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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 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 7:30 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; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Acting Police Chief Eileen Bisson; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

Mayor Harrison thanked City staff and those who worked with the City to support the inclusion of military lands into the City's Urban Growth Area.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Pierce County Planning Commission will be holding a hearing on the City's amendment to include military lands in Lakewood's Urban Growth Area. A meeting is scheduled for September 24, 1998. Then, in late October, the Pierce County Council will consider Lakewood's proposal.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there will be no City Council meeting on August 31, 1998.

He also announced that the Joint City Council and School Board meeting is scheduled for October 12, 1998, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Following the joint meeting, the City Council Study Session will be held at the Clover Park School District Student Services Center.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Tourism Brochure.

Ms. Linda Smith, Executive Director of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, distributed copies of the Lakewood tourism brochure.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Briefing on Soundshake 1998.

Engineering Manager Larkin explained that the City will be participating in an emergency management exercise on September 22, 1998. The exercise will consist of an emergency situation which results from an earthquake magnitude of 7.0.

Discussion ensued on City staff reporting to City Hall; how to deal with communications to citizens and staff when telephone lines are inoperable; setting up shelters; defining the Council's role; seeking military assistance; and involving the School District.

Briefing on Lakewood night clubs.

Acting Police Chief Bisson reviewed the number of police calls for service at Lakewood night clubs and lounges. She then reviewed the ranking of those establishments who called for police service. She explained that calls for service at DJ's, Denny's on 100th Street and Pacific Highway, and Happy Days are much lower than they had been in the past, because these businesses are providing security officers. She then reviewed police calls for service at adult entertainment businesses.

Discussion ensued on providing incentives for lowering crime and getting owners to participate in the crime-free housing program.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 8, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. 1999 City of Lakewood Budget goals and objectives.

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf announced that City staff who rode in the Courage Classic bike ride completed the ride and raised the funds needed.

City Manager Rohlf stated that he received a message indicating that Acorn Meadows Mobile Home Park is not closing and that the new property owner will be installing an adequate septic system.

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Deputy City Manager Neiditz announced that the Lakewood Rotary is selling \$10 raffle tickets. The funds collected on the sale of the tickets will be used for the development of McChord Gate Park.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Palmas asked about the concerns of the Lake Steilacoom Association and the focus of discussion at their upcoming meeting on the treatment of Lake Steilacoom.

Councilmember Richardson asked if a response has been provided to St. John Bosco on their request for sidewalks. Engineering Manager Larkin replied that he will be providing a response.

Councilmember Richardson asked if any legal action could be taken on the Acorn Meadows Mobile Home Park sewage situation. City Attorney Heid indicated that the problem may be resolved with a new property owner purchasing the trailer park; however, he explained the Health Department indicated that if there was criminal activity that the City wanted to prosecute the property owner for, the Health Department would support the City's prosecution.

Councilmember Humphrey noted that there is grass and weeds growing in the traffic islands at Gravelly Lake and Nyanza and 100th Street and Pacific Highway. He indicated that before such beautification projects are taken on, there should be a plan for maintaining these areas.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the Veterans Administration Ambulatory Care Center dedication she attended. She then reported that the Lions Club is working to solve the garbage problems on Vernon. She commented that various apartment owners are increasing their rents so significantly which is creating stress among apartment renters.

Mayor Harrison announced that Pierce Transit will be holding a hearing on October 12, 1998, to discuss expanding public bus service in Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison commented on a citizen's letter expressing appreciation for police bicycle patrol on Thorne Lane.

Mayor Harrison noted that TCI has contacted the City to begin negotiations on the cable franchise.

Mayor Harrison reminded staff to remove the lock and barbed wire at the gate at the end of Lake City Boulevard which staff indicated would be removed early last week.

Mayor Harrison asked for Council's input on how to proceed with the closing of Langlow Street as requested by a concerned citizen a few weeks ago. The Council suggested that the concerned citizen be asked to submit an application for a street vacation, if he desired, with support from the affected property owners.

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Mayor Harrison commented on the August 20, 1998, Governor Locke conference he attended. He also commented on the August 21, 1998, meeting he attended to discuss how to apply for State and Federal monies to enhance Lakewood's Regional Transit Authority station.

Mayor Harrison noted that he gave a deposition on the pawn shops.

Mayor Harrison commented on the meeting he had with the new commander of McChord Air Force Base.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK