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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 24, 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 7:00 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; Administrative Analyst Jeff Brewster and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walter Neary by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the joint meeting with Washington State legislators will be held on December 8, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Davis requested that Regional Transit Authority transportation-related issues be added to the agenda. Because of the length of the agenda items scheduled for the December 8, 1997 Study Session, Council agreed to hold the Council Study Session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Briefing on the proposed street tree planting program.

Engineering Manager Larkin called upon Lynn Horn, landscape architect, who reviewed the various types of deciduous trees proposed to be planted on various arterial streets in Lakewood.

Discussion ensued on irrigation systems for the trees and maintenance of trees.

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Briefing on historical preservation.

Intern Richard Densley discussed the benefits of providing historical preservation tax credits for historical structures in Lakewood. He then reviewed some of the historic structures in Lakewood which included the Fort Nisqually trade establishment, the home of John Flett, Woodbrook Estates and Fort Steilacoom Park.

Greg Griffith, Department of State Historic Preservation, discussed the process for becoming a certified local government.

Discussion ensued on the benefits of a certified local government program and the State special property valuation program for local historic preservation properties eligible for tax credits for a ten-year period.

Briefing on sex offender registration verification.

Police Chief Masko discussed the sex offender verification program for contacting all registered Level 3 sex offenders in Lakewood. He indicated that Lakewood currently has 215 sex offenders.

Discussion ensued on the program and monitoring activity.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Introduction of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz distributed copies of the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Jerry Draggoo, consultant, discussed the possibilities of using school playgrounds for parks; a recreation trails plan to build trails and sidewalks on rights-of-way; and funding proposals.

Discussion ensued on ISTEA funds; parks projects that are being submitted for Community Development Block Grant funding; and building a sports complex.

Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Amending Sections 6.02.070, 6.04.090, 6.04.110, 6.06.010, 6.06.020, 6.06.030, 6.06.040, 6.06.060, 6.06.080 and 6.10.030 and creating Sections 5.24.105, 6.04.025, 6.04.045, 6.04.055, 6.04.091 and 6.04.092 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to animal control.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County for animal control services from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999.

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Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed ordinance and agreement for animal control and introduced Jeanne Werner, Executive Director of the Humane Society, who reviewed suggested changes to the proposed ordinance.

Discussion ensued on the nuisance barking notice process; patrolling unleashed animals; potentially dangerous animals; response time for removal of deceased animals; priorities of the Humane Society calls; micro-chipping and tattooing animals; and rationale for the proposed increase of fees for services.

Authorizing the allocation of 1998 Human Services funding.

Human Resources Administrator Young reviewed the process for selecting 1998 Human Services programs for funding. Ms. Andie Gernon reviewed the Collaboration's list of agencies being recommended for funding:

AGENCY	AMOUNT AWARDED
Lakewood Area Shelter Association	10,767.00
Child Abuse Prevention Resources	9,000.00
Communities in Schools of Lakewood	30,468.00
CAREER/Pierce Co. Comm. Action	11,400.00
Community Health Care - Tillicum	21,600.00
Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare	11,000.00
Community Health Care - Lakewood	5,800.00

Metropolitan Development Council	5,000.00
Co-Nexion - A Ministry w/ Mil. Families	1,600.00
Gateways for Youth and Families	9,000.00
FISH Food Banks/Lakes Area FISH	2,400.00
Sexual Assault Center of Pierce Co.	1,000.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Pierce County	5,000.00
CONTINGENCY FUNDS	1,965.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$126,000.00

Discussion ensued on what agencies were being funded again from last year and what agencies were new.

Approving the submittal of 1998 Community Development Block Grant funding applications.

Administrative Analyst Brewster reviewed the proposed Community Development Block Grant applications for submittal to the Pierce County Consortium for funding. Proposed projects being submitted include:

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PROJECT	AMOUNT
McChord Neighborhood Park Development	\$337,500.00
Woodbrook Park Acquisition	202,500.00
Oakwood Park Acquisition	270,000.00
School Park Development Program	180,000.00
McChord Gate Secondary Acquisition	202,500.00
Harry Todd Lighting and Field Improvement Project	76,500.00
American Lake North Park Repaving	17,100.00
Traffic & Pedestrian Signals at Bridgeport Way & San Francisco Ave	120,000.00
Residential Street Lighting	60,000.00
Bus Shelters	30,000.00
Street Improvements at McChord Gate Park	131,250.00
Lake City Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks	30,000.00
Oakwood Elementary Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks	75,000.00
Lakeview Elementary Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks	78,750.00
Tillicum Elementary Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks	11,250.00
Woodbrook Elementary Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks	80,000.00
Residential Street Chipsealing - Lakeview Areas	6,800.00

Public Services Proposals:

Lakeview Families First	\$60,000.00
Lakewood After School	57,000.00

Discussion ensued on Community Development Block Grant funding for housing programs; inventory of public housing in Lakewood; and submitting applications for emergency food and shelter programs.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DECEMBER 1, 1997, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending Sections 6.02.070, 6.04.090, 6.04.110, 6.06.010, 6.06.020, 6.06.030, 6.06.040, 6.06.060, 6.06.080 and 6.10.030 and creating Sections 5.24.105, 6.04.025, 6.04.045, 6.04.055, 6.04.091 and 6.04.092 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to animal control. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

2. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County for animal control services from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

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3. Authorizing the allocation of 1998 Human Services funding. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

4. Approving the submittal of 1998 Community Development Block Grant funding applications. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

5. Adopting the 1998 Budget. - (Ordinance)

6. Establishing the 1998 ad valorem property tax levy. - (Ordinance)

7. Extending and modifying the moratorium adopted through Resolution 1997-10A and extended through Resolution No. 1997-30 relative to the issuance of permits for certain wireless communications facilities in the City of Lakewood. - (Resolution)

8. Authorizing an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce County for court transport services from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

Councilmember Thomas requested that the ordinance and agreement on animal control services be placed on the regular agenda next week.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a preliminary schedule for the Council's retreat on January 23 and 24, 1998.

He then distributed copies of the emergency and evacuation procedure for City Hall facilities.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henry requested that the Chamber of Commerce be provided an opportunity to speak on the Chamber's position with regard to the gas tax at the Council's joint meeting with State legislators on December 8, 1997.

Councilmember Henry announced that the tree lighting ceremony will be held on December 5, 1997.

Councilmember Davis commented that the Puget Sound Regional Council will be holding an informative meeting again this year and suggested that Councilmember-elect Larry Humphrey attend the meeting. Councilmember Davis asked when the RTA Commuter Rail Station tour will be held. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the tours and site selection for a commuter rail station will be held in January 1998. Councilmember Davis reported that at the SR-16 Narrows Bridge meeting, members discussed who should vote for a toll bridge.

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Councilmember Thomas indicated that she will be soliciting funds in the amount of \$300 for phone line expenses to keep the Lakewood, Lakes High School weather station on the TV weather reports.

Councilmember Palmas asked if staff will be responding to the letters from citizens on barking dogs and changing utility companies from Puget Sound Energy to Lakeview Light and Power. He requested that Council be provided copies with staff responses.

Mayor Harrison encouraged Councilmembers to attend the Pierce County Regional Council Assembly meeting in February. He indicated that Gary Farnsworth of the Department of Transportation (DOT) made a statement that DOT is looking at Lakewood as a major transportation hub for South Pierce County.

Mayor Harrison complimented City Manager Rohlfs on the letter to the editor.

Mayor Harrison requested that the Council be informed whenever a land use appeal is filed that the Council will be hearing.

Mayor Harrison complimented Councilmember Palmas for the telecommunications report.

Mayor Harrison noted that a Lakewood company, Northwest Home Design, received the Better Mousetrap Award for Most Innovative Service.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to executive session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

Council recessed at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened at 12:31 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 a.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK