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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 26, 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: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Staff Present: City Attorney Dan Heid; Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Brewster; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Chief Larry Saunders and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Attorney Heid announced that the Pierce County Council meeting to consider Lakewood's proposal to include military bases in the City's Urban Growth Area, will be held on October 27, 1998, at 3:00 p.m.

City Attorney Heid announced that a memorandum on the new combination to the employee break room door was distributed to Councilmembers.

City Attorney Heid called on Assistant to the City Manager Brewster to review a draft letter to the Pierce County Consortium on the City's priorities for Community Development Block Grant funds in this year's funding cycle. Councilmembers discussed the need to add food and emergency shelters, services for seniors and community centers.

City Attorney Heid requested an Executive Session for five minutes to discuss pending litigation.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Briefing on abatement proceedings at 9620 Washington Boulevard SW.

Community Development Director Bugher reported on the abatement proceedings at the property located at 9620 Washington Boulevard. He explained that once the Council authorizes the expenditure of funds to correct the violations, a lien can be placed on the property in an effort to recoup costs.

Discussion ensued on whether there has been any activity on the property; liability concerns; and drug abatements.

Amending the service charges and credits for the Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Program.

Engineering Manager Larkin recommended that a rate increase be approved for the Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Program. He recommended that an \$8 million 20-year bond be issued which would fund a six-year Surface Water Management Plan through 2004. He also recommended that a \$3.18 rate over the base be implemented. Two dollars and forty-two cents would be allocated for implementation of the lakes management plan and seventy-six cents for a potential increase for interest on the bond.

Discussion ensued on the rate and the length of the term of the bond; keeping the rate close to \$100 versus having a 20-year bond; developing a fact sheet on how the funds will be used and explaining that some of the services are mandated; and allowing credits for low-income, elderly and disabled.

Approving the Westview Park final plat map for subdividing 3.49 acres located east of Lake Louise off of Westview Drive SW into eleven single-family lots. (Carl Stillman; Case Number LU98051)

Staff reported that the Westview Park final plat was not ready for discussion at this time.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 1998, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending the service charges and credits for the Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Program. - (Ordinance)
2. Approving the Westview Park final plat map for subdividing 3.49 acres located east of Lake Louise off of Westview Drive SW into eleven single-family lots. (Carl Stillman; Case Number LU98051) - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
3. United Way Silver Award Presentation.

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4. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities.
5. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendment for service charges and credits for the Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Program.

Mayor Harrison announced that Item No. 2 will not be scheduled for the November 2, 1998 Council meeting.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement by the Pierce County Executive to include military lands in the City's Urban Growth Area.

Councilmember Humphrey announced that he and Deputy Mayor Thomas will be attending a meeting with the Department of Ecology and the Lake Steilacoom Association.

Councilmember Thomas reported on a civics class she taught at Lakes High School. She commented that the students were interested in eminent domain and the building of a skateboard park.

Councilmember Davis announced that on October 28, 1998, there will be a hearing on the I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (H-O-V) lanes expansion.

Councilmember Palmas commented on a letter he received from Mr. Baker who expressed an interest to volunteer in the office of aviation if the City should create one.

Councilmember Richardson announced that the Clover Park and Lakes High School football game will be held on October 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked those who participated in "Make a Difference Day" activities on October 24, 1998. She asked Councilmembers if they would be interested in having youths shadow them for a day so they can learn what it is like to be a Councilmember. The time spent with the youths can be counted towards Lakewood's Promise.

Mayor Harrison commented on the October 22, 1998 Pierce County Regional Council meeting during which Referendum 49 was discussed.

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Mayor Harrison reported that at the October 23, 1998 Conference for Mayors meeting, there were requests by a few mayors for a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement on the annexation of military lands and discussion about possibly challenging the Agreement.

Mayor Harrison commented on the October 24, 1998 "Make a Difference Day" activities. He noted that Lochburn Middle School event was packed and has taken on a life of its own.

Mayor Harrison indicated that Congressman Norm Dicks and Senator Patty Murray came to the City today to discuss what Lakewood was doing in the area of public safety.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Second Annual Auction of the Lakewood First Lions Club.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess to Executive Session for approximately five minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK