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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 15, 1998

Tillicum/American Lake Gardens

Community Service Center

14916 Washington Avenue SW

Lakewood, WA 98439

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson.

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.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Katie Paskowski by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there will be a Special Council meeting on June 22, 1998, for the purpose of appointing Youth Advisors to the City Council.

City Manager Rohlfs commented on a recent article in the Lakewood Journal on the removal of an a-frame business sign at Bill's Boathouse. City Manager Rohlfs explained that City staff are working with the owner of Bill's Boathouse on solutions. It has been suggested that if Bill's Boathouse were to adopt a street, the City could place an Adopt-A-Street sign with the name of Bill's Boathouse with directional arrow signs similar to what was installed for the Korean Church on 84th Street.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff has followed-up on the actions of City staff concerning the confrontation between the citizen and code enforcement.

City Attorney Heid advised Councilmembers on how to maintain the neutrality of the court's process when Councilmembers respond to Everett Sign Company and their recent correspondence.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the month of June 1998 as Hire a Veteran Month.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring the month of June 1998 as Hire a Veteran Month to Mr. Sal Cantu, Lakewood Job Service Center.

Proclamation declaring June 14-27, 1998 as American Federation of Government Employees Federal Employee Recognition Weeks.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring June 14-27, 1998, as American Federation of Government Employees Federal Employee Recognition Weeks to Mr. Jimmy Hahn, Executive Vice-President of the American Federation of Government Employees.

Preliminary discussion on the Cross Base Highway Environmental Impact Statement.

Engineering Manager Larkin reported on the preliminary comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that the Cross Base Highway Ad Hoc Committee is compiling.

Discussion ensued on the interchange design, additional vehicle capacity, access, and the next steps in the process.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisor Paskowski reported on their work on the Washington Reading Corps. They also have been visiting sites for a skate park.

Mayor Harrison and Councilmembers thanked Youth Advisor Paskowski for her work as youth advisor and wished her well in her future endeavors.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Bill Anderson, 8409 Spruce, spoke about his business signs at Bill's Boathouse. He explained that two years ago when the sign ordinance was implemented, he had changed his reader board sign and taken down his fence signs to comply with the sign ordinance. He explained that three signs on Union Avenue, Thorne Lane and at Galloping Gerties Restaurant/Lounge have disappeared or been destroyed. His business is going in the red. Because of the location and configuration of his property, signs to find Bill's Boathouse can only been seen by boat. He indicated that on June 1, 1998, an a-frame sign was removed. He then called City Hall and did not get a response back promptly. He noted that the Adopt-A-Street sign was a part of the solution. He suggested that the City install signs along its streets that promoted recreation, information and the location of Lakewood's amenities.

David Anderson, 14506 Portland, spoke about the illegal activity on the removal of an a-frame sign and destruction of the sign. He said the City should have removed the a-frame sign and notified the owner that the sign was illegal, and should not have destroyed the sign.

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Kay Cunningham, 15310 Union Avenue SW #23, expressed concern about the traffic, noise and loitering on Union Avenue on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays, and said that nothing is being done to stop this activity.

Herb Dayton, 10823 Evergreen Terrace SW, reported on a meeting he and concerned business owners had with the City Engineer to develop solutions to proposed changes to the Gravelly Lake Drive/Steilacoom Boulevard improvements. He then indicated that DOE is not cooperating and supporting a lake management plan, and there is no permit to treat the lake with the applicators suggested.

Norman Cook, 8805 Forest Road SW, expressed concern about speeding on Portland Avenue; noise and traffic congestion at Union Avenue and Galloping Gerties Restaurant/Lounge; illegal fireworks and clean-up of streets.

Steve Chittenden, 8905 Gravelly Lake Drive, spoke about the proposed Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard changes to the intersection and that it would create the potential for more accidents.

Richard Rabisa, #2 Thorne Wood Lane, spoke about a tower being constructed by the railroad and spoke about two Adopt-A-Street sites.

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Esther Miller, American Lake Gardens, spoke about police patrol in American Lake Gardens. She reported that U.S. mail is being stolen, and a street light is needed at 146th Street and the grocery store.

Jim Taylor, Tillicum resident, spoke about the community's support of Bill's Boathouse and urged the City to work toward resolving the problems. He expressed support for the Cross Base Highway and the need to paint the exterior of the Tillicum Community Center.

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Diana, Lakewood resident, spoke about concerns on the using and selling of drugs in the area and asked for advise on what can be done.

Council recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 1, 1998.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 8, 1998.

C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$147,420.45 for the period May 16-31, 1998.

D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$364,203.06 for the period ending June 10, 1998.

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

**1. Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of April 9 and
May 14, 1998.**

**2. Human Services Collaboration Joint Providers/Funders meeting
minutes of May 13, 1998.**

3. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 13, 1998.

F. [Ordinance No. 173](#)

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

G. [Ordinance No. 174](#)

Amending Section 9.22.020 and creating Section 9.22.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to crimes and infractions involving possessing, giving or selling drug paraphernalia.

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H. [Ordinance No. 175](#)

Establishing a Sister Cities Committee.

I. [Ordinance No. 176](#)

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.

J. [Resolution No. 1998-22](#)

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.

K. [Motion No. 1998-25](#)

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1998-23](#) adopting the 1999-2004 Six Year Comprehensive Transportation Program and authorizing the submittal of grant applications for transportation improvement projects.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-23. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1998-26 awarding a contract to Developing Services Company on their bid of \$95,000 for the Harry Todd Park restroom renovation project.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO DEVELOPING SERVICES COMPANY ON THEIR

BID OF \$95,000 FOR THE HARRY TODD PARK RESTROOM RENOVATION PROJECT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 1998-27 awarding a contract to Evergreen Excavation Company on their bid of \$100,189.78 for the American Lake North Park parking lot restoration/resurfacing project.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO EVERGREEN EXCAVATION COMPANY ON THEIR BID OF \$100,189.78 FOR THE AMERICAN LAKE NORTH PARK PARKING LOT RESTORATION/ RESURFACING PROJECT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that several staff members have been contacted to assist with the Southview area incorporation efforts. Southview cityhood proponents also indicated that they support the City's efforts on annexing the military bases.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the draft City newsletter will be forthcoming for Council's review on June 19, 1998.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that from June 29-August 14, 1998, the Youth Recreation Program will begin, and there is a program at Harry Todd Park.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Lakewood's police will begin special weekend police emphasis in Tillicum.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey complimented Deputy Mayor Thomas for participating in the 5th grade graduating ceremony at Idlewild Elementary School.

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Councilmember Humphrey also thanked Councilmember Davis for her help with working out the issues concerning Lake Steilacoom. Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on the installation of Pierce Transit bus shelters. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that he is working with Pierce Transit on installing mini-board posters in these bus shelters. Councilmember Humphrey emphasized the importance of delivering the City's message regarding the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program to the press.

Councilmember Thomas noted that the Council was provided a copy of a letter from Karen Asp, from the Fairlawn Community, about the proposed changes to Gravelly Lake Drive. Councilmember Thomas requested that the graffiti in the beach wall at Harry Todd Park be removed. Councilmember Thomas encouraged staff to move forward with some of the sign suggestions presented by Mr. Bill Anderson.

Councilmember Palmas reported that the DUI coordinator of Pierce County indicated that the DUI Task Force will be recommending that cities subscribe to the DUI emphasis patrol and asked for Lakewood's participation. He indicated ".08 alcohol" signs will be posted along I-5, and these signs are available free of charge if the City would like some.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that a recommendation on the appointment of youth advisors will be coming before the Council on June 22, 1998.

Mayor Harrison expressed a desire to move forward with seeking support for Lakewood's representation on the LESA Board to be a voting member.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the Economic Development Board of Tacoma-Pierce County is excited about Lakewood being involved in Tacoma's Empowerment Consortium.

Mayor Harrison encouraged staff to continue efforts to pursue Home Depot to locate to Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison reported on the progress of the construction of the new theaters.

Mayor Harrison suggested that Councilmembers be polled on a date they would be available for a Council retreat.

Mayor Harrison commented that at a Chamber meeting he attended, U.S. Postal members noted that Tillicum is listed separately from Lakewood because Tillicum has its own zip code.

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Mayor Harrison asked for an update on changing the City's population with the State Office of Financial Management (OFM). City Manager Rohlf's indicated that a discrepancy was found with the zoning map OFM used when counting the population of a specific area. The City is also working with OFM on calculating the vacancy occupancy rate.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council could recess into Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss potential litigation and land acquisition.

Council recessed at 10:45 p.m. and reconvened at 12:04 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 a.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK