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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

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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; 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 Connie Lacadie, Clover Park School District Board Member, by request of Mayor Harrison.

Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Harrison wished Deputy Mayor Thomas a happy birthday and presented her with a birthday cookie. Councilmembers and the audience sang "Happy Birthday."

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REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Councilmembers were provided a copy of the Okinawa City exchange student itinerary of activities. He asked Councilmembers interested in attending any of the planned activities to please RSVP by September 28, 1998.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Pierce County Council Planning Committee, made up of five of the seven members of the Pierce County Council, will be holding a hearing on Thursday, September 24, 1998, to consider

Lakewood's proposal to include military lands in its Urban Growth Area. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., however, Lakewood's proposal will be heard at approximately 1:00 p.m.

City Manager Rohlf reported that staff has met with Pierce County Executive staff to work out a revenue sharing agreement, which is required under the Urban Growth Area proposal. He indicated that staff discovered that the City is legally required to give the County's portion of the revenues to the County. He explained that the County has some concerns. If the City were to use its revenues for public safety and place more police officers on the street, it could result in more felony arrests which would impact the County's court system. The City is working with the County to reach an understanding of the computation used to determine the cost of these impacts.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation on the Tacoma Art Museum Capital Campaign.

Mr. Chase Rynd, Executive Director of the Tacoma Art Museum, spoke about the construction of a new 50,000 square foot Tacoma Art Museum. He explained that the Tacoma Art Museum is seeking \$25 million for construction of this new facility.

Ms. Wendy Griffin, Tacoma Art Museum Board Chair, asked for Lakewood's help to support the new museum.

Ms. Connie Bacon, Tacoma Art Museum Boardperson, spoke about the Museum's student art education program. She explained that Pierce County will be participating in the new museum campaign through its one percent for the arts jail fund. She requested that the Council consider providing approximately \$50,000 over a three-year period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Charles F. Gordon, 7504 88th Avenue SW, expressed concerns about the City breaking the People's Plaza lease. He then spoke in support of the City's proposal to include the military bases in its Urban Growth Area. He also expressed support for the new Tacoma Art Museum.

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Reginald Howard, 7408 58th Court SW, Masonic lodge member, spoke about involving the community in charity drives, helping at-risk youths and participating in adopt-a-road programs.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 8, 1998.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 10, 1998.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 14, 1998.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$163,221.96 for the period August 16-31, 1998.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$458,573.28 for the period ending September 15, 1998.

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

Sister Cities Committee meeting minutes of August 26, 1998.

G. [Resolution No. 1998-30](#)

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.

H. Motion No. 1998-33

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.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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.

Speaking before the Council were:

There were no comments.

The hearing was declared closed.

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ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 184](#) amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan to add and modify employment positions and salaries.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 184. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1998-31](#) 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.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-31. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf asked Councilmembers to provide him with any comments to be included in the document for the Pierce County Planning Committee meeting on September 24, 1998.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Richardson reported that he attended the POW/MIA luncheon on September 18, 1998, to represent the Mayor and Lakewood. He noted that he will attend the September 24, 1998 Pierce County Planning Committee meeting. He suggested that Councilmembers coordinate with each other on the testimony they will give to prevent duplication.

Councilmember Davis reported that she will not be attending the September 28, 1998 City Council meeting.

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Councilmember Thomas asked staff to look into removing the basketball hoop that has reappeared in the middle of the street in Tillicum. She also noted there is an increasing problem with graffiti in Tillicum. She asked staff to also check to see if there was any graffiti on the beach wall in Harry Todd Park.

Councilmember Palmas reported that the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA) Board meeting to discuss Lakewood having a voting seat on the Board went well. He explained that some of the members still had concerns about liability issues; and if Lakewood wanted to be a voting member, it should share in the liability. He explained there was a question about a potential conflict with Lakewood being a contractual city for LESA and police services and then being able to vote on LESA matters. Another concern was the distribution of LESA assets should LESA ever dissolve.

Councilmember Palmas announced that the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation will be hosting a fundraising luncheon on November 4, 1998, with Judith Billings as the keynote speaker.

Councilmember Palmas asked if the City would participate as a sponsor for study circles on race issues.

Councilmember Palmas reported that he knows of a citizen who is willing to help construct the City's web page.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the Lions Club on Saturday cleaned up Bridgeport Way SW from I-5 to Custer Road.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that she will be attending the legislative dinner on October 28, 1998, at La Quinta Inn.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Tacoma Urban League dinner she attended on September 17, 1998. She then commented on the luncheon meeting she attended on September 16, 1998, with Commander Colonel Ray Johns of McChord Air Force Base.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked when the construction along Washington Boulevard would be completed. Civil Engineer Gunther replied that construction should be completed within the next two weeks.

Mayor Harrison commented on the LEADS 2000 ceremony he attended. He announced that the Pierce County Regional Council meeting was canceled.

Mayor Harrison commented on the good turnout at the Lakewood/University Place picnic.

Mayor Harrison noted that he had the opportunity to meet with the Port of Tacoma Executive Director.

Mayor Harrison stated that THE NEWS TRIBUNE article on the military annexation was a good article.

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Mayor Harrison reminded Councilmembers that tomorrow, September 22, 1998, is Soundshake, the emergency disaster drill.

Mayor Harrison requested that a news article on chip sealing be written to inform citizens about the reasons for chip sealing and why it is more cost-effective.

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

Council recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the City Council meeting will recess to continue its meeting on until Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 5:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK