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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, May 11, 1998

7:00 p.m.

Lake Louise Elementary School

Gymnasium

11014 Holden Road SW

Lakewood, WA 98498

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers 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; Administrative Analyst Jeff Brewster; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; 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 Bill Kittrell by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on May 14, 1998, the last Comprehensive Plan forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Pierce Transit Training Room at the Colonial Center. A status report on what was provided at the last three forums was distributed to Councilmembers.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that next week's City Council meeting will be held at Oakwood Elementary School.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the City of Tacoma's newsletter supporting Lakewood's annexation proposal of McChord Air Force Base and Fort Lewis.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that approximately 700 people attended Lakewood's Promise kick-off rally last week.

City Manager Rohlfs then called on several Police deputies to display the new Lakewood police uniforms.

Preliminary briefing on summer youth recreation program options.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed a proposed summer recreation program. Deputy City Manager Neiditz explained that the summer food program will be available at 11 sites. A kid-mobile recreation program is proposed to

open at five key sites for 5-12 year olds, and a drop-in program is proposed to open in Tillicum. He noted that the programs would cost approximately \$35,000.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring May 12-25, 1998, as *Poppy Days* for the American Legion and The Legion Auxiliary. - *Ms. Sasha Olivia Carroll*

Mayor Harrison proclaimed May 12-25, 1998 as Poppy Days for the American Legion and The Legion Auxiliary and presented the proclamation to Ms. Sasha Olivia Carroll.

Proclamation declaring the week of May 10-16, 1998, as Police Week. - *Acting Police Chief Eileen Bisson*

Councilmember Palmas proclaimed the week of May 10-16, 1998, as Police Week and presented the proclamation to Acting Police Chief Eileen Bisson.

Proclamation declaring May 16, 1998, as Armed Forces Day.

Councilmember Richardson read a proclamation declaring May 16, 1998, as Armed Forces Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Jim Senko, 101st St. SW, thanked Councilmembers for holding a City Council meeting at Lake Louise Elementary School. He introduced Sue Maguire, Principal of Lake Louise, and spoke about Ms. Maguire's efforts to clean up some of the landscaping along Holden Street.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Authorizing the implementation of a work crew program and amending the compensation and benefits plan by adding the position of work crew leader.

General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush reviewed a proposal for implementing an in-house work crew program and creating a position of work crew leader. The proposed program would provide misdemeanor defendants an option to work on a crew cleaning up litter and debris, removing brush and providing community service in lieu of jail time. If an in-house program was implemented in 1998, the start-up costs for the program would be approximately \$88,900.

Discussion ensued on the possibilities of contracting with Pierce Transit for leasing a van; electronic home monitoring; and the qualifications for a work crew leader.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau in the amount of \$10,000 and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$11,000 for providing tourism services.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed contracts with the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce for providing tourism services in Lakewood.

Nancy Watkins, Director of Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor & Convention Bureau, and Mike Stevenson, Lakewood Chamber President, spoke about the services they each provided to Lakewood for promoting tourism.

Establishing a tuition reimbursement program as a part of the compensation and benefits plan for City employees.

Human Resources & Services Director Young reviewed the proposed tuition reimbursement policy to provide training and continuing education for employees to increase their knowledge in their specific field that cannot be provided

through workshops.

Discussion ensued on the potential costs of this program in 1998; and including a provision for using clock hours at Clover Park Technical College as well as "credit" hours from other institutions.

Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

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Amending Chapter 9.22 and creating Chapter 9.04 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to enforcement actions involving geographic restrictions on certain violators of controlled substances and arrest of persons.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance which identifies enforcement actions for areas designated as "stay out of drug" areas in Lakewood.

Creating Chapter 5.16 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the regulations of sexually-oriented businesses and providing for the licensing, standards of conduct and operations of such businesses.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed ordinance relative to regulations of sexually-oriented businesses. He then reviewed the recommendations of the Task Force on Adult Entertainment.

Discussion ensued on the amount of tax levy collected on adult entertainment businesses; the Task Force findings; the Bellevue decision; pending appeals on adult entertainment; and land and structural values along South Tacoma Way and Pacific Highway.

Authorizing the acquisition of 3.14 acres located at 127th St. SW and Addison Drive in the McChord Gate neighborhood for a park site.

Administrative Analyst Brewster explained that the acquisition of 3.14 acres in the vicinity of 127th St. SW and Addison Drive for a neighborhood park in the McChord Gate area is being funded using Community Development Block Grant funds.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 18, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: (TO BE HELD AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 3230 85TH STREET S)

1. Item Nos. 1 through 6 above.

2. Approving the final plat map for 45 Country Club Estates to subdivide 4.7 acres into 9 parcels near the end of Country Club Drive on the shore of American Lake. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

3. Amending Sections 14.02.030 and 14.02.040 and creating Section 14.02.035 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to environmental rules and procedures. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

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4. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County relative to monitoring buildable lands pursuant to State law. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

5. Ordinance No. 166 - (continued from the meeting of May 4, 1998)

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)

6. Denying claims for damages. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

7. Swearing-in ceremony of Municipal Court Judge Carolyn Lake.

Discussion ensued on clarification of the 45 Country Club Estates final plat map; and reasons for denying specific claims for damages.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs asked if there were any agenda items that Councilmembers wished to remove from the Consent Agenda to be placed on the Regular Agenda next week. Councilmembers indicated at this time, there were none.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey thanked Deputy Mayor Thomas for the outstanding work and effort that went into orchestrating the Lakewood's Promise kick-off rally.

Councilmember Thomas also thanked Deputy Mayor Thomas for her efforts in putting together the Lakewood's Promise kick-off rally. Councilmember Thomas announced that the graduation ceremonies for Clover Park High School and Lakes High School will be held at the Tacoma Dome.

Councilmember Richardson echoed Councilmembers Humphrey and Thomas' comments about the Lakewood's Promise rally. Councilmember Richardson complimented the work of the Community Development planning staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Richardson commented on the tremendous amount of work being done by the Planning Advisory Board and the amount of staff work involved to staff the Board.

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Councilmember Palmas asked for Council input on an idea he had to encourage citizens to participate in a citizen street lighting program.

Mayor Harrison echoed the comments made about Lakewood's Promise kick-off rally. He suggested that the City track the 1,000 hours of reading donated by Council and City staff.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that after checking with the Director of the Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families, she is recommending appointment of Youth Advisor Amanda Maus to serve on the Commission representing Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison indicated that after reading a citizen's concern about the lack of street lights in the area of Bridgeport Way and 75th Street and on Lakeview Drive between Steilacoom Boulevard to 72nd Street, he drove by those areas and reported that those areas are extremely dark. Engineering Manager Larkin noted that no arterial street lights are identified in the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for that area. Mayor Harrison suggested that staff work with University Place for lighting Bridgeport Way.

Mayor Harrison commented that he attended the Peace Officers Memorial in Puyallup. He also reported on the meeting he attended of Pierce County Cities and Towns. Mayor Harrison indicated that Pat Kinney from Pierce County had

objected to some of the figures in the McChord Gate presentation. Mayor Harrison indicated that the figures in question were a wash because the City would make the County whole. Mayor Harrison asked Councilmember Thomas to reconvene the Ad Hoc Committee on the Cross Base Highway once the Draft EIS is released. Mayor Harrison asked Councilmember Humphrey to sit on the committee to replace former Councilmember Colleen Henry.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that special recognition be made to those who put together the Lakewood's Promise kick-off rally.

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

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:15 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK