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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 5, 1998

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 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; 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 Lieutenant Eileen Bisson; Human Resources and Services Director Debi Young and Administrative Secretary Juli Neher.

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 Lieutenant Eileen Bisson; Human Resources and Services Director Debi Young and Administrative Secretary Juli Neher.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Beausoleil by request of Mayor Harrison.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Mayor Harrison opened the floor for nominations for Mayor.

**COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS NOMINATED MAYOR BILL HARRISON AS MAYOR.**

Mayor Harrison noted that a second is not required and turned the gavel over to Deputy Mayor Thomas for further nominations and election.

**DEPUTY MAYOR CALLED THREE TIMES FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR. NOMINATIONS WERE DECLARED CLOSED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:**

**AYES: DAVIS, HUMPHREY, PALMAS, RICHARDSON, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, THOMAS, MAYOR HARRISON.**

**NAYS: 0.**

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**ABSTAINING: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**MAYOR HARRISON WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS MAYOR.**

**Mayor Harrison then opened the floor for nominations for Deputy Mayor.**

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS NOMINATED DEPUTY MAYOR CLAUDIA THOMAS AS DEPUTY MAYOR. MAYOR HARRISON CALLED THREE TIMES FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR. NOMINATIONS WERE DECLARED CLOSED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:**

**AYES: HUMPHREY, PALMAS, RICHARDSON, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, THOMAS, DAVIS, MAYOR HARRISON.**

**NAYS: 0.**

**ABSTAINING: 0.**

**ABSENT: 0.**

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS DEPUTY MAYOR.**

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**Mayor Harrison requested that the Council consider Resolution No. 1998-2 at this time.**

**[Resolution No. 1998-2](#) recognizing former Councilmember Colleen Henry for outstanding service to the Lakewood City Council from 1995 through 1997 and establishing a program to recognize the service of out-going City of Lakewood Councilmembers and other persons who have made substantial contributions to the City of Lakewood.**

**COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-2. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Mayor Harrison and members of the Council and staff expressed their thanks and appreciation to former Councilmember Henry. Mayor Harrison then presented her with a plaque commemorating her service to the Lakewood City Council.**

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#### **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**City Manager Rohlfs wished everyone a Happy New Year.**

**City Manager Rohlfs reported that the bids received for the beautification project at Bridgeport Way SW and Pacific Highway SW were not in the proper form and the project was readvertised with the bid opening scheduled for January 8, 1998. He noted that the results of that bid will be brought before the Council as soon as possible to allow moving forward with the project.**

**City Manager Rohlfs also indicated that the City will begin advertising on January 8, 1998, for bids on the sidewalks project on 83rd and 87th Avenues and Onyx Drive. He noted that the bids will be opened on January 29, 1998, and that the results of the bidding process will be brought to the Council in February.**

**City Manager Rohlfs provided the Council with an update on the situation at DJ's Bar and Grill regarding using off-duty police officers for security. He indicated that the owner of DJ's Bar and Grill is no longer volunteering to provide the security and that during the weekend that security was not there, complaints were received including a call on shots fired. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that requiring security will be made a condition of the business license. He also indicated that the requirement may be lifted during the year if the situation is brought under control.**

**City Manager Rohlfs commented on the item on the Consent Agenda awarding a contract for street trees and indicated that it will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete the planting.**

## PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisor Amanda Maus announced that the next Youth Advisors' meeting would be held on January 14, 1998, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the YMCA.

Youth Advisor Katelyn Paskowski announced that youth are being recruited to Ann's Campaign to form a council to develop a memorial for victims of violence in Lakewood.

Councilmember Palmas congratulated Youth Advisor Katelyn Paskowski on her selection as a Lakewood princess.

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Mr. Simon Lee, 9725 South Tacoma Way, elder of the Tacoma Joong-Ang Presbyterian Church, spoke for a group of church members in the audience supporting the church's off-premise directional sign at 84th and South Pine Streets and requested reconsideration and variance of the City's code regarding the sign. He also spoke on the church's background and of the importance of the church to the community.*

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*Doug Perry, 9614 Starlet Lane, Gig Harbor, spoke in favor of allowing the church sign to remain.*

*Ms. Oksun Wilson, 4119 61st St. Ct. E, expressed concern regarding traffic safety and how the directional sign helps church visitors to locate the church easily without slowing down other traffic.*

*Ms. Vicki, Beausoleil, 8927 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, spoke about the shots fired incidents at DJ's Bar and Grill. She expressed appreciation to the City for enforcing the presence of security officers and noted that the incidents continue when monitoring is not in place. She also requested that the City notify the neighbors if monitoring is discontinued.*

## CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 15, 1997.

B. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$113,383.35 for the period December 1-15, 1997.

C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$138,618.83 for the period December 16-31, 1997.

D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$958,781.21 for the period ending December 24, 1997.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$65,685.30 for the period ending December 30, 1997.

F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 12, 1997.

2. Human Services Collaboration meeting minutes of November 18, 1997.

3. Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of December 1, 1997.

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G. [Resolution No. 1998-1](#)

Setting Monday, February 2, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the vacation of a portion of 38th Avenue SW. (Rodney A. McLean; File No. VAC 98-001)

**H. Motion No. 1998-1**

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

Councilmember Palmas questioned how the mission statement noted in the Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting minutes corresponds with the Lakewood Police Department and Pierce County Sheriff's Department mission statements. Deputy City Manager Neiditz reported that there is no conflict. He noted that there are several members of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department pro-actively involved in the committee process.

Councilmember Palmas also questioned a statement in the Human Services Collaboration meeting minutes regarding suggesting food banks request 1997 Community Development Block Grant funding with the City acting as the fiscal agent. He asked if there would be any cost to the City acting as the fiscal agent. City Manager Rohlfs replied that the impact to the City would be very small. Councilmember Palmas asked if the process would be involved in audits. City Manager Rohlfs replied that anytime money passes through the City, it would be subject to audit, but that the time spent would be very small and the City's involvement would be very helpful to the community.

Mayor Harrison requested an amendment to the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 15, 1998, page 8, to reflect that he had wished the Councilmembers, staff and audience a Happy Hanukkah as well as a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

Motion No. 1998-2 confirming the appointment of Cassandra E. Moore to the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families to serve as a representative from the City of Lakewood for a two-year term.

**COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF CASSANDRA E. MOORE TO THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES TO SERVE AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Motion No. 1998-3 confirming the appointment of Councilmember Larry Humphrey to serve as the Lakewood City Council representative on the Pierce Transit Board of Directors.

**COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER LARRY HUMPHREY TO SERVE AS THE LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance No. 151** amending Section 5.12.060 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to pawnbroker licensing - an emergency ordinance.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of Ordinance No. 151, amending the business license code regarding

pawnshops, for the Council's consideration. He indicated that the ordinance is proposed as an emergency ordinance to be effective upon adoption. He noted that the current code allows for one pawnshop for every 35,000 population, but that the City currently has six pawnshops which were here at incorporation. He also noted that the current ordinance prevents pawnshops owners from selling or relocating and still remaining in Lakewood. He indicated that the proposed ordinance language would clarify this intent and also provide for a change regarding the level of population which must be reached to allow for additional pawnshops. He noted that the net effect would still be to slowly reduce the number of pawnshops in the City.

Discussion ensued on the rationale of the population to pawnshop ratio; whether the ordinance should be adopted as an emergency; the effect of the ordinance on current pawnshops in the City; population as it relates to the number of pawnshops in the City; and that the City currently has more pawnshops than would have been allowed under the City ordinance or the Pierce County code based upon population.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER THE ORDINANCE NO. 151. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 151. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Councilmember Palmas questioned whether notification would be given to existing pawnshop owners. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that notification can be given to the owners.

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey reported that he attended a session at the University of Washington Institute for Public Policy and Management to learn about the regional connections in the Puget Sound area.

Councilmember Thomas wished City Attorney Heid a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Palmas questioned the tolerance level in the City regarding shots fired incidents and whether there should be some guidelines or limitations toward closing a business after a certain number of incidents have been reported.

Councilmember Palmas reported on the Law Enforcement Support Agency Board meeting he attended and reported that LESA is attempting to update its technology to assist officers on the street and to facilitate law enforcement efforts. He also noted that LESA is finding difficulty in maintaining staff in view of higher wages being offered elsewhere in the industry.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked about getting information to property owners regarding the flood insurance program. City Manager Rohlfs noted that a press release would be sent out this week.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on America's Promise and Lakewood's Promise and noted that there will be a luncheon with Colin Powell in Seattle on January 21, 1998. She also noted that on January 8, 1998, the Human Services Collaboration will be meeting with General Shalikashvili to ask him to be a spokesperson for Lakewood's Promise.

Deputy Mayor Thomas noted that March 2, 1998, is National Read Day and that the Human Services Collaboration will be working with the schools to coordinate a reading day in Lakewood which will also tie in to America's Promise and Lakewood's Promise.

Mayor Harrison indicated that there will be a Pacific Northwest Regional Affairs and State Farm Community Fair in DuPont on January 23, 1998. He noted that he would be unable to attend and asked if any Councilmember would be able to attend.

Mayor Harrison reported that the Clover Park School Board is seeking the City's support for the upcoming school

levy.

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**Mayor Harrison reminded Councilmembers of the Retreat on January 13, 1998, and asked that they respond to staff's requests for information prior to the Retreat, including reporting their representation of the City on any outside agencies.**

**Mayor Harrison thanked the citizens who attended the meeting to support the church sign and urged staff to get back to Council on that matter.**

**Mayor Harrison noted that with regard to DJ's and other establishments in the City where problems have occurred, the citizens have the right to feel safe in their homes and urged staff to come back to Council with ways to address these situations.**

**Mayor Harrison expressed concern regarding the December 11, 1997 LAKEWOOD JOURNAL article dealing with cracking down on speeding.**

**Councilmember Palmas requested a response be sent to Okinawa City representatives for the Christmas cards received by Councilmembers and staff.**

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**Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to executive session to discuss an evaluation of contract performance and land acquisition.**

**Council recessed at 8:57 p.m. and reconvened at 10:37 p.m.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**