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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 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 7:02 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; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by T.D. Imholt by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that demolition work at the Steilacoom Boulevard site where the fire had occurred has begun and will be completed by the end of this week.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the City was awarded its fifth financial reporting award, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Governmental Finance Officer's Association, for the 1996 Budget and investment policy.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

McChord Gate Area Presentation.

City Manager Rohlfs and Community Development Director Bugher made a presentation on the existing conditions of the McChord Gate area. The presentation provided housing, income and demographic information about the area and what is being done to remove some of the blight in the area.

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Proclamation declaring the month of March 1998 as *Women's History Month*.

Councilmember Davis presented a proclamation declaring the month of March 1998 as Women's History Month to Ms. Marilyn Russell and Ms. Suzie Ross from Delta Kappa Gamma.

Proclamation declaring March 7, 1998 as *Thank God for Kids Day*.

Deputy Mayor Thomas presented a proclamation declaring March 7, 1998 as Thank God for Kids Day to Ms. Helen McGovern and Ms. Stephanie Van Leuven, St. Francis Cabrini School.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski reported on the need for a skate park.

They announced that the next Youth Forum will be held on March 13, 1998, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

They then called on Mr. Chuckie Floyd who presented a proposal for a skate rink at the Lakewood Mall theaters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Worth Gurley, 10514 Sunnybrook Lane SW, spoke about the need for more lanes on Farwest Drive by restriping the road.

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Jerry Dinndorf, Master Builders Association, expressed concern that the permit fee for the replacement of trees was expensive and requested that the Council defer taking any action on this matter. He suggested that the fee be \$300.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 17, 1998.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of February 23, 1998.

C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$113,131.10 for the period February 1-15, 1998.

D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$153,736.86 for the period ending February 24, 1998.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$14,370.65 for the period ending February 25, 1998.

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

1. Human Services Collaboration Marketing Committee meeting minutes of January 20, 1998.

2. Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 11, 1998.

G. [Resolution No. 1998-10](#)

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H. [Resolution No. 1998-11](#)

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COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS REQUESTED THAT ITEM "G" BE MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ITEMS A-F, H AND I OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Speaking before the Council were:

Robert R. Brunke, 69 West Shore Avenue SW, distributed copies of a petition opposing the development of the proposed West Lake Street Park.

Julia Aiken, 39 West Lake Avenue SW, spoke about the narrow streets to the proposed West Lake Street Park and expressed opposition to the development of the park.

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Marian Gurley, 10514 Sunnybrook Lane SW, spoke about the Bainbridge Island roadway committee that studied public access to road-end streets; reinstating Section 5.14 of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and creating a roadway committee.

Marshel Ivie, 61 West Shore Avenue SW, spoke in opposition of the development of the proposed West Lake Street Park.

Herb Dayton, 10823 Evergreen Terrace SW, spoke against the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master plan because of lack of funding and because priorities were not identified.

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Lillah Stewart, 11326 Interlaaken Drive SW, spoke about purchasing potential park waterfront properties at market value.

Peter Slowiaczek, 9875 Bridgeport Way SW, spoke about the proposed four-acre properties identified to be acquired for parks along Wards Lake in the area around I-5 and 84th Street.

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Molly Edman, 12124 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, expressed concern about the need for open space and setting aside the remaining Flett Creek area at Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive as open space.

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Eric Vonderscheer, 7703 99th Avenue SW, spoke about donating a 1.88 acre park that is maintained by a levy of the 7th Addition Oakbrook property owners to the City.

Paul Manuel, 11809 83rd Avenue SW, spoke in support of the need for a skate park.

Tami Brigham, 101st Street SW, spoke against opening land for public facilities. She supported open space for soccer fields and recreation for youth in areas that don't have open space for youth recreation. She indicated that the Southgate neighborhood is opposed to neighborhood parks in that area.

Ralph Fuller, 8208 South Way SW, spoke in opposition of the proposed West Lake park.

Jim Senko, 101st Street SW, spoke in support of the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the need to preserve access to the lakes.

Don Seeley, 8215 South Way, spoke in opposition of the proposed West Lake park.

Dick Glore, Sylvan Park, spoke about the litter and debris along and in Seeley Lake.

Dr. Alice Mascette, 6725 Lake Avenue SW, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition of the proposed West Lake park and expressed concern about increased crime.

Don Arseno, N 36th Street, Cedar and Riverside Apartment owner, spoke in opposition of the West Lake park development proposal because of safety.

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Sharon Morehouse, 15206 Fern SW, spoke in support of the parks trail system and requested a bike lane around Harry Todd Park.

Council recessed at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

Resolution No. 1998-10 amending the City of Lakewood fee schedule for inclusion of fees for tree removal and replacement permits.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO TABLE RESOLUTION NO. 1998-10 TO THE MARCH 16, 1998 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Palmas commented that some of the information in the transition team proposed ordinance for establishing a historic preservation program may not be appropriate to be included in an ordinance format.

Deputy Mayor Thomas complimented the Lakewood Library for providing some space for the City's repository until a permanent location is established.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the historic preservation efforts should be done by volunteers and not a paid historic preservation officer. Councilmember Davis also agreed that the program should be developed by volunteers.

Councilmember Richardson requested that an informational brochure be developed to inform citizens about the implications of the tree cutting ordinance.

Mayor Harrison and the Council directed staff to proceed with establishing a Sister City program.

Mayor Harrison asked for clarification on the informational bullets memo regarding code enforcement sweeps.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf reported that Acting Police Chief Bisson indicated that test Lakewood police uniforms will be available as soon as mid-April.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis announced that she will not be attending the Council Study Session next week, March 9, 1998.

Councilmember Humphrey commented on a meeting he, Community Development Director Bugher and Planning Advisory Board Chair Herb Stumpf, attended on city design.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the chess tournament at the Lakewood Mall. She announced that she will be attending a Women of Distinction luncheon on Wednesday, March 4, 1998. She also announced that Lakes High School will be presenting a play, "Our Town," on March 5, 6 and 7, 1998.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Lakewood Mall management meeting she attended on Friday, February 27, 1998. Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she is serving on a Pierce County ad hoc committee on arts and culture.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he, too, attended the Lakewood Mall management meeting on Friday, February 27, 1998.

Mayor Harrison thanked City staff for participating in the Dr. Seuss reading activities at Park Lodge Elementary School.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to executive session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss performance review of contract employee and potential land acquisition.

Council recessed at 10:40 p.m. and reconvened at 12:08 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:08 a.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK