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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 27, 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: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

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Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock; Administrative Analyst Jeff Brewster; Police Lieutenant Mel Ceccanti; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Palmas by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

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

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the third employee quarterly award was presented to Accounting Technician Terrina McMichael.

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Mayor Harrison presented Councilmember Thomas with an award from the Association of Washington Cities for completing the Municipal Leadership Program.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

City of Lakewood 1997 Financial Condition Report.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed the 1997 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He gave an overview of the 1997 revenues and noted that on January 1, 1997, the City started with a fund balance of approximately \$3 million and on December 31, 1997, the City ended with a fund balance of approximately \$6.5 million. He explained that the City was in very good financial standing. He then reviewed the Road Tax Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Municipal Capital Improvements Fund.

Discussion ensued on equalization tax and its impact to the City.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd then reviewed the General Fund revenues which is comprised of sales and use tax, property tax and investment interest.

He then reviewed the statistical section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; the schedule of legal debt margin; the list of principal taxpayers; and the City's taxing rate as it compares with other cities in Pierce County.

Discussion ensued on the transferring of funds to the Road Fund.

City of Lakewood 1998 Budget Status.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed General Fund departmental expenditures and departmental revenues and the fund balance.

Discussion ensued on program expenditures for services; accurate accounting of the budget; revenue forecasts; and impacts that State legislative actions can have on the City's budget.

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Expressing the City Council's intention regarding the use and distribution of per capita state shared revenues relative to the proposal for annexation of military lands.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the proposed resolution of the City Council expressing its commitment to the use and distribution of state shared revenues should military lands be annexed into the City.

Discussion ensued on adding a statement about commitments to sewer infrastructure; commitments to addressing improvements to the areas immediately adjacent to military bases; indicating the City's commitment to make Pierce County whole by the County's loss of shared revenues should military lands be annexed to the City; and reference that the military never caused problems in the affected areas.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 3, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Expressing the City Council's intention regarding the use and distribution of per capita state shared revenues relative to the proposal for annexation of military lands. - (Resolution)
2. Setting Monday, August 17, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the extension of the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for adult entertainment businesses for six months. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
3. Status report on the Human Services Collaboration.

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs requested an Executive Session to discuss potential land acquisition, potential litigation and personnel matters.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Richardson requested an update on the chipsealing on Old Military Road, Washington Boulevard, and 83rd and 87th Avenues SW.

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Councilmember Richardson asked for a status on the locked gate at the end of Lake City Boulevard for access to the

lake. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that he will be providing a briefing to the Council on this matter at the August 10, 1998 Study Session.

Councilmember Thomas requested a police update on the large number of people who came into Tillicum over the weekend. Police Lt. Ceccanti indicated that there was a traffic accident in Tillicum which resulted in a lot of yelling and screaming after the accident. Councilmember Thomas asked that staff investigate the noise situation at the Torch Light Restaurant.

Councilmember Davis asked staff to investigate and respond to the concerns in a citizen's letter regarding the Village Green Trailer Court.

Councilmember Davis reminded Councilmembers to make phone calls to their assigned City officials about the City's proposed annexation.

Councilmember Davis announced that the Regional Transit Authority will be opening the Sound Transit Tacoma Community Office in downtown Tacoma.

Councilmember Davis reported on the conversations she had with Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland at the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium conference she attended last Thursday.

Councilmember Palmas asked for clarification on the number of accidents that occurred at the intersection of Bridgeport Way and San Francisco Avenue. He then questioned the impacts and costs that the City would incur from the Health Department's closure of the mobile home park in Tillicum because of back flow sewage problems.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the Steilacoom Planning Department's letter on the City's proposed annexation of military lands. He explained that Steilacoom claims if Lakewood can annex, then Steilacoom should be able to annex a portion of the lands also.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked staff to investigate the water problem on South Tacoma Way.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the flag celebration she attended which was hosted by the Korean Women's Association. She indicated the Korean Women's Association is working to build an Asian Cultural Art Center.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the Block Party she attended on North Lake Street over the weekend. She indicated that she will be attending the Block Party at Glenwood. She also presented certificates of appreciation to apartment managers, owners and tenants who participated in the crime-free apartment training program.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he met with delegates of the Korean Consulate who are interested in Lakewood getting an Asian ethnic police officer. He indicated that the Consulate also expressed concern about their international community and expressed an interest for Lakewood to have a Korean sister city.

Mayor Harrison asked if the City banners could be lowered so that they are more visible.

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

Council recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK