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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 1, 1998

Woodbrook Middle School

Library

14920 Spring St. SW

Lakewood, WA

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**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 Ann Kirk Davis; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; 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 Sarah Drapers by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the June 8, 1998, City Council Study Session will be held at City Hall, and the June 15, 1998, regular City Council meeting will be held at Tillicum Community Center.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that at the request of Pierce County Councilmember Pat O'Malley, City staff presented the PowerPoint presentation on the City's annexation of the military basis. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Rainier Cable Commission indicated that they would air the PowerPoint presentation on cable TV followed by the meeting of the County Council, which was held earlier on the annexation.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that a couple weeks ago, the Council had approved establishing an in-house work crew program and the leasing of a van. He explained that because the City's internal purchasing policy adopted by Council requires a formal bid on leases, a motion would be needed to waive formal bidding requirements if the City were to lease a van and have it available for the Summer Recreation and Food Service Program. He explained that bidding for leases is not a state law, but an internal purchasing policy of the City.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO WAIVE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEASE OF A WORK CREW VAN. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Manager Rohlfs added that a meeting with Pierce County Sheriff was held today to talk about the possibilities of contracting with them for a work crew program the County is interested in starting-up. He commented that in the spirit of cooperation, the City will take a look at their proposal; however, the City will stay on track with the start-up of its own program. The position for work crew leader was advertised this weekend.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Police Chief position is scheduled to be advertised on June 20, 1998. The Sheriff is

working to move that date up.

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Proclamation declaring June 6-13, 1998 as Home Ownership Week.**

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring June 6-13, 1998, as Home Ownership Week to Mr. Sean Eagan, Government Affairs Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors.

### **Youth Advisors' Report.**

Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski reported that a youth design committee will be working on the design of a skate park.

Youth Advisors Maus and Paskowski indicated that they are working on getting middle school youths involved in volunteering to read and mentor youths. A training session will be held by the Washington Reading Corps on June 17, 1998.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that the flyers on the announcement for the Youth Advisor openings be distributed to Lakes High School, Clover Park High School and alternative schools. She explained that the private schools have been notified about the openings.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **C O N S E N T A G E N D A**

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 18, 1998.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of May 26, 1998.

C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$117,756.45 for the period May 1-15, 1998.

D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,017,564.19 for the period ending May 28, 1998.

E. Motion No. 1998-24

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.

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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Speaking before the Council were:

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*Dr. Tom Young, Gravelly Lake Drive, expressed concern about the business property he owns on Gravelly Lake Drive and how the proposed on Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard will impact his business.*

*Dr. Larry Stemp, 2 Ponce DeLeon Creek, expressed concern about the business property he leases on Gravelly Lake Drive and the impact the proposed changes on Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard will have on his business.*

*Herb Dayton, 8903 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, spoke about other improvements being recommended in the Six Year Transportation Plan.*

*Jim Taylor, 8314 Spruce Street, announced that if citizens have concerns regarding student safety in the Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard area, to contact the Clover Park School District. He supported the improvements being recommended.*

*Dr. Steve Chittenden, 8905 Gravelly Lake Drive, expressed concern about street access changes to Gravelly Lake Drive and the economic impact the changes will have on his business and family.*

*Dennis Sweet, 8907 Gravelly Lake Drive, expressed concern that the City and School District should be discussing student safety along Gravelly Lake Drive. He also expressed concerns that the changes will impact the economic viability of his business.*

The hearing was declared closed at 8:10 p.m.

### RESOLUTIONS

**[Resolution No. 1998-21](#) adopting the Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan.**

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-21 SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked Councilmembers to begin thinking about arts in Lakewood. She indicated that Pierce County received \$314,265 in State Grant Funds for the arts.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the City could look at allocating 1 percent of capital facility projects for the arts, as well as some of the hotel/motel tax.

Councilmember Palmas asked if the comments in the letter from Attorney John Brooks on the Cross Base Highway will be addressed in the City's response to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that pertinent issues and comments raised from citizens will be incorporated in the City's response to the EIS.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs reminded Council that on June 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting on the Fort Steilacoom Park Memorandum of Understanding at the Lakewood Community Center. Also on June 2, 1998, at 5:30 p.m., a meeting on the Cross Base Highway will be held at Woodbrook Middle School. The same meeting will be held at Spanaway High School on June 4, 1998.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Thomas reported on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) committee meeting she attended. She indicated that KLB is actively involved in soliciting funds for beautifying their project sites. They are working on cleaning-up their adopted sites and are also looking to beautify portions of the freeway and plant some street trees along I-5 between Gravelly Lake Drive and Bridgeport Way and SR-512.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he will not be able to attend the June 8 and 15, 1998, Council meetings. Councilmember Richardson commented that the proposed military annexation is to generate revenues and focus the use of the revenues on improving those areas outside the bases.

Councilmember Palmas reported that at the June 17, 1998, LESA Board meeting, Mr. Bob VanGiesen, Director of LESA, will surface Lakewood's request to make Lakewood's representative on the Board a full voting member. Councilmember Palmas indicated that there were concerns expressed about liability insurance, when Tacoma and Pierce County are self-insured; and because Lakewood is a contract City, it could affect LESA's policy decisions twice, once by its contractual relationship and twice by voting on the Board.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that Lakewood's Promise is going well. Training and implementation of Lakewood's Promise is progressing.

Mayor Harrison commented on the need to clean-up the landscaping at Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway.

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Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the City Hall site acquisition project. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the appraisals of the sites will be available on June 19, 1998, and discussion of the sites is scheduled for the June 22, 1998, Council meeting.

Mayor Harrison commented that the visibility at the intersection at Interlaaken and Idlewild to get to 104th Street is extremely dangerous, and the hedges need to be trimmed.

Mayor Harrison encouraged Councilmembers to read the article by US News and World Report on crime, which were provided each Councilmember.

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

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Council recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 10:35 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK