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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 13, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey and Doug Richardson.

Councilmembers Absent: 2 - Councilmembers JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; Administrative Analyst Jeff Brewster; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; 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 Jeff Brewster by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Summerfest begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 1998. On Saturday, July 18, 1998, Lakefolkfest begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Pierce College Amphitheater.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Council's Budget Workshop will be held on July 29, 1998, at the American Lake Club on Ft. Lewis.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that this week there are several empowerment zone meetings that Councilmembers are encouraged to attend.

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City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of Pierce County staff's memo to the Pierce County Planning Commission in response to Lakewood's proposal on the military bases annexation. City Manager Rohlfs explained that the report recommends approval of Camp Murray and three conditional requirements. The requirements include 1) adoption of Lakewood's Comprehensive Plan; 2) land use designation for the proposed lands; and 3) obtaining an agreement with the federal government to reflect that the Growth Management Act applies.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Pierce County Regional Council will be meeting on Thursday, July 16, 1998, to discuss the City's annexation.

Councilmember Davis asked Councilmembers to let her know what cities in Pierce County Councilmembers would like to contact requesting support of Lakewood's annexation.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Briefing on the Empowerment Zone.

Dr. Shirl Gilbert, Executive Director of the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium (TEC), reported that Tacoma is proposing to expand the empowerment zone to 20 square miles and 50,000 people. It is proposed to include such areas as Tillicum/American Lake Gardens, McChord Gate, areas near the Tacoma Mall, and South Tacoma Way/Nalley Valley.

Nominations are being sought to be included in the TEC. If awarded, the TEC can receive \$100 million in empowerment zone funding for economic development. Dr. Gilbert indicated that in order for the TEC to be in a favorable position for funding, the private partnership component needs to be strengthened to place itself in a more competitive position. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that 13,400 individuals would comprise census tracts in Lakewood eligible for funding.

Discussion ensued on types of programs that Lakewood would use empowerment zone funding for.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Adopting the Strategic Community Public Safety Plan.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz called on Administrative Analyst Brewster who reviewed the recommendations of the Strategic Community Public Safety Plan. He summarized the six goals developed by the Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee as follows:

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- 1. Create a positive perception of a safe Lakewood community.**
- 2. Establish an effective system for ongoing communications for public input on public safety.**
- 3. Reduce violent crime and illegal gang activity.**
- 4. Reduce property crimes.**
- 5. Increase traffic safety and education.**
- 6. Reduce vice-related crime.**

Administrative Analyst Brewster then reviewed action steps of the Plan as follows:

- 1. Appoint a standing Citizens' Police Advisory Board.**
- 2. Study the feasibility of a Senior Citizen Patrol.**
- 3. Draft and mail regular newsletters to all residents emphasizing public safety concerns.**
- 4. Enhance I-5 corridor to the City through physical improvements and code and law enforcement.**
- 5. Adopt a formal and clear mechanism to record, address and follow up with police service concerns.**
- 6. Continue the role of Safe Streets as a community educator on crime prevention.**
- 7. Implement educational efforts for landlords and owners of multi-family housing.**
- 8. Provide annual training on domestic violence issues to all Lakewood Patrol Officers.**
- 9. Create a system to follow up with victims of property crimes to inform them of progress.**
- 10. Increase DWI, speeding and other traffic emphasis patrols.**
- 11. Move aggressively towards abating the property of businesses with a demonstrated history of engaging in vice-related violations.**

Acting Police Chief Bisson spoke in support of the Plan.

Discussion ensued on the merits of a standing Citizens' Police Advisory Board; police staffing levels; senior citizens patrols; benefits of Safe Streets; domestic violence training for patrol officers; and traffic emphasis patrols.

Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee member Walt Kelcy spoke in support of the Plan and getting a good cross-representation of the community involved with implementing the Plan.

Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

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Comprehensive Plan Status Report.

Planning Advisory Board Chair Herb Stumpf noted that the proposed Comprehensive Plan attempts to address existing conditions and recognize:

1. stable neighborhoods,
2. neighborhood character,
3. potential areas for redevelopment: Lakeview, Tillicum, American Lake Gardens, the Urban Center, the Community Centers of the Colonial Center and Oakbrook,
4. the Regional Transit Authority - Lakewood Station,
5. the potential City Hall locations,
6. the importance of the Highway 99 corridor, and
7. the "heart" of Lakewood.

Principal Planner Blaylock reviewed the preferred alternative future land use designations map.

Discussion ensued on multi-family residential designations in residential areas south of Steilacoom Boulevard; creation of neighborhood centers; and land designations along 100th Street.

I-5 Corridor Plan Scope of Work and Status Report.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the scope of work for developing the I-5 Highway Corridor Plan, the time line and priority for completing the Comprehensive Plan, the I-5 Highway Corridor Plan and the Capital Facilities Plan.

Discussion ensued on providing sewer infrastructure; State Route 512; the international district along South Tacoma Way; setting priorities for developing the Plan; and the options of hiring a contract employee.

Expressing opposition to Initiative Measure 200 and affirming support for affirmative action programs.

City Attorney Heid indicated that when the Council considers a ballot measure, State law requires the Council to allow an opportunity for citizens to express their opinions on both sides of the issue and proper notice must be provided.

Discussion ensued on affirmative action programs and the expression of equal opportunity in the resolution.

The Council requested that the resolution be studied further.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 20, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Amending Sections 8.16.050, 8.20.040, 8.24.040, 8.24.060, 8.24.070, 8.24.120, 8.24.130, 8.32.030, 8.32.050 and 8.52.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to code enforcement. - (Ordinance)**
- 2. Amending Section 9.78.010 and creating Section 9.78.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to public disturbances. - (Ordinance)**
- 3. Amending Ordinance No. 143 which authorized the establishment of an employee recognition program. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 4. Approving the final plat map of Lake Louise Place, a Planned Development District, to subdivide 9.15 acres into 40 single-family residential lots at 312 Lake Louise Drive SW. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)**

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that he and Deputy City Manager Neiditz met with new Lakewood Police officers at the new officers' orientation meeting.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the salary range for the Economic Development and Community Relations Officer position would be in the range of \$54,000 annually. Mayor Harrison indicated that the public relations functions need to be strengthened.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Palmas indicated that the American Leadership Forum Association, of which he is a member, is providing training to facilitate discussions to various groups on how they feel about the issue of race.

Councilmember Henry noted that Lake Steilacoom is still not treated and the Department of Ecology has not responded. Staff is looking into this matter. The long-range plan for lakes management meeting is scheduled for July 21, 1998.

Councilmember Humphrey indicated that he attended a reception for Congressman Norm Dicks and Congressman Dicks expressed his support for the Regional Transit Authority Station and the proposed annexation of the military bases.

Councilmember Davis encouraged Councilmembers to participate in the Paint Lakewood Beautiful project.

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Councilmember Richardson expressed concern about the discrepancy in Lakewood and Pierce County's reporting on the number of police officers assigned to Lakewood prior to incorporation and after incorporation.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Pierce County Military Affairs Committee meeting he attended on the City's proposed military annexation.

Mayor Harrison reported on the ROTC Summer Camp trophy.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Pierce County Council will be holding a County Council meeting at Tillicum Community Center on September 29, 1998.

Mayor Harrison asked for a status report on the feasibility study of the City establishing its own police department. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the study was put on hold until the Public Safety Plan was developed.

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

Council recessed at 11:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:00 midnight.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK