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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 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 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; 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.

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**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs expressed his appreciation for the letter of support from the City of Tacoma to the Pierce County Planning Commission on the City's proposal to annex the military bases. Mayor Harrison asked to inquire of the City of Tacoma if their letter can be shared with the mayors and councils of other cities and towns.

City Manager Rohlfs asked if the Council would like a resolution prepared on the City's Urban Growth Area proposal and the Council's commitment to how the funds will be used. The Council requested that a resolution be prepared.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Pierce County received bids on the police uniforms in the amount of approximately \$130,000. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the City will not purchase all of the items on the bid. It is anticipated that expenditures will be approximately \$105,000.

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**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation declaring August 4, 1998, as *National Night Out Against Crime*.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring August 4, 1998, as *National Night Out Against Crime* to Mr. Carl Sargent of Safe Streets.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Draper and Dobson reported that they attended several meetings this week. Youth Advisor Dobson reported on the Lakewood's Promise Human Services Collaboration meeting in which they discussed how to get more involved in community service. Youth Advisor Draper reported that, after meeting with former Youth Advisor Amanda Maus, they will be starting to formulate a Youth Advisory Council consisting of students from the middle school and high school levels.

Youth Advisor Draper reported that she and Youth Advisor Dobson attended a Sister Cities Committee meeting and will be working on cultural activities during the student exchange from Okinawa City.

Mayor Harrison reported that shortly after City staff had painted Lakewood bridges free of graffiti, more graffiti appeared. He asked if the Youth Advisors could help by discussing with students the need to keep Lakewood bridges free of graffiti.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Noreen Weems, 6615 150th Street SW, presented a petition for a crosswalk at Bridgeport Way and San Francisco Avenue.*

*Talia Vick, 12413 Bridgeport Way, spoke about the danger of youths crossing Bridgeport Way.*

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*Terry Baker, 9231 North Lake Drive, spoke about the need for street lights on Edgewood and North Lake Drive.*

*Lenzie Carlile, 12903 True Lane, spoke about the need for a traffic light at Bridgeport Way and True Lane. He also expressed concern about vehicles speeding along this area and the danger of excessive speeding.*

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 6, 1998.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of July 13, 1998.

C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$175,160.88 for the period June 16-30, 1998.

D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$410,310.59 for the period ending July 15, 1998.

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

Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of June 11, 1998.

F. [Ordinance No. 179](#)

Amending Ordinance No. 143 which authorized the establishment of an employee recognition program.

G. [Motion No. 1998-29](#)

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.

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

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

## ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 180](#) amending Section 9.78.010 and creating Section 9.78.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to public disturbances.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 180. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 181](#) 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.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 181. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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## NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1998-30 accepting the Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's recommendations for the Strategic Community Public Safety Plan.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a list of councilmembers from Pierce County towns and cities for Councilmembers to call regarding the City's Urban Growth Area proposal. He then distributed copies of "Urban Growth Area Talking Points," highlighting the effects of including military lands within the City's Urban Growth Area.

## CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the empowerment consortium meeting he attended at the Lakewood Community Resource Center. He indicated that he participated in the Summerfest Parade and Lakefolkfest. He commented that he received many positive comments about the City newsletter.

Councilmember Davis reported on the Pierce County Sheriff's Department awards ceremony she attended where seven officers received awards. She indicated that she will be attending the July 23, 1998, City of Tacoma Mayor Brian Ebersole's breakfast on Tacoma's empowerment consortium.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he also participated in the Summerfest Parade. He requested that staff track the amount of resources going into the military gates such as vehicle counts and police activity.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that there was graffiti on the beach wall at American Lake North Park that needed to be removed.

Councilmember Thomas requested that thank you letters be sent to the Chamber of Commerce, Helen McGovern, Jack Asby, Skip and Judy Rash and others for their personal effort in putting together Summerfest and Lakefolkfest.

Councilmember Thomas asked if residential streets could be striped. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that residential streets are generally not striped.

Mayor Harrison asked that a basketball hoop that was placed in the middle of the street in Tillicum be removed.

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Councilmember Thomas asked about the opening of the gate at the end of Lake City Boulevard, in response to a

citizen inquiry, to provide access to the lake. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that there have been neighborhood disputes about the gate and the gate has been locked since the City took it over. He indicated that the Council will need to consider the matter of providing lake access.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that she received many good comments about the City newsletter.

Councilmember Palmas indicated that before any policy changes are made, citizens should be involved in the process and be invited to provide comments.

Councilmember Palmas asked what the impact to the City may be now that Pierce County is asking for cities to pay for fire arson investigations. City Manager Rohlf indicated that the City pays for that service through the police contract.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that the Lakewood's Promise Collaboration meeting was held last week and the group will be providing the Council with a status report on their efforts and an update on the Washington Reading Corps at the August 3, 1998 City Council meeting. She commented that she received many positive remarks about the City newsletter. She thanked those who put the Summerfest Parade together. She announced that she will be attending Thursday's crime-free housing meeting to present certificates.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked if Code Enforcement could inspect the Brunson's property on Washington Boulevard and Military Road and have the junk vehicle and trash removed.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Pierce County Planning Commission meeting he attended, as well as the Pierce County Regional Council meeting on the topic of including military lands in Urban Growth Areas.

Mayor Harrison thanked those who participated in organizing the Summerfest Parade and Lakefolkfest.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council's Budget Workshop will be held on July 29, 1998.

Mayor Harrison thanked the Engineering Department for painting the Lakewood Bridge to remove graffiti.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the sidewalk and curbs on 83rd and 87th Streets look good and are being used.

Mayor Harrison reported that the Law Enforcement Support Agency Board Study Session to discuss Lakewood's membership was postponed to August 26, 1998.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Council recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

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## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**