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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 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; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

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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; Civil Engineer Ken Gunther; Principal Planner Roger Blaylock; 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 Deputy Mayor Thomas by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that City staff will be meeting with Pierce County staff on September 16, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., to discuss the proposed annexation of military lands. He announced that the Pierce County Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for September 24, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

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Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported that Lakewood Police will be on the TCI government channel, "Sheriff's Report" to discuss domestic violence issues.

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Councilmember Thomas arrived at 7:07 p.m.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that a presentation and demonstration on the Law Enforcement Support Agency LEADS 2000 project will be held on September 17, 1998.

City Manager Rohlfs noted that the Police Department's September enforcement schedule will be distributed to Councilmembers.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation declaring September 17-23, 1998, as *Constitution Week*.

Mayor Harrison declared September 17-23, 1998, as *Constitution Week* and presented a proclamation to Ms. Holly Ann Muller.

Proclamation declaring October 1998 as *Head Injury Awareness Month*.

Councilmember Palmas declared the month of October 1998 as *Head Injury Awareness Month*.

Gift of artwork from Lakewood Art Guild Multicultural Activities (LAGMA).

Ms. Francoise Dubrulle, President of LAGMA, presented a donation of seven art pieces. The art work donated were:

1. "Cat Nap" - original sculpture by Lee Ann Seaburg Perry.
2. "Lakewood Theater" - original painting by Lee Lynden.
3. "The Clown" - original oil painting by Spanish artist J. Gorda.
4. "Boats in Brittany" - print by J. P. Bertaux Marais.
5. "Boats" - poster by J. P. Bertaux Marais.
6. "Kimono" - original etching (hand-painted) by F. M. Dubrulle.
7. "Cannes" - original oil painting by F. M. Dubrulle

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1999 City of Lakewood Budget goals and objectives.

Human Resources & Services Director Young presented the 1999 Human Resources goals as follows:

1. Develop Comprehensive Safety/Risk Management program.
2. Further enhance in-house training for employee development.
3. Develop and maintain comprehensive Personnel Policy Manual.

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Human Services goals are as follows:

1. Assess the value of a uniform funding application consistent with United Way.
2. Increase participation in monetary support in the Lakewood's Promise/Collaboration effort.
3. Increase community service of local youths.
4. Develop Human Services element in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion ensued on staff projects that can be submitted for recognition and awards; using the City's web page and cable provider to advertise the City's programs; and involving more businesses in the Human Services Collaboration.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz presented the 1999 Deputy City Manager's Office goals as follows:

1. Enhance the City's public information and economic development opportunities by establishing an Economic Development/Public Information Officer position.
2. Preserve and enhance viability in Lakewood's International Business District and other business districts.
3. Staff the Empowerment Zone initiative.
4. Implement the Economic Development element of the Comprehensive Plan.
5. Implement the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
6. Implement the five year Public Safety Strategic Plan.

Discussion ensued on the Economic Development/Public Information Officer position and the timing for filling the position.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the 1999 goals for Parks and Recreation, as follows:

1. Implement the first phase of the Parks Master Plan for recreation services.
2. Pursue General Obligation bond proposal for parks capital improvements.
3. Develop a neighborhood park in the McChord Gate area.
4. Develop skate park facility at Ft. Steilacoom Park.
5. Secure a purchase agreement to acquire Phase I of Wards Lake Park.

Discussion ensued on a Recreation Coordinator position; a skate park at Ft. Steilacoom Park; the potential closing of the Lakewood Community Center; a General Obligation bond proposal; and flooding at Wards Lake Park.

City Manager Rohlf's briefly reviewed the Non-Departmental budget; adding \$151,810 to the Contingency Fund; transferring \$3 million from the General Fund Reserves to Municipal Fund Capital Improvement Projects; establishing the Local Improvement District Fund; and reviewed the Equipment Rental Fund for replacement vehicles.

Discussion ensued on creating a "pool" of City vehicles to be used on City business.

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Authorizing the execution of an addendum to the agreement with EDAW, Inc., in the amount of \$72,885, to prepare the Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

Principal Planner Blaylock reviewed the proposed addendum to the agreement with EDAW, Inc., to prepare the Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

Discussion ensued on what was approved in the budget for developing the Environmental Impact Statement; publication costs of the Environmental Impact Statement; analyzing the traffic by realigning Gravelly Lake Drive south of Steilacoom Boulevard; and scheduling meetings with the Council to provide updates on the development of the Plan.

Approving the nominations of selected areas in the City of Lakewood as a federal Empowerment Zone and supporting the submission of an application and strategic plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for designation as an Empowerment Zone.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed resolution for approving nominations of selected areas in Lakewood as federal Empowerment Zones.

Discussion ensued on the merits of sending letters from other jurisdictions expressing support for the designation as an Empowerment Zone.

Opposing the current implementation of the State of Washington Juvenile Justice Administration Intensive Parole

**Supervision Program and urging the Governor and Legislature to implement the Intensive Parole Program.**

**Mayor Harrison reviewed the proposed resolution to oppose the current Intensive Parole Supervision Program and urging the Governor and Legislature to implement the Intensive Parole Program. Mayor Harrison explained that under the current program, extremely high-risk juvenile offenders will be released back into communities without the authority to ever be called back.**

**Discussion ensued on seeking the Association of Washington Cities and Human Services Collaboration support on this effort.**

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 21, 1998 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

**1. Authorizing the execution of an addendum to the agreement with EDAW, Inc., in the amount of \$72,885, to prepare the Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)**

**2. Approving the nominations of selected areas in the City of Lakewood as a federal Empowerment Zone and supporting the submission of an application and strategic plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for designation as an Empowerment Zone. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)**

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**3. Opposing the current implementation of the State of Washington Juvenile Justice Administration Intensive Parole Supervision Program and urging the Governor and Legislature to implement the Intensive Parole Program. - (Resolution)**

**4. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the moratorium on the filing of applications for residential density incentives and/or planned unit developments.**

**There were no comments.**

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**None.**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Humphrey commented that the Police Chief candidates community forum, held last week, was well done.**

**Councilmember Humphrey indicated that the agenda for the October 1, 1998 Lake Steilacoom Association meeting has been prepared. He explained that he will be touring all of the lakes to better understand their distinction from one another. He commented that rules and regulations for each lake will be developed.**

**Councilmember Humphrey stated that he and City Manager Rohlfs attended a gaming operations meeting.**

**Councilmember Humphrey indicated that Pierce Transit is looking at redeployment of their equipment because of Sound Transit.**

**Councilmember Humphrey complimented the attractiveness of the traffic island at Gravelly Lake Drive and Nyanza.**

**Councilmember Davis thanked Councilmember Palmas for the information on creating study circles on race issues in Lakewood.**

**Councilmember Davis expressed her support for exploring ways to support the new Tacoma Art Museum. She explained the importance of the arts and that the Tacoma Art Museum is a regional issue which the City should help to support.**

**Councilmember Thomas reminded citizens to vote tomorrow.**

**Councilmember Palmas encouraged the City to be a sponsor to develop a study circle on race issues.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas expressed support for the arts and art opportunities; and how to regionalize the arts and culture to raise the level of consciousness.**

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**Deputy Mayor Thomas also expressed support for Lakewood to be involved in a study circle on race issues.**

**Mayor Harrison encouraged Councilmembers to review the paper on cable franchise negotiations and provide the City Manager with any comments.**

**Mayor Harrison requested an update on the agenda item on Parks and Recreation/School District Partnerships as listed on the October 12, 1998 Joint City Council/School Board meeting agenda.**

**Mayor Harrison called on City Attorney Heid who explained that the ruling on Vision Bar was to deny the Vision Bar's request for an injunction.**

**Mayor Harrison noted that there were approximately 35 people who attended last week's POW/MIA flag raising ceremony at City Hall.**

**Councilmember reported that on September 21, 1998, there will be a Law Enforcement Support Agency Board Study Session to consider Lakewood's request to be a voting member of the Board.**

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**Mayor Harrison announced that the Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 25 minutes to discuss contract performance and personnel matters.**

**Council recessed at 10:00 p.m. and reconvened at 11:40 p.m..**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**