to RSVP their attendance to the December 6, 1997 City holiday dinner.

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City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to let him know of their street light standard preference of either concrete or aluminum.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry reminded Councilmembers to meet at the Lakewood Mall breezeway on Saturday, November 22, 1997, at 10:45 a.m., for the Holiday Parade. She reported that the City's holiday banners will go up on street lights tomorrow, November 18, 1997. She also reported that the City Events Committee has been working on putting together the holiday tree lighting ceremony and festivities.

Councilmember Davis reported that the Regional Transit Authority has been working on developing their 1998 budget. She then asked if Councilmembers could be provided a tour of the proposed commuter rail site.

Councilmember Richardson asked for clarification on the City's code for fire sprinklers in multi-family homes and apartments, and the requirements for retrofitting buildings to include sprinklers.

Councilmember Richardson commented that the Council and staff have made a real effort to reflect and apply the visions and statements of the Council in the 1998 budget.

Councilmember Thomas wished Judge John Feutz a happy birthday.

Councilmember Palmas thanked staff for the information on the turnaround time for replacing broken street lights.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that a congratulatory letter be sent to the City of Fife for their new City Hall and public safety building.

Mayor Harrison announced that Councilmember-elect Larry Humphrey expressed his apologies for not being able to attend tonight's Council meeting.

Mayor Harrison commented that the blue ribbon ceremony for the Best Western Conference Room was very well done.

He then indicated that he attended a meeting of the Pierce County Economic Development Board where Tacoma Public Utilities discussed their plans for cabling fiber optics.

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Mayor Harrison commented that at the Editorial Board meeting of the TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE, they requested a tour of the Tillicum, American Lake Gardens and McChord Gate areas.

Mayor Harrison stressed the importance for the Police Department to seek ways to thwart the efforts of gang members. He made reference to the gang incident at the Bowlero bowling alley over the weekend.

Mayor Harrison expressed concern about the vehicles speeding on Bridgeport Way at 7:00 a.m. in the morning.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to executive session for approximately 50 minutes to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition.

Council recessed at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK