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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, April 13, 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; Administrative Analyst Jeff Brewster; Associate Planner Dan Catron; Acting Police Chief Eileen Bisson; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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; Administrative Analyst Jeff Brewster; Associate Planner Dan Catron; 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 Charlie Maxwell by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the McChord Gate Powerpoint presentation will be presented to Pierce County and the County Executive this week.

Councilmember Humphrey reported that he, Herb Dayton and Tom Lowry of the Lakes Improvement Club met with the Department of Ecology to discuss chemical treatment of Lake Steilacoom. The Department of Ecology has appointed a facilitator from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to begin a process to develop a long-term solution on the use of chemicals in the lake.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Amending Sections 13.08.150, 13.08.160 and 13.08.170 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to garbage utility rates and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lakewood Refuse Service, Inc., for garbage collection services.

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Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed rate increases for garbage collection services and changes to the agreement with Lakewood Refuse Service, Inc. He explained that the agreement provides for a long-term contract. The proposed rate increases become effective as of April 1, 1998. The proposed rate increase for residential service is 9.5 percent; commercial 13.5 percent; drop box 11 percent; yard waste 9 percent; and multifamily no rate increase.

Discussion ensued on the analysis used for the proposed rate increase; if requirements for auditing were built into the contract; if landfill costs were built into the rates because of the difference between disposal and recycle costs; reasons for the longer term of the contract; binding arbitration language; holding a public hearing on proposed rate increases; and providing a rate structure for low-income and disabled citizens.

Creating Chapter 18.102 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to wireless telecommunications facilities.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance setting forth regulations for wireless telecommunications facilities. He explained that the proposed ordinance would eliminate the need to continue the moratorium on wireless telecommunications facilities.

Discussion ensued on defining camouflage requirements; and determining how many tower sites can be erected in Lakewood.

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Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

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Amending the City of Lakewood Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan relative to seasonal positions and part-time employee benefits.

Councilmember Thomas recused herself from discussion on this matter and left the Council Chambers.

Human Resources & Services Director Young reviewed the proposed ordinance creating the position of Senior Lifeguard and providing for part-time employee benefits of pro-rated holidays, pro-rated combination leave and major medical leave, and employer matched retirement.

Discussion ensued on clarifying that the proposed ordinance provided for part-time leave benefits and not health benefits.

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Councilmember Thomas returned to the Council Chambers.

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Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to swimming pool program fees.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed fee adjustments for swimming lesson fees from \$20.00 to \$25.00 and open swim fees from \$1.00 to \$2.00. He also indicated that pool rental fees would increase an additional \$5.00 per hour.

Discussion ensued on how the public is informed about the swimming program.

Amending Section 2.12.060 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Planning Advisory Board members' compensation.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance which provides members of the Planning Advisory Board compensation for their service at a rate of \$25.00 per meeting attended by each Planning Advisory Board member.

Discussion ensued on the potential problems the ordinance can create by setting a precedence of treating one group differently from another committee or board; providing for an allowance for reimbursement of expenses; recognizing that the Planning Advisory Board is the only statutory body required by law and the only body with a term of office of five years; and perhaps capping compensation to four meetings per month.

Councilmember Richardson recommended that this item not be brought forward on next week's Council's agenda.

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for funding assistance for the McChord Gate Acquisition and Development Project; a Skate Park Development Project; the Wards Lake Park Property Acquisition Project; and the Flett Trail Property Acquisition Project.

Administrative Analyst Brewster reviewed the proposed resolution requesting the submittal of grant applications to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) for the McChord Gate Acquisition and Development Project in the amount of \$181,000; the Skate Park Development Project in the amount of \$60,000; the Wards Lake Property Acquisition Project in the amount of \$150,000 and the Flett Trail Acquisition Project in the amount of \$120,000. He explained that each of these projects would require a City match if funding was awarded.

Discussion ensued on what is a venture playground site; vandal-resistant concrete picnic tables; and matching City funds for projects awarded IAC funds.

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Approving the final plat map of Woodbrook Estates residential subdivision located at the southwest corner of Woodbrook Drive and 150th Street SW.

Associate Planner Dan Catron reviewed the proposed final plat map for the Woodbrook Estates at the southwest corner of Woodbrook Drive and 150th Street SW in the Tillicum-American Lake Gardens area. He explained that 6.9 acres would be subdivided into 13 parcels.

Discussion ensued on whether there was any opposition to the project at the public hearing.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 20, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: (TO BE HELD AT OAKBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 7802 83RD AVENUE SW)**

1. Amending Sections 13.08.150, 13.08.160 and 13.08.170 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to garbage utility rates and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lakewood Refuse Service, Inc., for garbage collection services. - (Ordinance/Motion - Consent Agenda)
2. Creating Chapter 18.102 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to wireless telecommunications facilities. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
3. Amending the City of Lakewood Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan relative to seasonal positions and part-time employee benefits. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
4. Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to swimming pool program fees. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
5. Amending Section 2.12.060 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Planning Advisory Board members' compensation. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for funding assistance for the McChord Gate Acquisition and Development Project; a Skate Park Development Project; the Wards Lake Park Property Acquisition Project; and the Flett Trail Property Acquisition Project. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
7. Approving the final plat map of Woodbrook Estates residential subdivision located at the southwest corner of Woodbrook Drive and 150th Street SW. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
8. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed extension of a moratorium on certain wireless telecommunications facilities for an additional six months.

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9. Ordinance No. 160 (tabled from the April 6, 1998 City Council meeting)

**Amending the Official Zoning Map for the City of Lakewood. - (Ordinance)**

Mayor Harrison indicated that Item No. 5 would be removed from the April 20, 1998 agenda.

Mayor Harrison announced that the April 20, 1998 City Council Meeting will be held at Oakbrook Elementary School.

Councilmember Richardson expressed concern about extending the Lakewood Refuse contract to 15 years.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs asked the Council for their approval to proceed with the sister city work plan to obtain community input on the idea of promoting sister city relationships. Council concurred with proceeding with the work plan.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that an application was filed for the construction of a Holiday Inn Express consisting of 50 units located on Pacific Highway SW.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Davis asked if any Councilmembers were going to participate in the Daffodil Parade and ride in Charlie Maxwell's vehicles. Mayor Harrison and Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that they will be participating in the parade.

Councilmember Davis asked about the status of the City Hall site acquisition project. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that this item will be brought before the Council soon.

Councilmember Richardson commented on the recent letters to the TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE editor concerning the annexation of Ft. Lewis and McChord Air Force Base and ways to educate the public about the reasons for the annexation.

Councilmember Thomas reported that she has received many positive comments from residents on 59th Street where the traffic circle will be constructed. She noted that the residents in the area expressed concern about taking down the fence in the area.

Councilmember Palmas asked staff to develop a pilot project to develop a Local Improvement District (LID).

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the preparation plans and meetings that are taking place for the May 7, 1998 Lakewood's Promise kickoff.

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Mayor Harrison asked for clarification on Community Development Director Bugher's memo regarding the status of the sign ordinance and enforcement issues.

Mayor Harrison announced that there have been astounding statistics on a Federal survey on the number of youth violence and gangs. He asked if the City was working with the Clover Park School District to open up its playgrounds for after school youth activities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**