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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 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 7:05 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; 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 Bill Kittrell by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on September 10, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., the Police Chief candidates community forum meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

On September 24, 1998, a tentative Pierce County Planning Committee meeting is scheduled to consider the City's proposal on including military lands in its Urban Growth Area.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Cho and Dobson reported on the designing of a skate park and working to get more youth involved in giving input on youth concerns.

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Mayor Harrison deferred from the agenda to discuss the agenda topic on the briefing on the South Tacoma Way and Pacific Highway SW corridor plan.

Briefing on the South Tacoma Way and Pacific Highway SW corridor plan.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the preliminary consulting cost estimates from three consulting firms to develop a plan for improving the I-5 corridor. Because of the timing in developing the Comprehensive Plan and the Capital Facilities element, he explained that there were several courses of action staff could take. The alternative courses of action consist of deferring action on preparing the I-5 plan based on the timing of the Comprehensive Plan; deferring action for 90 days; proceeding with hiring a consultant; or preparing an interim coordination and implementation strategy for the corridor area.

Discussion ensued on working on the plan and hiring the economic development officer position to assist with developing the plan; the sufficiency of deferring action for 90 days if the military annexation is successful; impacts along the corridor with the Regional Transit Authority station; and the timing of the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Maury Peerenboom, 8720 58th Avenue SW, spoke about his meeting with George Foster from the SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER regarding public transit and the progress of Sound Transit. He also spoke about sitting in on the Warren Moon show.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 17, 1998.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of August 24, 1998.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of August 24, 1998.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$134,968.29 for the period August 1-15, 1998.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,214,650.62 for the period ending August 26, 1998.

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

Sister Cities Committee meeting minutes of August 5, 1998.

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DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.

Councilmember Palmas asked if the Voucher Committee members had the opportunity to sign the claim voucher report for the period ending August 26, 1998. Finance and Systems Director Kidd indicated that he would check the original claim voucher report.

Mayor Harrison then deferred from the agenda to consider Ordinance No. 183.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 183](#) amending Section 5.16.050 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the standards of conduct and operation for adult cabarets and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 183. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

With the August 26, 1998 claim voucher report signed, Mayor Harrison called for a voice vote on the Consent Agenda.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED ADOPTING THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Richardson reported that the large trees at Pacific Highway and Bridgeport Way appear to be in distress and in need of water.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1998-32 authorizing the execution of an agreement with Nies Mapping Group, Inc., in the amount of \$69,385.28, for aerial photography and current digital data of Lakewood.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NIES MAPPING GROUP, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,385.28, FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND CURRENT DIGITAL DATA OF LAKEWOOD. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey announced that on October 1, 1998, a meeting with the Lake Steilacoom Association will be held at 7:00 p.m., at Lakewood Community Center to discuss the treatment of the lakes.

Councilmember Humphrey indicated that, in response to a letter from a citizen who expressed concern that no parking spaces could be found at the SR 512 interchange park-n-ride lot in order to take a transit bus, Pierce Transit expressed a willingness to look at finding and perhaps leasing land for additional parking spaces. He also indicated that Pierce Transit is working on transportation needs for those working on Ft. Lewis.

Councilmember Richardson suggested that staff look into the feasibility of having different licensing rules for "neighborhood" pubs similar to Canada. He explained that in Canada, "neighborhood" pubs are required to close at

11:00 p.m., when the City's establishments normally close at 2:00 a.m.

Councilmember Richardson asked staff to investigate if the City could provide for occasional hazardous waste pickups. He explained that a recent news article reported that Steilacoom had lowered garbage rates and was providing garbage containers for certain events.

Councilmember Davis noted that in addition to serving on the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) she also serves on the RTA Government Affairs and Communication Committee. She then distributed copies of several informational pamphlets on light rail, bicycle facilities, Tacoma's light rail, the regional express bus routes and projected RTA schedules.

Councilmember Thomas reported that the Lions Club was having difficulty maintaining problematic sites in Lakewood and will be closing three sites. One site is located at Vernon and Washington Boulevard and another site is at KMart.

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Councilmember Thomas asked for an update on vehicular speeding on Hipkins Road. Acting Police Chief Bisson reported that over a three day police emphasis period a total of 62 tickets were issued for speeding, no seat belt, no insurance, etc. She noted that those stopped were speeding more than ten miles per hour over the posted limit. The highest speed was clocked at 57 miles per hour. She explained that the emphasis began on a Thursday and by Saturday it had tapered off. She indicated that periodic police emphasis will be made on that street.

Councilmember Thomas asked for an update on the locked gate at the end of Lake City Boulevard. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the lock and barbed wire has been removed from the gate.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that several citizens have expressed concern that the garage sale ordinance allows each individual to have four garage sales per year. She explained that the ordinance is based on the number of times an individual may have a garage sale versus the number of times garage sales can be held at a specific location. She indicated that citizens have expressed concern about the proliferation of garage sales at Interlaaken and Washington Boulevard.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the enlightening experience he had going on a ride-a-long with a Code Enforcement staff person around north Lakewood.

Councilmember Palmas asked if staff could work with Clover Park Technical College about the possibilities to make the bus area at Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive a little bigger for those waiting for buses.

Deputy Mayor Thomas complimented the beautiful Lakewood signs at Nyanza and Washington Boulevard.

Deputy Mayor Thomas congratulated the Finance Department staff for receiving the professional financial award.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked what role Council will play during the Soundshake drill. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the role of the Council will be minimal. He explained that throughout the drill Council will be receiving information and will be kept apprised of the City's status so the information could be passed on to citizens.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that on September 24, 1998, there will be a training session for the Youth Advisors on their duties for the year.

Mayor Harrison asked staff to check on the status of the pie-shaped property next to the 7-11 on Custer and Bridgeport Way which has a "for sale" sign.

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Mayor Harrison indicated that he had received no comments on the press release regarding the People's Plaza City Hall settlement.

Mayor Harrison asked who was the new property owner of Acorn Meadows Mobile Home Park and what follow-up work has been done in preparation of the October 1, 1998, deadline to have the families moved from the park.

Mayor Harrison reported that he and City Manager Rohlfs met with Eagle Hardware executives on August 28, 1998, to express the City's interest to have Eagle Hardware move to Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison asked if Ft. Lewis had responded to the City's request for their assistance with policing American Lake. Deputy City Manager Neiditz indicated that there has not been a formal response.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Association of Washington Cities regional meeting with legislators will be held on October 28, 1998, at 6:00 p.m., at the LaQuinta Inn in Tacoma.

Mayor Harrison announced that the City Hall holiday party is scheduled for December 12, 1998, at the Ft. Lewis Golf Club.

Mayor Harrison reported that a letter was sent to the new U. S. Postmaster General about recognizing the City's name of "Lakewood." Mayor Harrison requested that staff keep on top of this request.

Mayor Harrison complimented the work and efforts of City staff and expressed his appreciation of the kudo letters received from citizens for the City's work.

Mayor Harrison displayed a copy of the City of University Place's "Construction Newsletter" which is mailed to University Place citizens on public works projects going on in their city. Mayor Harrison recommended that the City consider sending out a similar news flyer when there are street construction projects in our city.

Council recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

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Briefing on the 1999 City of Lakewood Budget goals and objectives.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that in 1999 the City may incur some significant revenues. They include:

Tacoma Empowerment Consortium	\$2-2.5 million annually (if awarded)
Referendum 49	\$400,000 (if it passes)
Sewer and electric franchise fees	(revenues not being included in the 1999 budget because of timing)
Annexation	\$400,000 - \$500,000 partial funding in 1999 could be generated if successful
CDBG	In 1999, the City is still contracting with the Consortium.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that a contingent budget will be developed in case of passage of Referendum 49.

City Manager Rohlfs explained that departments would be presenting 1999 goals.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reviewed the 1999 goals for the Municipal Court, as follows:

1. Enhance the work crew program.
2. Provide a probation monitoring service.
3. Enhance electronic home monitoring.
4. Enhance courtroom security.
5. Review performance of the collection services contract.

Discussion ensued on courtroom security and the collection contract rate of return.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed the Finance and Information Systems 1999 goals, as follows:

1. Secure a financial management software/hardware package.
2. Reorganize the Information Systems division to more fully reflect the needs of the City and to be consistent with the changing technology industry.
3. Acquire and install a business license module in conjunction with the Sierra Permit software program.
4. Have all reporting businesses submit the Sales and Use Tax Report.
5. Set up a fixed assets database in Access.
6. Establish database standards.
7. Expand Internet and Intranet usage.
8. Implement high speed connection to the Pierce County Fiber Optic ring.
9. Establish the City's Web page.
10. Establish the level of digital photography to assist developing GIS data.

Discussion ensued on the fixed asset database, web page and information systems.

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General Service Director/City Clerk Bush then reviewed the General Services Department/City Clerk's Office goals for 1999, as follows:

1. Develop the Records Management program.
2. Develop the Sister Cities program.
3. Implement a Historic and Arts program.
4. One Percent for the Arts program.
5. Study Community Development Block Grant funds feasibility of becoming an entitlement city.
6. Coordinate City events and functions.

Discussion ensued on the Records Management Program and seeking public input on the feasibility of establishing a One Percent for the Arts Program.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss potential land acquisition and personnel matters.

Council recessed at 11:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

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