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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 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 Councilmember Palmas by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on October 12, 1998, the Council will have a joint meeting with the Clover Park School District Board at Clover Park School District Student Services Center Board Room. Following the joint meeting, Council will hold its Study Session in Conference Rooms 6A and 6B at the same location.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a memo on the progress made with the Clover Park School District on Parks and Recreation coordination.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the 1999 City Budget and requested Council to schedule two to three workshops between now and the next three weeks.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the month of October 1998, as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*.

Deputy Mayor Thomas declared the month of October 1998, as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and presented the proclamation to Ms. Karen Burgess, Domestic Violence Advocate.

Proclamation declaring the week of October 6-12, 1998, as *Mental Illness Awareness Week*.

Mayor Harrison declared the week of October 6-12, 1998, as *Mental Illness Awareness Week* and presented the proclamation to Reverend Paul Rietmann, Ms. Terri Card and Ms. Nelsa Brodie.

Proclamation declaring the week of October 4-10, 1998, as *Fire Prevention Week*.

Councilmember Richardson declared October 4-10, 1998, as *Fire Protection Week* and presented the proclamation to Fire Marshal Ken Brouillette.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisor Dobson reported on the youth forum training he and Youth Advisors Draper and Cho attended. He indicated that the Youth Advisors will be helping the Lakewood Teen Center with their "Make a Difference Day" event on October 24, 1998.

Youth Advisor Draper reported that she and Youth Advisors Cho and Dobson have been working with the Sister Cities Committee on the October 10, 1998 cultural luncheon. She explained that the Youth Advisors will be conducting the cultural activity games in Japanese.

Briefing on the modification of the Surface Water Management Program fee schedule.

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the proposed alternatives for increases in Surface Water Management fees for 1999-2004. He explained that staff is recommending that a Surface Water Management Utility be formed in 2000. The first rate increase from \$40 to approximately \$80 annually is proposed in 1999.

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Mayor Harrison moved to the Public Comment period of the agenda at this time.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane, spoke about code violations at a repair shop in Tillicum, graffiti and junk vehicles.

Paul Russell, Lakewood resident, spoke about removing trees in Clover Creek which caused flooding in the area.

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Paul Nogus, Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club President, Interlaaken, spoke about the October 1, 1998 Lake Steilacoom Association meeting in which treatment of Lake Steilacoom was discussed. He requested the Council to adopt a resolution for a peer review of the lakes. He explained that the peer review will take three months to complete.

Trena Rubble, 9909 Hipkins Road, expressed concern about flooding in her home because of the recent rain storm.

Judy Gibbs, 10304 Hipkins Road, spoke about the drainage system and flooding along Hipkins Road. She expressed concern about addressing the flooding problems and cleaning up the debris from the heavy rains. She also expressed concern about traffic speeds along Hipkins Road.

J. B. Layne, Lakewood resident, spoke about not paying attention to recent news articles to de-incorporate Lakewood. He expressed concern about having a Surface Water Management increase in fees and issuing a bond.

Mark Ceccarelli, 7204 Interlaaken, spoke about the need for a peer review of Lake Steilacoom. After diving into the lake, he noted that there is five feet of weed mass throughout the lake and the seeds from the mass will bloom next year.

Joe Still, Lakewood resident, spoke about the need for a peer review of the lake and its paramount problem.

Tiffany Spear, Master Builders Association, questioned if there were other flooding problems in Lakewood.

Council recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Harrison continued the briefing on Surface Water Management. Engineering Manager Larkin explained that staff is recommending Alternative 4.

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Discussion ensued on proposed revenues generated by the proposed fee increase being included in the 1999 budget; how projects were determined (i.e. fish barrier removal by Endangered Species Act, water quality improvements along seven storm drains, water quality in the lakes and flooding along the 84th Street area); issuance of revenue bonds; and prioritizing proposed projects.

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 21, 1998.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 23, 1998.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 28, 1998.
- D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$125,653.85 for the period September 1-15, 1998.
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,546,876.97 for the period ending September 30, 1998.
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of July 9, 1998.
 - 2. Planning Advisory Board meeting and public hearing minutes of July 22 and 29, 1998.
- G. [Ordinance No. 185](#)

Amending Section 5.12.080 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to garage sale licenses.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1998-34 awarding a contract to Ceccanti, Inc., in the amount of \$198,416.87, for sidewalk construction on Bridgeport Way SW from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks to 115th Street SW.

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RAILROAD TRACKS TO 115TH STREET SW. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reminded Councilmembers that flu shots are available on October 19, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that at the Pierce County Planning Committee meeting, the Committee is requesting that the fiscal issue about the Cross Base Highway be included in the Memorandum of Agreement on including the military bases in the City's Urban Growth Area. The condition has become problematic in that an agreement must be in place before their next meeting which is scheduled for October 27, 1998. A staff meeting is scheduled for October 19, 1998. He explained that the environmental work for the Cross Base Highway has not been completed. Also there were additional requirements included which require Department of Defense approval.

Councilmember agreed to reaffirm the City's support for the Cross Base Highway in concept, but not tie fiscal dollars.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey thanked the Lake Steilacoom Homeowners Club Vice President for attending the October 1, 1998, Lake Steilacoom Association meeting.

Councilmember Humphrey asked about the kind of traffic count records that are disclosable, and stated that traffic counts are relevant information needed to promote economic development.

Councilmember Davis noted that a recent article in the SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER noted that the light rail project was going to be more than what was budgeted. She commented that the Regional Transit Authority was working within its budget.

Councilmember Richardson thanked Engineering Manager Larkin for a well done presentation before the Lake Steilacoom Association on October 1, 1998.

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Councilmember Richardson asked when does the City receive Surface Water Management revenues. City Manager Rohlfs replied that revenues are received in May and November.

Councilmember Thomas also thanked Engineering Manager Larkin for his presentation before the Lake Steilacoom Association.

Councilmember Thomas expressed concern that without an increase in blood donors, the bank in Lakewood will be closed.

Councilmember Palmas complimented Engineering Manager Larkin for keeping a calm demeanor while under scrutiny tonight.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the Dog-a-Thon at Ft. Steilacoom Park over the weekend.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the petition to reduce speed limits on Hipkins Road.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the concerns of Foxhole and his first amendment rights.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the U. S. Postal Service response to change Lakewood's Zip Code to three numbers to address the concerns of using "Lakewood" as the City's name in their addresses.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on a meeting she attended at Pacific Lutheran University on the Odyssey Channel and programs being available.

Deputy Mayor Thomas spoke in opposition of Initiative 200 and affirmed support for Affirmative Action.

Mayor Harrison announced that the "Make a Difference Day" Fall Clean-up will begin at the Lakewood Mall on Saturday, October 24, 1998, at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Harrison noted that the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium kick-off on October 1, 1998, was well attended.

Mayor Harrison commented that the second annual Nature Fest was well attended over the weekend.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss contract performance evaluation and personnel matters.

Council recessed at 10:20 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 a.m.

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COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CITY MANAGER SCOTT ROHLFS FROM AUGUST 1, 1998 TO AUGUST 1, 2000. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the City Council meeting will recess to continue its meeting to Wednesday, October 7, 1998, at 5:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK