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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 19, 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 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - 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 Rohlf; Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Senior Budget Finance Analyst Kim Frazier; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Assistant 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 Kameron Lewis, Captain of the Lakes Lancers Dance Team, by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

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Mayor Harrison moved to the Public Comments portion of the agenda.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Tacoma Councilmember Bill Baarsma, 3709 W Madison, spoke in support of the Rainier Cable Commission and recommended Lakewood to join the Commission. He emphasized the importance of rates and services.*

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*Bill Oltman, Rainier Cable Commission, spoke about franchise negotiations with TCI which Rainier Cable Commission provides its memberships; maintenance of the franchise; handling of cable complaints; and providing programming services.*

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*Mayor Barbara Skinner, Sumner, encouraged Lakewood to join the Rainier Cable Commission and the expertise the Commission has been able to provide Sumner with negotiations and cable franchise.*

*Marc Pease, Director of the Regional Media Center, spoke about the services of the Regional Media Center and how the Center can provide benefits to Lakewood.*

*Linda Smith, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, asked the Council to support the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce to market and promote tourism in Lakewood. She requested the Council to create a hotel/motel tax advisory committee.*

*Nancy Watkins, Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau, distributed copies of the Visitor and Convention Bureau's tourism brochure and requested funding of \$25,000 in 1999.*

*Dr. Robert Klein and Dr. Dale Tommervik, Custer Physical Therapy, spoke about leaving their existing business sign up until the four-lane construction of Custer Road is completed.*

*Pete Lamb, Clover Park School District volunteer, expressed concern about low morale in the Clover Park School District and asked for help to address the situation.*

*Lakes Dance Team, Lakes High School, asked for support in representing Lakewood in the national dance team competition in Orlando, Florida.*

*Skip Harrison, South Tacoma Way businessman, spoke about the non-responsiveness by the Police Department on a burglary and the prompt code enforcement response to remove his flag pole and signs.*

*Billie Jean Snider, 220 S I Street, Cascade Regional Blood Service Center, expressed concern about the closure of the Blood Center if the number of donors does not increase.*

*Robbie Dayton, 10823 Evergreen, spoke about Resolution No. 1998-32 and noted that Herb Dayton was not the applicant for this street vacation request.*

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

**A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 5, 1998.**

**B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 7, 1998.**

**C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 8, 1998.**

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**D. Approval of the minutes of the Joint City Council/School Board meeting of October 12, 1998.**

**E. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of October 12, 1998.**

**F. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$167,372.27 for the period September 16-30, 1998.**

**G. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$319,118.92 for the period ending October 14, 1998.**

**H. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**

**1. Planning Advisory Board meeting and public hearing minutes of September 30, 1998.**

**2. Lakewood Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of September 10, 1998.**

**I. [Resolution No. 1998-32](#)**

**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 Lake Steilacoom southwesterly approximately 100 feet. (Herb Dayton; File No. VAC 98-003)

**J. Motion No. 1998-35**

Denying claims for damages.

K. 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.

L. Setting Monday, December 21, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing before the City Council on the appeal of the Hearing Examiner's Decision relative to the application for a public facilities permit. (Western State Hospital; Case No. LU98059)

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Councilmember Richardson arrived at 8:40 p.m.

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Mayor Harrison noted that under Item No. L, the date of the appeal hearing has been changed to January 4, 1999, and that the applicant name of "Herb Dayton" under Item No. I, Resolution No. 1998-32, will be removed as the applicant.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT THE AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

[Resolution No. 1998-33](#) approving the amendment to the Telecommunications, Inc., cable television franchise agreement, increasing the franchise fee from three percent to five percent of gross revenues.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-33 SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

[Resolution No. 1998-34](#) approving the merger of Telecommunications, Inc., with AT&T Corporation

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-34 SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Resolution No. 1998-35](#) authorizing the execution of the memorandum of agreement with Pierce County relative to the amendment of Lakewood's Comprehensive Urban Growth Area boundaries to include McChord Air Force Base, portions of Fort Lewis (the Cantonment Area) and Camp Murray.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-35 SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

[Resolution No. 1998-36](#) establishing a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities in the City of Lakewood and setting Monday, November 2, 1998, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider said moratorium.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1998-36 SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Council Budget Workshop will be held on October 22, 1998, at 5:30 p.m., at the Lakewood Police Station.

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City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's guidance in responding to Dr. Shirl Gilbert's Tacoma Empowerment Consortium letter on Initiative 200.

City Manager Rohlfs requested Council to provide him with any comments on the draft letter to Jim Conrad, Gateway Incorporation Committee member, for financial information.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a draft letter to Pierce County Council Chairperson Karen Biskey and asked Councilmembers for comments. Councilmembers concurred with the draft letter.

City Manager Rohlfs introduced Police Chief Larry Saunders and Assistant Police Chief Eileen Bisson. Mayor Harrison presented Assistant Police Chief Eileen Bisson with a certificate of appreciation for her service as Acting Police Chief.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey reported on an informative Safe Streets meeting he attended. He also reported on the October 15, 1998, Lakes Management meeting and announced that the next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 1998.

Councilmember Davis reported that she will be meeting with Pierce Transit to discuss moving the SR 512 Park-n-Ride lot for a larger lot.

Councilmember Davis indicated that she will not be attending the October 22, 1998 Pierce County Planning Committee meeting because of a conflict with a Regional Transit Authority meeting.

Councilmember Davis indicated that she was pleased that the Clover Park School District was willing to make school playgrounds available as neighborhood parks.

Councilmember Davis went on record expressing her concern about the management and leadership at Clover Park School District.

Councilmember Palmas expressed his support for joining the Rainier Cable Commission.

Councilmember Palmas reported that in his latest conversation with Representative Mike Carrell, Representative Carrell requested that the Council revisit the sign code and the size of allowable signs.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the historical event she attended at McChord Air Force Base and the naming of a street, Tuskegee Boulevard.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that the Human Services Collaboration are reviewing the grant applications for human services funding. She indicated that four food banks in Lakewood noted that there was not enough food to feed the hungry in Lakewood. She suggested that there be a food drive at City Hall where food can be donated.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the U.S. Post Office had sent a letter to each Lakewood household indicating that the Postal Office will recognize the City name of "Lakewood" in all mailing addresses.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Hudtloff Middle School jog-a-thon on October 15, 1998.

Mayor Harrison commented on the tour of housing units he went on at McChord Air Force Base.

Mayor Harrison thanked General Services Director/City Clerk Bush for putting together the Okinawa City student exchange event on October 17, 1998.

Mayor Harrison announced that on October 24, 1998, the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee will be holding a kick-off rally at 8:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. Lochburn Middle School will also hold a kick-off for "Make a Difference Day."

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss land negotiations.

Council recessed at 10:05 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**