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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

7:00 p.m.

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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Jos   Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

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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 and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Moreland by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the June 1, 1998, Council meeting will be held at Woodbrook Middle School.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Councilmembers were provided copies of a letter from City of Tacoma Mayor Brian Ebersole supporting the City's annexation proposal of the military bases.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Pierce County Sheriff Department would like to issue the bid for the new Lakewood police uniforms. He explained that funding for the uniforms would come from a one-time revenue source of retroactive high crime revenue funds in the amount of \$180,000 which exceeds

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the cost of the uniforms. Councilmembers directed staff to proceed with the acquisition of police uniforms.

Police Chief Report

Interim Police Chief Bisson reported that 48 tickets have been issued for parking in the fire lanes at the Post Office on 100th Street.

Interim Police Chief Bisson noted that gang activity has been quiet for the past few months. She then reported on a shooting in Tillicum over the weekend. There is no information on a suspect.

Interim Police Chief Bisson then distributed various pieces of drug paraphernalia that can be purchased from drug stores in the Ponders Corner area. She explained that an ordinance will be coming before the Council to supplement House Bill 2772. She then reviewed the crime-free housing program that is being implemented by Deputy Joe Boyle to educate apartment managers about crime prevention.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Adopting the Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz outlined the process that was followed in developing the Economic Development Strategy Plan.

Consultant Ben Frerichs reviewed Lakewood's demographic, economic and real estate conditions. He then reviewed who the internal and external players would be to implement the economic development strategy and the ongoing, short term and long term activities of economic development. General strategies include business retention; training and remedial programs for human resources; industrial recruiting and new business assistance. Industry focus includes commercial/industrial/real estate; tourism and visitors, retail linkage, military related spin-offs, and biomedical and high technology. Capital facilities opportunities include the need to focus and set priorities for areas for redevelopment; specific opportunities include I-5/SR-512 interchange, RTA Station, municipal and community facilities, Cross Base Highway, and the City beautification program.

Discussion ensued on creating more customers for retail businesses and the importance of communication; redevelopment; impact of flight patterns on land uses; impact on Lakewood Mall and its distance from I-5; and the role of the Economic Development Advisory Board.

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Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department for a Summer Youth Recreation and Food Service Program, and approving the financing for the McChord Gate Day Camp Program.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed Summer Youth Recreation and Food Service Program which includes a Mobile Recreation Service, Drop-In Recreation Service, Summer Food Service, and McChord Gate Day Camp Program. The Mobile Recreation Service consists of cooperative play skills for children five to twelve years of age at selected schools. The Drop-In Recreation Service is the same program as the Mobile Recreation, but will be offered at Harry Todd Park. The Summer Food Service Program will provide meals at several Lakewood sites. In the McChord Gate Day Camp Program, the City will fund transportation costs for these youngsters to attend day camp programs administered by the YMCA and the Lakewood Boys and Girls Club.

Discussion ensued on the Child and Parent Resource Center at McChord Gate Community Center leaving the Center; and serving meals at Harry Todd Park.

Comprehensive Plan Citizen Forums Update.

Community Development Director Bugher reported on the results of four community forums that were held on the Comprehensive Plan. The ranking #1 goal was to preserve the existing character of most single-family residential neighborhoods. Tillicum and American Lake Gardens were identified as the most obvious areas of change by first extending sewers and then redevelopment with Lakeview as the second residential area identified for change. The

McChord Gate neighborhood was ranked #31 for redevelopment and intensification of the area. Citizens did not support the creation of stronger communities by locating new neighborhood commercial centers. The Colonial Center was ranked as the heart of the city. Citizens identified many urban design goals. Ranking #3 was the need for pedestrian/bicycle facilities. Economic development was a priority to promote a healthy economy. Citizens supported the RTA Station and supported reconstruction of the I-5/SR-512 interchange. The Highway 99 corridor was seen as a focus to capture more of the regional economic market.

Discussion ensued on conducting a citizen survey for better input from the community.

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Adopting the 1999-2004 Six Year Comprehensive Transportation Program and authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications for transportation related projects.

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed transportation revenue and expenditure projections for 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Discussion ensued on the dwindling revenues for transportation projects.

Engineering Manager Larkin then reviewed proposed transportation projects in the Six Year Transportation Program.

Discussion ensued on the Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard project.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 1, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: (TO BE HELD AT WOODBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY, 14920 SPRING STREET SW)

1. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County

Parks and Recreation Department for a Summer Youth Recreation and

Food Service Program, and approving the financing for the McChord Gate Day Camp Program.

2. The is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 1999-

2004 Six-Year Transportation Program.

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that two open houses on the Cross Base Highway will be held on June 2, 1998, at Woodbrook Middle School and on June 4, 1998, at Spanaway Lake.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that a bid has been issued for the American Lake North parking lot pavement improvements.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis announced that the new SR-16 bridge will be on the November ballot.

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Councilmember Richardson expressed his dismay about the recent news articles which were construed as if the City would like to see the military bases go away. Councilmember Richardson commented that the City's purpose for proposing annexation of the military bases was to take positive steps to impact the quality of life of military and other families living outside the bases.

Councilmember Thomas reported that some members of Keep Lakewood Beautiful expressed concern about the delay in getting City funds to pay for some subcontracting work the committee needed to have done in order to proceed with their beautification project. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that he had requested an itemized

listing of the work that was done in order to process payment. He explained that the itemized list was received last week, and payment is in the process.

Councilmember Palmas asked for an explanation on the City's participation in Tacoma's empowerment consortium. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that he has been working with the City of Tacoma to partner with Lakewood to be included as part of an enterprise community.

Councilmember Palmas commented on a luau he attended that was put together with Samoan students at Clover Park High School. He indicated there is a strong volunteer person who pledged to help divert Samoan youth in the right direction.

Mayor Harrison commented on a recent news article about Lake City Community Center trying to stay afloat, and asked if they have approached the City for assistance. City Manager Rohlf's replied that he has not been contacted by the Center. Mayor Harrison reported that several citizens have expressed concern about unleashed dogs in the park. It was suggested that perhaps pooper scooper dispensers and disposable containers be placed in the parks for pet owners to use.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the May 19, 1998, Lakes Improvement Club meeting he, City Manager Rohlf's and Acting Police Chief Bisson attended on lake safety went very well.

Mayor Harrison requested staff to provide Councilmembers with as much notice as possible, of the hearings on urban growth boundary amendments.

Mayor Harrison complimented Community Development Director Bugher, Roger Blaylock, David Forte, and Joel Aro for interacting with second graders at Idlewild Elementary School on visionary land use planning issues for Lakewood.

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

Council recessed at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened at 11:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK