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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 22, 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 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Sherri Thomas.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; Acting Police Chief Eileen Bisson; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there will be no City Council meeting on June 29, 1998.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that after polling Councilmembers on available dates to hold a Council Budget Workshop, there was one Councilmember who could not attend a meeting on July 29, 1998, and there were four Councilmembers who could not attend a meeting on July, 30, 1998. Councilmember Humphrey indicated that he will be attending a meeting for Pierce Transit Board members for a few days during that week, but that he will work with the City Manager prior to the workshop on any concerns he may have. Mayor Harrison requested staff to proceed with holding the workshop on July 29, 1998.

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City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to provide General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush with any comments or changes to the City newsletter.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the first police weekend emphasis occurred in Tillicum this past weekend. He noted that the Park's patrol reported that on Saturday, June 20, 1998, there were approximately 50 patrons at Harry Todd Park and 200 patrons at American Lake North Park. On Sunday, June 21, 1998, there were approximately 75 patrons at Harry Todd Park and 350 patrons at American Lake North Park. The bicycle patrol units made one domestic violence arrest and issued one ticket for a noise violation. Police patrol issued five citations and 21 tickets. There were eight hours of marine patrol on the lake on June 20, 1998, and nine hours on June 21, 1998. Fourteen tickets for personal floatation devices were issued and 21 warnings were issued.

City Manager Rohlfs explained that City staff is still working with the State Office of Financial Management (OFM) on

the discrepancies with population figures for multi-family complexes. He indicated that OFM uses figures from the City's 1990 census and Dupree and Scott's estimate of trend analysis. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff surveyed 90 percent of the multi-family units in question and came up with an 8.6 percent vacancy rate, but OFM is not accepting staff's data. He explained that staff will be sending a letter to OFM on the City's position. He indicated there is a 1,042 difference in population, which equates to \$60,000 in revenues. If the City's numbers were accepted, the population of Lakewood would be 63,582.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the 1997 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He explained that a detailed overview of the report will be presented to the Council at an upcoming meeting on the budget. City Manager Rohlfs summarized that the City is in good financial standing.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Cross Base Highway Environmental Impact Statement Comments.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed comments to the Cross Base Highway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that staff is recommending to be submitted to Pierce County.

City Manager Rohlfs explained that mitigating impacts required as conditions of the City's support for the proposed project include:

A. Adjacent to the south side of the American Lake Gardens community, locate the proposed Cross Base roadway on the most southerly portion of the 200-foot wide easement being provided by Fort Lewis, and provide a minimum

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50-foot wide buffer on the north side of said easement. This is necessary to mitigate the noise and visual impacts of the roadway on American Lake Gardens, and to help mitigate the impacts on the equestrian industry.

B. Construct a minimum 12-foot high noise barrier at least 50 feet south of the north line of the 200-foot right-of-way for the portion of the roadway that borders the City of Lakewood. This noise wall is also necessary to mitigate the noise and visual impacts of the roadway on American Lake Gardens, including the equestrian industry.

C. On a temporary basis, until the proposed industrial complex to be located on Fort Lewis property is substantially developed, equestrian access should be allowed to Fort Lewis property at the Cross Base over-crossing of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks subject to the normal permit process established by Fort Lewis.

D. Locate the Cross Base Highway adjacent to Lake Mondress in such a way that an equestrian trail can be developed between the highway and the wetlands associated with Lake Mondress without damaging said wetlands.

E. Mitigate the impacts to Union Avenue in the Tillicum business community, and provide for acceptable ingress and egress to and from the businesses in Tillicum as well as improved roadway and pedestrian mobility.

F. Mitigate the impacts to the interchange of Gravelly Lake Drive and I-5 from the additional traffic which will use that interchange as a result of the construction of the Cross Base Highway.

G. Provide access from the Cross Base Highway to the American Lake Gardens community that is acceptable to the City of Lakewood.

H. Mitigate, to the satisfaction of the Clover Park School District, impacts of the proposed highway on school facilities and properties.

I. Mitigate the impacts of the proposed project on the facilities and leased property under the control of the Clover Park Technical College.

City Manager Rohlfs then reviewed specific areas of the Draft EIS which needs further discussion, analysis or commitment.

Discussion ensued on sewage for the area and concerns about the Cross Base Highway.

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Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Amending Chapter 18.45 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to sign regulations.

Community Development Director David Bugher reviewed the proposed changes to the sign code which includes modifications to the regulations concerning flag poles, non-conforming signs, temporary signs and temporary commercial signs.

Associate Planner Forte then reviewed comments provided by the Chamber of Commerce and the Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors on the proposed amendments.

Discussion ensued on the frequency of changes to the sign code; sign code comparisons with other cities; consideration for sign variances; signage for "Open Houses" and industry standards.

Amending Section 5.16.050 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the standards of conduct and operation for adult cabarets.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance to clarify the method of compensation for adult entertainment.

Discussion ensued on a potential liquor license being issued for unclothed servers, and how it would apply to the proposed ordinance.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 6, 1998, REGULAR CITY

COUNCIL MEETING:

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There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis congratulated Mayor Harrison for being elected to serve as a representative on the Association of Washington Cities Board.

Councilmember Davis announced that the Regional Transit Authority Board will be meeting on Thursday, June 26, 1998, from 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Library. The topic of discussion will be the light rail through Tacoma.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on the City Hall site acquisition. City Manager Rohlfs reported that staff had received a fax from the appraiser indicating that he would not be able to meet the deadline for submitting his appraisal on time. The appraisal is expected to come in soon.

Councilmember Humphrey indicated that he was approached and asked why Lakewood's noise ordinance wasn't as strong as Pierce County's ordinance. City Attorney Heid explained that Pierce County's noise ordinance is based on using decibel measurements, and Lakewood's ordinance uses audible sound, distance and time frames for measurements. He explained that if the City's noise ordinance was based on a meter, the machine would need to be calibrated and measurements could be arguable.

Councilmember Humphrey announced that Linda Smith was hired as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Humphrey announced that a meeting regarding the treatment of Lake Steilacoom was held on Thursday. He indicated that there is no permit that is acceptable to the Lakes Improvement Association. The result of the meeting was to have the treasurer of the lake go back to the Department of Ecology to discuss the matter further. A date for meeting on the long-term plan for the lake will be established soon.

Councilmember Palmas reported that LESA's Executive Director has scheduled a study session on Lakewood's request to serve as a voting member on the LESA Board. He commented that LESA will also discuss regional services. Councilmember Palmas commented that the letter by Richard Stockdale was published in an edited form.

Councilmember Richardson commented on the cable TV broadcast of the military base annexation proposal before the Pierce County Council.

Mayor Harrison wished Councilmember Humphrey a belated birthday.

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Mayor Harrison expressed his condolences to Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland and his family for the passing away of his mother.

Mayor Harrison reminded Councilmembers of the volunteer breakfast meeting on June 23, 1998, at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday, June 24, 1998.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Council recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC
CITY CLERK