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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 6, 1998
Fort Steilacoom Historical Museum
Cottage 2
Western State Hospital
9601 Steilacoom Boulevard SW
Lakewood, WA 98498

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; and Doug Richardson.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember Sherri Thomas (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; Building Official Jim Sempek; Acting Police Chief Eileen Bisson; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Katie Paskowski by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Deputy City Manager Neiditz requested that Item J on the Consent Agenda be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Councilmember Thomas arrived at 7:02 p.m.

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Deputy City Manager Neiditz announced that today the State Judicial Commission filed charges against Municipal Court Judge Baldwin and that Judge Baldwin has indicated that he will be tendering his resignation tomorrow, April 7, 1998.

City Attorney Heid reported that certain actions were taken which prompted the City to notify the Judicial Commission. The Judicial Commission conducted an investigation; and as a result of their investigation, filed a statement of charges. The Municipal Court Judge indicated that he would be tendering his resignation tomorrow, April 7, 1998.

Mayor Harrison then read excerpts of a press release that was sent to the media. City Attorney Heid indicated that affidavits of prejudice will continue to be filed on cases involving driving under the influence and the position of Municipal Court Judge will be filled by pro-tem judges in the interim until a replacement can be made.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the week of April 5-11, 1998, as *Building Safety Week*

Councilmember Palmas presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 5-11, 1998, as *Building Safety Week* to Building Official Jim Sempek.

Proclamation declaring the month of April 1998 as *Disaster Preparedness Month*

Councilmember Richardson presented a proclamation declaring the month of April 1998 as *Disaster Preparedness Month* to Pierce County Emergency Management Services Director Steve Bailey.

Presentation on the Law Enforcement Activity and Data System (LEADS) 2000/Law Enforcement Support Agency

Major Steve Poythress reviewed the Law Enforcement Activity and Data System (LEADS) 2000 project and migration plan for implementation. The purpose of LEADS, a computer program application, is to redeploy police officers' time currently spent on writing routine reports and time-consuming administrative tasks to law enforcement tasks by changing the way business is conducted.

Youth Advisors' Report

Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski reported that the next Youth Forum will be held on April 24, 1998, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the YMCA. The topic of discussion will be how to resolve violence in the community. The next youth committee meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on April 22, 1998.

Youth Advisor Paskowski expressed concern that the parking fee at Ft. Steilacoom Park had increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50, and that the fees target youths during times when sporting events are held at the park.

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Discussion ensued on developing creative ways to fund parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Maury Peerenboom, Lakewood resident, announced that Burs Restaurant will soon be sold because of the Burs' retirement. He thanked the Burs for the wonderful times he has spent there.

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Rita Happy, Lakewood resident, spoke about the children who visited the Municipal Court and the impression we set upon children by our actions.

Cy Happy, Lakewood resident, spoke about the need for a historical museum.

J. B. Layne, 116th Street SW, asked for an update on the Lake Louise (Harr Family Homes) subdivision plat. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that the matter was appealed before the Superior Court and the City's decision was upheld. The final plat and agreement allowed the construction of 40 homes.

Council recessed at 8:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 16, 1998.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 23, 1998.
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$112,429.40 for the period March 1-15, 1998.
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$455,961.74 for the period ending April 1, 1998.
- E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 13, and March 6, 1998.
 - 2. Human Services Collaboration Steering Committee meeting minutes of January 22, 1998.
 - 3. Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 25, 1998.Lakewood City Council Minutes -4- April 6, 1998

F. Ordinance No. 160

Amending the Official Zoning Map for the City of Lakewood.

G. Resolution No. 1998-14

Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to Geographic Information System fees.

H. Resolution No. 1998-15

Setting Monday, May 4, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the vacation of Stanley Street SW and Woodlawn Avenue SW right-of-way to transfer ownership of undeveloped right-of-way to the adjacent property owners.

I. Motion No. 1998-11

Authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement with Pierce County for road and traffic maintenance services.

J. Motion No. 1998-12

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with ENTRANCO, Inc., in the amount of \$119,902 for construction management services on the 83rd Avenue SW and 87th Avenue SW, including Onyx Drive and Garnet Lane, sidewalk and bike lane construction project.

K. Motion No. 1998-13

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the lease agreement with the Lakewood Group, Inc., for additional office space at Lakes Professional Center.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON REQUESTED THAT ITEM F BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA.

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

Motion No. 1998-12 authorizing the execution of an agreement with ENTRANCO, Inc., in the amount of \$119,902 for construction management services on the 83rd Avenue SW and 87th Avenue SW, including Onyx Drive and Garnet Lane, sidewalk and bike lane construction project.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ENTRANCO, INC., WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO COMMENCE WORK UNDER SAID AGREEMENT ON MARCH 23, 1998, AND RATIFY THE WORK DONE TO DATE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ordinance No. 160 amending the Official Zoning Map for the City of Lakewood.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 160 TO THE APRIL 20, 1998 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 161](#) amending Sections 8.24.090 and 8.24.100 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the storage of certain vehicles.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 161. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Palmas requested staff to study the feasibility of establishing unleashed areas in Lakewood for pet runs.

Councilmember Thomas reported on the police volunteer report she received showing the number of violations that were cited for parking in disabled spaces. She requested that staff develop a proposal for implementing the new State law allowing volunteers to cite violators parked in disabled spaces. She indicated that the new law takes effect on June 12, 1998.

Councilmember Humphrey expressed the need to start early in the process to develop solutions for the treatment of Lake Steilacoom. Mayor Harrison indicated that the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Association has requested the City to allow the Association to work directly with the Department of Ecology on the treatment of the lake. He indicated that the City stands ready to help if the Association desires help.

Councilmember Richardson requested staff to investigate the feasibility of implementing fire codes to address group homes with six or seven or more people.

Councilmember Richardson asked if the Acting Police Chief's list of equipment was resolved. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that a revised list will be brought before the Council.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas asked the Council to think about ways to influence legislators to tighten the gun laws. Mayor Harrison requested that the Council be provided with copies of the gun laws.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful meeting he attended. He indicated that the

Department of Transportation representative suggested that the City adopt an ordinance on landscaping regulations.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

Deputy City Manager Neiditz announced that the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee hosted a meeting with the four lakes associations to discuss lakes safety matters.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that the Korean Women's Association and Safe Streets are currently the main tenants at the McChord Gate Community Center.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz noted that the Economic Development Strategy has been reviewed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Advisory Board.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that the City requested of the Pierce County Consortium Board to reconsider the allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds to Lakewood. He reported that the Consortium Board voted to hold to their original funding recommendations.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey announced that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful spring clean-up will be on April 25, 1998.

Councilmember Richardson expressed concern about having adequate bike lane widths for safety.

Councilmember Richardson asked staff to look into identifying areas on American Lake as designated jet ski areas.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that Bob Estrada, member of the Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee was in Madigan Hospital for surgery.

Councilmember Thomas asked that a thank you letter be sent to the family who cleaned up Short Street.

Councilmember Palmas expressed enthusiasm on the concept of citizens having the ability to establish Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) for the construction of sidewalks, street lighting and undergrounding of utilities.

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Councilmember Palmas reported on a citizen concern about the number of times balls from a nearby school had damaged her windows and property.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that Governor Locke has designated Lakewood as a model to follow to carry out America's Promise. She indicated that Lakewood's Promise will have a kick-off on May 7, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on a skateboard park. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that that an update will be presented to the Council soon.

Mayor Harrison announced that on March 31, 1998, the McChord Gate Powerpoint presentation was presented to McChord Air Force Base. On April 1, 1998, the same presentation was made to the Army, and on April 2, 1998, the presentation was made before the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Harrison expressed concern that a better job must be done to inform the public on the steps that the City has taken to improve safety and crime. He indicated that the City needs to look at ways on how to change the citizens' perception.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss pending and potential litigation.

Council recessed at 10:00 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC
CITY CLERK