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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 1998

Southgate Elementary School

Library

10202 Earley Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:01 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.

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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; Acting Police Chief Eileen Bisson; 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 children representing Southgate Elementary School by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on May 7, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. Lakewood Promise's kick off rally will be held at the Clover Park Performing Arts Center.

He also announced that the May 11, 1998 City Council Study Session will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Louise Elementary School; and the May 18, 1998 City Council regular meeting will be held at Oakwood Elementary School.

City Manager Rohlfs explained that the job description for Lakewood's Police Chief has been finalized and recruitment for the position will begin within the next two weeks. The recruitment will be open for thirty days.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Acting Police Chief Bisson attended a King County contract training workshop and some positive steps will be taken in Lakewood. He indicated that the citizen police academy training in Lakewood will be focused on Lakewood.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that a bid on the Harry Todd Park restoration project will soon be advertised. Bids must be submitted by May 21, 1998.

Mayor Harrison welcomed Mayor Cliff Murphy and Councilmember Nancy Ellis from the City of Eatonville.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring May 7, 1998, as the *Day of Prayer*.

Mayor Harrison read a proclamation declaring May 7, 1998 as the Day of Prayer.

Proclamation declaring the week of May 3-9, 1998, as *National Tourism Week*.

Councilmember Humphrey presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 3-9, 1998 as National Tourism Week to Ms. Nancy Watkins, Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor's Center Bureau.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski reported on the Youth Forum that was held last week. They expressed enthusiasm about participating in the Lakewood Promise kick off rally.

Youth Advisor Paskowski reported that Mr. Harris, father of Ann Harris who was killed last year, spoke to students at Lakes High. She indicated that students are interested in having a memorial for victims of violence.

Briefing on lakes safety recommendations.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the following proposed action plans recommended by the ad hoc Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for enhanced lakes enforcement and education:

- Â· Coordinated lakes recreation safety program during Summer 1998 to include emphasis on education and enforcement.
- Â· Increase in lakes patrol officer hours to estimated 1,000 in 1998, a major increase from 276 hours in 1997.
- Â· Utilization of CJRO-replacement hours for two (2) Lakewood deputies to provide service 40 hours a week during off-school weeks, from mid-June to mid-August.
- Â· Lakes patrol coverage with primary emphasis on American Lake and Lake Steilacoom, with secondary or as-needed coverage on Lake Louise and Gravelly Lake.
- Â· Establish Lakewood Police telephone "hot-line" for lakes-related situation reporting and communication.

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- Â· Coordinated recreation safety program to include parks patrol coverage at Harry Todd Park and North American Lake Park, supplemented by City staffing of the security aide program at both parks on a daily basis from mid-June to early September.
- Â· A new high-visibility program initiative on Boating Safety Education, to include boating safety classes, a "boating hotline" and printing and posting of informational signage and brochures regarding boating rules at all public boat launch sites.
- Â· Involvement of Lakewood Fire Department, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, and American Red Cross in water safety curriculum.
- Â· Aggressive code enforcement program to respond to zoning code and business license violations (jet ski and other rental operations).
- Â· Formalized request from the City to Fort Lewis to assist in enforcement on federal area of American Lake.
- Â· Formalized request from the City to Washington National Guard and Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding enhanced security around the Tillicum boat ramp.

Acting Police Chief Bisson explained that there will be approximately 1,000 hours of Police lakes enforcement hours.

Herb Dayton, Lakes Improvement Club, spoke in support of the lakes enforcement efforts.

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Dan Spriesterbach, Lakes Improvement Club, spoke about a list of private boats the police may have access to in times of emergency when a police marine boat is not available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornwood Lane, spoke about the need for Commencement Bay Rowing Club members to take lake safety classes, and the need to get police reports in Tillicum.

Pat Finnegan, Lakewood resident, spoke about increasing taxes in Lakewood, annexation issues, too much government services, the need for less government and the lack of trust in government.

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Jim Taylor, Lakewood resident, thanked Council and staff for holding the Comprehensive Plan forum in Tillicum.

Carol Wier, Lakewood resident, asked if it was necessary to have a Lakewood Police academy for deputies. It was clarified that the police academy was a Lakewood citizens police academy.

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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 April 20, 1998.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of April 27, 1998.

C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$122,363.96 for the period April 1-15, 1998.

D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$830,264.33 for the period ending April 29, 1998.

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

Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 13 and 27, and April 10 and 24, 1998.

F. [Resolution No. 1998-18](#)

Setting Monday, June 1, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the amendment to the 1998 and 1999-2004 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

The is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the request to vacate Stanley Street SW and Woodlawn Avenue SW right-of-way to transfer ownership of undeveloped right-of-way to the adjacent property owners. (American Lake, LLC; File No. VAC 98-002)

Speaking before the Council were:

Bill Lynn, representing American Lake LLC, asked if the reservation of easements could be located to accommodate the use of utilities right-of-way and American Lake, Inc. needs.

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The hearing was declared closed.

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APPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. 1998-19 confirming the appointment of a Municipal Court Judge and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for Municipal Court Judge services through December 31, 2001.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-19 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN LAKE AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES - 7 - DAVIS, HUMPHREY, PALMAS, RICHARDSON, THOMAS, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, MAYOR HARRISON

NAYS - 0

Resolution No. 1998-19 was declared adopted.

Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 165 amending Section 2.16.120 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to scheduling and compensation of Municipal Court judges pro tem and court commissioners.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 165. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY.

Deputy Mayor Thomas moved to Amend Ordinance NO. 165, Section 2.16.120, Section A, first sentence to read "The City Manager shall, in writing, appoint judges pro tem who shall act in the absence or disability of the regular judge of the Municipal Court or in case of overlapping schedules or subsequent to the filing of an affidavit of prejudice."

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 165 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance No. 166 authorizing 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. (American Lake, LLC; File No. VAC 98-002)

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COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 166 TO THE MEETING OF MAY 18, 1998. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SECONDED. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance No. 167 creating Chapter 3.44 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to an admissions tax.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 167. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1998-16 authorizing the execution of a Public Works Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement for Signatory Agencies in the State of Washington.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY RESPONSE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR SIGNATORY AGENCIES IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 1998-17 awarding a contract to Asphalt Patch Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$222,965.50 for pavement patching.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ASPHALT PATCH SYSTEMS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$222,965.50 FOR PAVEMENT PATCHING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 1998-18 authorizing the execution of an agreement with Canfield Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$31,445.50, for research and planning for the Surface Water Management Program.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CANFIELD CONSULTING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,445.50, FOR RESEARCH AND PLANNING FOR THE SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

NONE.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey asked when the decision on a permanent City Hall location will be coming before the Council. City Manager Rohlf indicated that appraisals have been ordered for the Thrift and Fuchs Foundation sites. He indicated that it will take 30 days to prepare the appraisals and a final agreement will take two to three months. Councilmember Thomas requested that the dental offices be included in the appraisal of the Thrift site. Councilmembers concurred with including the dental offices property in the Thrift site appraisal.

Councilmember Davis reported that the Regional Transit Authority has selected the design and color for the commuter rail and buses. She reported that the colors selected were turquoise and royal blue. Councilmember Davis stated that as a member of the SR-16 Bridge Committee, the Committee will be meeting to determine whether the construction of a second bridge should be placed on the November ballot, whether tolls in the amount of \$1.50 one-way or \$3.00 round-trip will be collected, and what geographic areas will be voting for these items.

Councilmember Richardson announced that Edward Lim, a Lakes High School student was a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Mothers Against Violence in America. He requested that a congratulatory letter by the Mayor be sent to Mr. Lim.

Councilmember Palmas reported that as a non-voting representative on the LESA Board, at the last LESA meeting, a vendor was selected for the LEADS 2000 project. Councilmember Palmas indicated that he will be talking with Pierce County Sheriff Mark French to see what can be done to make his position a voting member of the LESA Board.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that with the resignation of Norene Almeida from the Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families, the vacancy should be filled by a youth representative. Mayor Harrison suggested that she provide a name of an interested youth for Councilmembers to consider with the other applications.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked Councilmembers for input on the kinds of projects the Council will make a commitment to support for the Lakewood's Promise effort.

Mayor Harrison noted that at the Tacoma-Pierce County prayer breakfast at the Tacoma Dome, Lakewood was recognized. Mayor Harrison commented that at the Keep Lakewood Beautiful meeting it was reported that work has begun at the I-5 and Gravelly Lake Drive area. Mayor Harrison reported that he and City Manager Rohlf attended an editorial board meeting of The News Tribune where the McChord Gate powerpoint presentation was shown. There also was discussion on the sewer issue. He indicated that a meeting with Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board Director Erling Mork was fruitful. Mayor Harrison announced that he is now a Board Member on the Forward Together Movement.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

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Council recessed into Executive Session and reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK