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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 6, 1998

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 6:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas.

Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)

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

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dan Heid by request of Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss potential and pending litigation.

Council recessed at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs called on Acting Police Chief Bisson who presented Officer John Ussery a "Patrol Impact Award" for his investigative work on a Seafirst Bank check forgery.

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Acting Police Chief Bisson then introduced Lakewood's bicycle unit police officers who displayed the new bikes purchased for the patrol unit.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the Attorney General's opinion on whether State law permits a city to annex territory on federal reservations. He explained that the Attorney General's answer was yes, State law does permit a city to annex federal reservations under the assumption that the territory the city wishes to annex is within the city's Urban

Growth Boundary.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed copies of the Growth Management Coordinating Committee's Military Lands Subcommittee position paper on the City's proposed annexation of the military bases.

City Manager Rohlfs called on Sue Badertscher, City Events Ad Hoc Committee member, who presented the Council with the Events Committee's proposed design for summer street banners. The cost of the banners is approximately \$2,400, which is above the \$500 which was earmarked for the purchase of banners. Ms. Badertscher indicated that the banner was designed by Clover Park Technical College.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed a copy of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce's new brochure to promote tourism in Lakewood.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that three meetings on empowerment zones will be held on July 14 at Tillicum, July 15 at Woodbrook and July 16 at McChord Gate Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Councilmembers were encouraged to attend.

Designation of anti-cruising areas.

City Manager Rohlfs called on Acting Police Chief Bisson who explained the need for the City Manager to designate Union Avenue in Tillicum as an anti-cruising area.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of Ms. Linda Smith, Executive Director, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Harrison called on Mr. Mike Stevenson, President of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, who introduced Ms. Linda Smith, newly appointed Executive Director of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Draper, Cho and Dobson reported that they are looking into establishing a SAVE chapter which is a branch of Mothers Against Violence in America.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Harvey Kuester, 10704 Interlaaken Drive, expressed concern about young people jumping off the Lake Steilacoom wooden bridge and the hazard of this activity.

Michael Flynn, Association of Realtors, 3939 S Orchard Street, spoke about changes to the sign code. He suggested that "garage" sale signs in Table 2, Subsection C be changed to read "garage/estate" sale signs. He then suggested increasing the number of temporary off-site real estate signs.

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Jake Curtis, Lakewood resident, expressed concern about traffic along Angle Lane and requested the construction of sidewalks along the north side.

Corey Campbell, Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the proposed amendments to the sign code.

Maury Peerenboom, Lakewood resident, spoke about his visit with Alexander Day, an actress from Los Angeles who recently visited Lakewood.

Carol Weir, Lakewood resident, asked if churches could be permitted to use sandwich board signs for a few days. She also asked if citizens could be allowed to police dogs in the parks instead of designating dog run areas in the parks.

Terry Leigh, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of the sign code amendments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 15, 1998.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of June 22, 1998.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 22, 1998.
- D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$122,904.38 for the period June 1-15, 1998.
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,123,862.82 for the period ending June 25, 1998.
- F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$129,595.39 for the period ending July 1, 1998.
- G. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 10, 1998.

H. [Ordinance No. 177](#)

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

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I. [Ordinance No. 178](#)

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

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO REMOVE ORDINANCE NO. 177 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ITEMS A-G AND I OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 177 amending Chapter 18.45 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to sign regulations.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 177 BY AMENDING TABLE 18.45.140B, TABLE NOTES 2D TO READ "ONE-HALF" MILE; THE NUMBER OF OPEN HOUSE SIGNS BE AMENDED TO "4"; AND AMENDING TABLE NOTES 2C BY ADDING "GARAGE/ESTATE" SALE AND DELETING "OPEN HOUSE." SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1998-24 amending Resolution No. 1998-17 authorizing the application for funding with the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for the McChord Gate Acquisition and Development Project, the Skate Park Development Project, the Wards Lake Park Property Acquisition Project and the Flett Trail Property Acquisition Project by acknowledging the City's commitment for the funding application.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-24. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey asked for a status report on the completion of the sewer project. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the County filed an appeal on the permit and if the appeal comes to fruition, an additional six months can be added to the proposed completion date. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that he will provide the Council with a timeline for completing this project.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on the permanent City Hall site appraisal. Mayor Harrison indicated that this will be discussed during executive session.

Councilmember Humphrey reported that the Lake Steilacoom treatment permit has been granted. The next meeting on the long-range plan for treatment is scheduled for July 21, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Councilmember Humphrey indicated that he is looking forward to seeing the job description for the Economic Development/Public Information Officer position on July 10, 1998.

Councilmember Davis recognized Mayor Harrison and City Manager Rohlfs for their efforts on the military annexation proposal. Mayor Harrison asked staff to prepare a schedule of timelines for the Council to begin contacting other cities and towns for their assistance with the annexation.

Councilmember Davis reported that the Regional Transit Authority commuter rail project is within schedule and budget.

Councilmember Richardson asked for the membership of the Pierce County Council Planning Committee.

Councilmember Richardson asked when construction was expected to be completed on 83rd and 87th Avenues. Civil Engineer Gunther replied construction is expected to be completed by the end of July.

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Councilmember Thomas thanked Engineering Manager Larkin for putting together a well-written response to the Cross-Base Highway Environmental Impact Statement.

Councilmember Thomas reported on the discussions at the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee meeting. She indicated the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee is working on fundraising and marketing efforts for improving the corner of Steilacoom Boulevard and Ardmore.

Councilmember Thomas asked if staff could look at placing some type of "No Swimming" signage on the Interlaaken bridge.

Councilmember Palmas recognized and thanked Assistant Planner John Morgan and the Court staff for assisting citizens.

Mayor Harrison expressed his support for proceeding ahead with securing Lakewood representation on the Law Enforcement Support Agency Board.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the Police Chief recruitment. City Manager Rohlf's replied that the position closes on July 17, 1998.

Mayor Harrison asked about the possibility of painting a crosswalk on Bridgeport Way without a traffic signal. City Manager Rohlf's indicated that in terms of safety, perhaps a pedestrian-activated signal would be more appropriate. He indicated that the City would like to submit a grant proposal for a crosswalk near the vicinity of Bridgeport Way and San Francisco Avenue.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council's Budget Workshop is scheduled for July 29, 1998.

Mayor Harrison announced that money was allocated in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) for the Cross-Base Highway project.

Mayor Harrison asked staff to look into what improvements could be made to Angle Lane to reduce pedestrian and traffic hazards on that street.

Mayor Harrison reported that the corner of Bridgeport Way and South Tacoma Way has deteriorated, to his disappointment, and some bushes and a six-foot tree have died.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess into executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential land acquisition and potential litigation.

Council recessed at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK