

**1998 08 10 SS**

**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, August 10, 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; Assistant City Attorney Michael McKenzie; Community Development Director David Bugher; Associate Planner David Forte; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Acting Police Chief Eileen Bisson; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Assistant City Attorney Michael McKenzie; Community Development Director David Bugher; Associate Planner David Forte; 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 Councilmember Richardson by request of Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a letter to Lipstix providing for a conditional approval for a liquor license. City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to provide him with any comments or changes they may have to the letter.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a letter to Congressman Dicks requesting his support of the City's proposal on the annexation of military lands in the City's Urban Growth Area. Councilmember Richardson noted that Lakewood is the only city that can fully include both military installations (Ft. Lewis and McChord Air Force Base) that would meet State law on limiting annexation of Federal lands within four miles of the existing corporate limits of the City. City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Pierce County Regional Council will be holding a public hearing on the City's Urban Growth Area proposal on August 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pierce County Annex. On

City Council Study Session Minutes -2- August 10, 1998

August 13, 1998, the Growth Management Coordinating Committee, a staff committee, will also consider the City's proposal.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Police Department will be conducting a DUI emphasis. Councilmembers are welcome to go on a ride-a-long on Saturday, August 15, 1998, at 8:15 p.m.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the parents of Ann Marie Harris, who tragically was killed in Lakewood, will be back in Lakewood to attend the court trial on her death.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Briefing on the Acorn Meadows Mobile Home Park property.**

Ms. Nedda Turner, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, reviewed the Health Department's source protection program process. She reported that sewage complaints at Acorn Meadows began in 1991 and have progressively worsened. Because of this public health hazard, tenants were ordered to vacate the mobile park by October 1, 1998. As a result of the situation, the Health Department, the City of Lakewood and the Pierce County Housing Program are working together to coordinate efforts. Mr. Gary Aden, Pierce County Department of Community Service Housing Programs, spoke about the importance of coordinating efforts to help relocate the affected tenants. Twenty -six of the thirty-two tenants are very low-income based on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines.

Discussion ensued on why the situation has gone on for so long and begin taking a more aggressive approach to enforce the property owner to take corrective action. Discussion ensued on imposing criminal charges and placing liens on other properties which are owned by the property owner.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:29 p.m.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Amending the City of Lakewood's Interim Comprehensive Plan and Urban Growth Area maps, and amending Sections 18.25.100 and 18.25.270 of the Lakewood Municipal Code regarding a "Military Lands" land use designations, zoning district and use categories and rezoning property to such zone.**

**City Council Study Session Minutes -3- August 10, 1998**

**Associate Planner Forte reviewed the proposed ordinance to establish "Military Lands" land use designations. He explained that the ordinance proposes to:**

- 1. Amend the City of Lakewood Interim Comprehensive Plan Map to show the Arrowhead and Partridge Glen area as a Joint Lakewood and Steilacoom Urban Growth Area.**
- 2. Amend the City of Lakewood Interim Comprehensive Plan Map to expand the Lakewood Urban Growth Area to include: The Cantonment Area of Ft. Lewis, McChord Air Force Base, and Camp Murray.**
- 3. Amend the City of Lakewood Interim Comprehensive Plan to add Land Use Policies LU-ML Objective 85, LU-ML Objective 86, and to establish a "Military Lands" designation.**
- 4. Amend the City of Lakewood Interim Zoning Code, Chapter 18.25, to establish a "Military Lands Zone."**
- 5. Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map and Official Zoning Map to change the Land Use Designation from "Moderate Density Single Family" to "Military Lands" and zoning from MSF to ML for approximately 22.64 acres located in American Lake Gardens.**

**Discussion ensued on the ordinance language to not include stand-alone Reserve Armories, recruiting stations, or other similar stand-alone military facilities.**

**Briefing on Lake City Boulevard access to American Lake.**

**Engineering Manager Larkin explained that State law provides that neither the County or City is given the authority to close a street, other than when necessary, to a dangerous condition of the roadway. He indicated that property owners have been invited to attend the August 17, 1998 City Council meeting to express their concerns.**

**Discussion ensued on the possibility of moving the gate to the south end; notifying the American Lake Association of**

**the August 17, 1998 City Council meeting; and imposing regulations on boating uses on the lakes at scheduled times.**

**Status report on Suss Apartments on Boston Avenue in the McChord Gate neighborhood.**

**Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the building permitting process that was used for the construction of three four-plexes (12 units) at the Manressa apartment complex at 5524 Boston Avenue SW in the McChord Gate neighborhood.**

**City Council Study Session Minutes -4- August 10, 1998**

**Discussion ensued about density in the area; play areas for the children; parking needs; set-back requirements; and the need for developing standards for landscaping and play areas.**

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 17, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Item No. 1 above.

2. This is 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.

3. Extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits

and approvals for adult entertainment businesses from August 28, 1998 to

February 28, 1999. - (Resolution)

4. Amending the official meeting time of the City Council Study Sessions to

6:30 p.m., and amending Section 2.2 of the City Council Rules of

Procedure to reflect said change. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

It was the consensus of the Councilmembers to keep City Council Study Sessions and City Council meetings at 7:00 p.m.

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Police Chief interviews are scheduled for August 17, 1998. Deputy Mayor Thomas, Councilmember Palmas, Deputy City Manager Neiditz, Citizens' Police Ad Hoc Committee Member Walt Kellcy, Paul Pastor of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, the King County Contract Police Chief and the Pierce County Sheriff's Guild attorney will serve on the interview panel.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that new .08 DUI signs will be posted at major entrances to the City.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that he will be on vacation August 12-14, 1998.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey asked what is the City's status on becoming year 2000 computer compliant. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the City is on task.

Councilmember Humphrey complimented City Manager Rohlfs on his presentation before the Spanaway/Parkland Chamber group on the proposed military annexation.

City Council Study Session Minutes -5- August 10, 1998

Councilmember Humphrey also complimented Mayor Harrison for leading the orchestra at the Lakewold Gardens event.

Councilmember Thomas reported that the elevator permit in the Lakes Professional Center has expired.

Councilmember Palmas asked if the City was looking at setting aside monies for preserving and restoring salmon streams and creeks. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that some Surface Water Management funds will be allocated for removing fish barriers.

Councilmember Palmas asked if Councilmembers or staff were planning to attend the Livable Communities Fair on November

7-8, 1998, at Seattle Center.

Councilmember Richardson thanked Councilmembers and City staff for all their work on supporting the proposed military lands annexation effort.

Councilmember Richardson thanked Deputy Joe Boyle for orchestrating National Night Out.

Councilmember Humphrey reported that the Lake Steilacoom Association has decided not to treat the lake. The City will be working with the Association in early fall to begin work on getting a permit in place by January 1999 for next year.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked Acting Police Chief Bisson and Deputy Joe Boyle for orchestrating National Night Out.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked Councilmembers to turn in their *Lakewood's Promise* dedicated hours.

Mayor Harrison announced that the reader board sign at Oakbrook Elementary School thanked Lakewood for the sidewalks and trees on 83rd Avenue.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he has contacted numerous individuals about the August 20, 1998 Pierce County Regional Council meeting.

Mayor Harrison commented on the grand opening of Centerforce.

Mayor Harrison also commented on the Mervyn's shopping spree he and a child he partnered with had the opportunity to shop for \$100 worth of children's clothing. Mayor Harrison indicated that Mervyn's provided 30 disadvantaged children each with \$100 worth of clothing they got to choose.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the August 5, 1998 Powerpoint presentation on the proposed military annexation was not well attended. He did note that representatives of the Police Guild were in attendance.

City Council Study Session Minutes -6- August 10, 1998

Mayor Harrison reported that businesses along South Tacoma Way in the Lakewood and Tacoma City limits expressed concerns about the increasing number of street walkers in the area.

\* \* \* \* \*

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss potential land acquisition.

Council recessed at 10:20 p.m. and reconvened at 11:45 p.m.

\* \* \* \* \*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

---

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

---

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

.....