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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 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 7:02 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; 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.

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**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

Swearing-in of re-elected Councilmembers.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush performed the swearing-in ceremony for Councilmembers Bill Harrison, Claudia Thomas, Ann Kirk Davis, JosÃ© Palmas, Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Swearing-in of Councilmember-elect Lawrence Humphrey.

Judge Kelly Arnold performed the swearing-in ceremony for Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

Swearing-in of Municipal Court Judge Ralph Baldwin.

Judge Charles Johnson performed the swearing-in ceremony for Judge Ralph Baldwin.

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**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation declaring December 1997 as *Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month*.

Mayor Harrison proclaimed the month of December 1997 as *Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month* and presented a proclamation to Police Chief Rob Masko.

Proclamation extending appreciation to Lisa Hayden-Taylor for dedicated service to the Clover Park School District and education in Lakewood.

Councilmember Thomas presented a proclamation to Ms. Lisa Hayden-Taylor in appreciation for dedicated service to the Clover Park School District and education in Lakewood.

Proclamation extending appreciation to Harry Lang for dedicated service to the Clover Park School District and education in Lakewood.

Councilmember Davis presented a proclamation to Mr. Harry Lang in appreciation for dedicated service to the Clover Park School District and education in Lakewood.

Proclamation extending appreciation to Colleen Henry for dedicated service to the Lakewood City Council and citizens of Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation to Councilmember Henry in appreciation for dedicated service to the Lakewood City Council and citizens of Lakewood.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisor Maus reported on the December 10, 1997 Youth Advisors' Committee meeting. The Committee is working on an anti-violence campaign and the next meeting will be held on January 10, 1998, at the YMCA.

#### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that there will not be Council meetings held on December 22 and 29, 1997.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported on the Association of Washington Cities Large Cities meeting he and Deputy Mayor Thomas attended. He indicated that discussions were held on sales tax issues on the Internet; cities fiscal conditions; health department funding issues; energy deregulation utility tax and urban stabilization act.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Maury Peerenboom*, Lakewood resident, spoke about the United States Postal Service and receiving international mail addressed to Lakewood. He then presented the Mayor with a book on the *Twenty-First Century City*.

*Andie Gernon*, Lakewood resident, thanked the Council for their hard work since the Community Summit in 1992.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 1, 1997.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of December 8, 1997.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the joint meeting of the City Council and Washington State 2nd, 28th and 29th District Legislators of December 8, 1997.
- D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$132,648.73 for the period November 16-30, 1997.
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$254,660.29 for the period ending December 10, 1997.
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  1. Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 21, 1997.
  2. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 28, 1997.
  3. Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of November 10 and 17, 1997.
  4. Human Services Collaboration Public Meeting minutes of October 28, 1997.

5. Human Services Collaboration Strategic Task Force meeting minutes of November 12, 1997.

6. Human Services Collaboration Marketing Committee meeting minutes of November 13, 1997.

7. Planning Advisory Board Workshop meeting minutes of November 12, 1997.

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8. Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families meeting minutes of November 13, 1997.

9. City Hall Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of November 7, 1997.

**G. [Ordinance No. 148](#)**

Creating Chapter 8.80 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to emergency management.

**H. [Ordinance No. 149](#)**

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 5.52.105, 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.

**I. [Motion No. 1997-32](#)**

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, 1998.

**J. [Motion No. 1997-33](#)**

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County, the City of University Place and Pierce County Fire Protection Districts 2 and 3 for emergency management services.

K. Setting Tuesday, January 20, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for appeals before the City Council regarding the Hearing Examiner's decision on the Gravellywood Planned Development District, SEPA Threshold Determination, Shorelines Substantial Development Permit and Short Plat. (Prevco, LLC, applicant/appellant) and (Mr. and Mrs. Gary Milgard and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wallerich, appellants) (Case Nos. LU97012, 013, 014 and 019)

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. 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 to consider the proposed 1997 City of Lakewood Budget amendments.

Speaking before the Council were:

There were no comments.

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**ORDINANCES**

**[Ordinance No. 150](#)** adopting the 1997 City of Lakewood Budget amendments.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 150. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 1997-34 approving the Telecommunications Policies for the City of Lakewood.**

**COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Motion No. 1997-35 authorizing the execution of agreements with Pierce County for 1997 Community Development Block Grant projects for McChord Gate neighborhood pocket park in the amount of \$181,000; Harry Todd Park improvements and barrier removal in the amount of \$87,000; American Lake North Park improvements in the amount of \$151,000; residential street lighting in the amount of \$60,000; sidewalk construction near elementary schools in the amount of \$84,000; and all weather surface bus stops in the amount of \$75,000.**

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH PIERCE COUNTY FOR 1997 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS FOR MCCHORD GATE NEIGHBORHOOD POCKET PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,000; HARRY TODD PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND BARRIER REMOVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,000; AMERICAN LAKE NORTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$151,000; RESIDENTIAL STREET LIGHTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000; SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION NEAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,000; AND ALL WEATHER SURFACE BUS STOPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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## **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**City Manager Rohlfs reported that 280 trees have been ordered for the street tree planting program.**

**City Manager Rohlfs wished Councilmembers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Henry reported that the Events Ad Hoc Committee met to critique and discuss any improvements that can be made to the tree lighting ceremony and festivities. She reported that the Fire Marshal indicated that with the number of attendees at this year's festivities, the maximum occupancy at the Lakewood Theater may be exceeded next year and another location should be sought.**

**Councilmember Henry announced that Bruegger's Bagels blue ribbon in the 100th Street strip mall will be held on December 16, 1997.**

**Councilmember Henry indicated that Lakes High School Coach Zatkovich is asking for help, by selling t-shirts, to raise funds for purchasing state championship rings.**

**Councilmember Davis reported that the Regional Transit Authority Board met on December 11, 1997, and passed the 1998 budget. She indicated that all RTA projects are on schedule. She then thanked Mr. Richard Rabisa for the community volunteer dinner in Tillicum.**

**Councilmember Richardson questioned the Finance and Systems Director's memo on the property tax rate for the City. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that this year's tax rate is \$1.60 per \$1000 assessed valuation.**

**Councilmember Richardson questioned the McChord Air Force Base street vacation situation.**

**Councilmember Thomas expressed concern about City employees crossing the crosswalk from the Lakewood Mall to City Hall. She also expressed concern about the icy streets. Mayor Harrison suggested that staff look at installing a street light and/or crosswalk at the entrance to Lochburn Middle School off Bridgeport Way to create a safer situation for the children. Councilmember Thomas asked if there will be reflectors on the median on 100th Street.**

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Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the beautification project at Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway.

Councilmember Palmas asked for the status of jail options for the City of Lakewood. City Manager Rohlf indicated that the City of Tacoma is requesting that the Legislature exempt the City of Tacoma from the one-tenth percent sales tax for jails so that the City of Tacoma can build its own jail. The City of Tacoma is exploring the feasibility of constructing its own jail and has asked the City of Lakewood to consider using their facility should they construct one. He added that Pierce County is waiting to see what will happen at the Legislature.

Councilmember Palmas indicated that he was happy to see the good turnout at the Parks and Recreation public meeting.

Councilmember Palmas asked what site did the City Hall Ad Hoc Committee eliminate from further consideration as a potential site for City Hall. City Manager Rohlf replied that the Committee eliminated the Lakewood Mall site because of its proposed location at the Mall and size.

Councilmember Palmas suggested that there be something placed at the corner of 72nd Street and Lakewood Drive as an entrance to Lakewood.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that she attended a meeting with staff and the Health Department to discuss funding concerns that were raised by the Community Health Clinic and the discussion centered around monies that were lost when Lakewood became a City. She indicated that she invited the Director of the Health Department to a Council meeting in January to provide the Council with information about basic services being provided by the Health Department. She noted that Human Services funding allocated for the Community Health Clinic will be for prevention.

Mayor Harrison thanked the Events Ad Hoc Committee for putting together a festive tree lighting ceremony and activities.

Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to provide him with their recommendations for nominating a Lakewood representative to serve on the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families.

Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to review the list of committees that Councilmembers currently serve on representing the City of Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison noted that the Lakewood Community Orchestra performed at the Lakewood Mall this evening at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor Harrison asked staff to respond to a letter from Donna Wilson regarding utilities.

Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers when they were available for an hour to take a group photo. Councilmembers agreed to take a group photo on Monday, January 5, 1998, at 6:00 p.m.

Amended Mayor Harrison wished City Councilmembers, staff and the audience a Merry

01/05/98 Christmas, a Happy New Year and a Happy Hanukkah.

## 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**