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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 12, 1998

Clover Park School District

Student Services Center

Rooms 6A and 6B

10903 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:50 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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REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the purchase of property for McChord Gate Park has been completed.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of press releases on *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and police marine services on Lakewood's lakes.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Pierce County has approved a 22 percent landfill increase for LeMay effective in January 1999.

City Manager explained that the meeting with Pierce County staff on the military base annexation went well and progress was made. The Cross Base Highway is not being included in the agreement and for now, the concern of including felony court costs in the agreement has been excluded from the agreement. However, Pat Kinney, Director of Finance and Budget, indicated that he will check with the County Executive if he is also in agreement.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that tonight marks three years from the date that the first Council meeting was held.

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Engineering Manager Larkin distributed copies of a letter to the Department of Ecology (DOE) on the peer review of science used by DOE. He then reviewed the contents of the letter and the need to expedite the review.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee project for "Make a Difference Day"**

Ms. Sue Badertscher reported on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee's project to clean up Lakewood streets and grounds. She explained that the clean-up rally will begin at the Lakewood Mall parking lot at 8:00 a.m., on Saturday, October 24, 1998, and volunteers will be assigned which streets to clean up.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Approving the merger of Telecommunications, Inc., with AT&T Corporation conditioned upon an agreement implementing a franchise fee increase from three percent to five percent of gross revenues.

City Manager Rohlf reviewed the proposed resolution which approves the merger of Telecommunications, Inc. (TCI) and AT&T Corporation. He explained that the resolution also implements a franchise fee increase from three percent to five percent of gross revenues conditioned upon an agreement with TCI. He explained that the proposed revenues would provide Lakewood additional annual revenues of approximately \$120,000.

Discussion ensued on TCI services that will be provided to subscribers; and consideration of joining the Rainier Cable Commission.

Briefing on cardroom applications.

Community Development Director Bugher indicated that cardroom applications have been filed by the Lakewood Chop House, Ram and the Boys and Girls Club. He explained that the Community Development Director is the decision-maker on conditional use permits for cardroom applications. He asked for the Council's direction on setting policy for the granting of applications.

Discussion ensued on implementing a moratorium; setting limitations on the number of cardrooms that can be established; setting policy on cardroom applications; and if the three applications were vested.

Councilmembers requested that a moratorium be placed on next week's agenda on cardroom applications.

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Mayor Harrison commented that cardrooms should not be permitted in residential areas and within certain distances of schools, churches and businesses.

Modifying the fee schedule for the Surface Water Management Programs.

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed two additional funding alternatives.

Discussion ensued on the depreciation fund for a utility; and whether to issue a ten-year versus six-year bond to fund projects in a six-year plan.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 19, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Approving the merger of Telecommunications, Inc., with AT&T Corporation conditioned upon an agreement implementing a franchise fee increase from three percent to five percent of gross revenues. - (Resolution)
2. Setting Monday, November 16, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 1999 City of Lakewood Budget and the mill levy rate. - (Consent Agenda)
3. Setting Monday, December 7, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the request to vacate Beach Lane from Steilacoom Boulevard southwesterly approximately 100 feet. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
4. Claims for damages. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

There were no comments.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlf asked Councilmembers for their signatures on two letters addressed to Pierce County.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey noted that at the Pierce Transit Board meeting, the Board discussed bus shelters and advertising on them. He commented that Pierce Transit will be coming to the City to discuss advertising signs on bus shelters.

Councilmember Palmas asked Councilmembers to support creating a non-arterial street lights fund.

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Councilmember Palmas asked City Attorney Heid to discuss the placement and removal of political signs. Councilmembers asked staff to notify political candidates of the City's code and enforcement on political signs.

Councilmember Davis reported that she has been attending meetings to discuss the development of bus routes for the Regional Transit Authority.

Mayor Harrison read a card he received on the wonderful work done on Washington Boulevard.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

Council recessed at 10:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**