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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, June 8, 1998**

**City of Lakewood**

**City Council Chambers**

**10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW**

**Lakewood, WA 98499**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; JosÃ© Palmas; and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 2 - Councilmembers Larry Humphrey and Doug Richardson.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Administrative Analyst Jeff Brewster; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Senior Budget Finance Analyst Kim Austin; 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.

Mayor Harrison wished Councilmember Thomas and City Manager Rohlfs a Happy Birthday, and the audience sang "Happy Birthday."

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the June 15, 1998, City Council meeting will be held at Tillicum Community Center.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that at last week's meeting on the Fort Steilacoom Park agreement, a change was made to the agreement which had a significant impact to the City. The agreement reduced Lakewood's representation on the park committee from two to one member. He explained that staff was able to

restore the second member to the committee. He indicated there were other

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minor changes made. The revised agreement will be brought back to the Council for review.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that a bid award on the Harry Todd Park restroom restoration and American Lake North parking lot restoration/resurfacing projects will be brought before the Council for approval on June 15, 1998.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a summary report on the Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Committee's strategies

and action to develop a crime-free Lakewood. The summary report will be distributed at the public forums on public safety.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that purchase orders have been issued on some of the police equipment requested earlier, such as stop sticks, radar units and bicycles.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Confirming the appointments of Ernest Heller and Irv Berteig as Hearing Examiners from August 1, 1998 through July 31, 2000.

Community Development Director Bugher indicated that the proposed motion requests re-appointment of Ernest Heller and Irv Berteig as Hearing Examiners for two-year terms.

Discussion ensued on the reasons for the difference of salary between the two Hearing Examiners and how assignments are determined between the Examiners.

Creating Chapter 5.56 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to solicitors and peddlers.

Senior Budget Finance Analyst Austin reviewed the proposed ordinance on business licenses and regulatory provisions relative to solicitors and peddlers.

Discussion ensued on educating the public about this ordinance through the newspapers; and exempting non-profit organizations.

Amending Section 9.22.020 and creating Section 9.22.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to crimes and infractions involving drug paraphernalia.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance on penal code offenses addressing controlled offenses and drug paraphernalia.

Discussion ensued on emphasizing stronger language on the use and sale of drug paraphernalia when publishing the ordinance summary.

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**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 15, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: (TO BE HELD AT TILlicum/AMERICAN LAKE GARDENS COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER, 14916 WASHINGTON AVENUE SW)**

1. Establishing a Sister Cities Committee.
2. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and the City of Tacoma in an amount not to exceed \$14,000 in support of the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families.
4. Amending Sections 15.08.010, 15.12.010, 15.16.010, 15.20.010, 15.32.010, 15.36.010, 15.40.010, 15.44.010 and 15.48.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the Uniform Building, Construction and Fire Codes and creating Section 15.16.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the Fire Code.
5. Preliminary discussion on the Cross Base Highway Environmental Impact Statement.
6. Appointing Youth Advisors to the City Council for the 1998-1999 school year.
7. Adopting the 1999-2004 Six Year Comprehensive Transportation Program and authorizing the submittal of grant applications for transportation improvement projects.

Mayor Harrison asked if staff had met with those individuals who spoke at the public hearing on the Six Year Comprehensive Transportation Program about their concerns on changes to the Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard area. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that he will be meeting with those who expressed concern prior to next week's Council meeting.

## **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlf reported that a mock-up of the next City newsletter will be made available to the Council on June 19, 1998.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for a status report on the treatment of the lakes. Engineering Manager Larkin reported that the Department of Ecology will be making modifications to the permit as it relates to the applicators to treat the lakes. Councilmember Thomas asked what can be done on a long-term basis. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that a five-year plan on the treatment of the lakes is being developed.

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Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

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Councilmember Davis indicated that she had not received an agenda for the upcoming AWC Conference. City Manager Rohlf replied that staff will check into this and provide Council with copies.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the University Place festival auction she attended. Councilmember Thomas asked Councilmembers to let her know if there were any comments they would like to see included in the City's response to the Cross Base Highway Environmental Impact statement. Another meeting of the Cross Base Highway Ad Hoc Committee will be held. Councilmember Thomas announced that the topic of discussion at next Thursday's Chamber meeting will be homeless veterans. She then asked who will be attending the U.S. Department of Commerce census training. City Manager Rohlf indicated that Community Director Bugher will be attending.

Councilmember Palmas requested that the upcoming newsletter include an article on garage sales and the prohibition of possession and use of drug paraphernalia. Councilmember Palmas requested staff to attend an upcoming telecommunications conference being sponsored by six wireless providers. Councilmember Palmas asked that staff look into what the impact to Lakewood would be from the layoff of 650 Intel employees. He suggested that staff ask what the Economic Development Board and others are doing to soften the impact.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that seven applications were received for the Youth Advisor positions. One application was received from Bellarmine, two from Clover Park High School and four from Lakes High School. Interviews will be conducted and recommendations will be brought before the Council next Monday. Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for items Councilmembers may want to donate to the Lions organization for their fundraising auction.

Mayor Harrison thanked staff for a well-done picnic. Mayor Harrison commented on the Math Relay that was put together by a Beachwood school teacher. Mayor Harrison then reported on the Lakewood Black Belt Academy gathering he attended. He also commented on the YMCA dinner and auction he attended.

Mayor Harrison asked that the Council be kept informed on the progress of the Police Chief and police recruitments.

Mayor Harrison asked if a video tape copy of the 30 minute PowerPoint presentation on McChord Gate could be made available for Council or staff to use in future presentations.

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Mayor Harrison asked if the apartment complex being proposed on Bridgeport and 75th Street will be in the rock quarry area. Community Development Director Bugher replied "yes."

Mayor Harrison reported that he had visited the Village of American Lake development and noted that the developer is complying with the regulations and conditions imposed for the development.

Mayor Harrison distributed photos of Bill's Boat House sign and asked staff to work with the owner about the sign.

Mayor Harrison indicated that it is his understanding that Home Depot is looking to locate north of Eagle Hardware, and there is some citizen opposition. He asked staff to see what can be done to see if Home Depot would be interested in locating in Lakewood, perhaps at the old Costco site.

Mayor Harrison asked staff to check with the State about what they intend to do with the use of the land when the fish hatchery off Phillips Road closes. City Manager Rohlf indicated that the land is zoned "open space", and whatever happens to the land, it must be consistent with the City's designation.

Mayor Harrison asked for a status report on the acquisition of police uniforms. Acting Police Chief Bisson indicated that Pierce County is going out to bid for the uniforms, and the uniforms should be available by mid to late August.

Mayor Harrison asked about the status of the post office situation. City Attorney Heid indicated that he had not heard anything from Congressman Dicks' office who is working with Washington, DC.

Mayor Harrison asked for a status report on removing graffiti on the bridge. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the City is working on this.

Mayor Harrison expressed concern that perhaps the Council should invite the School Board on a retreat to discuss how the two can work together on Lakewood's Promise.

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

Council recessed at 9:17 p.m. and reconvened at 10:43 p.m.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**