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JOINT LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

AND STATE LEGISLATORS

MINUTES

Monday, December 7, 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 6:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Washington State 2nd District Legislators Present: 2 - Senator Marilyn Rasmussen (arrived at 6:20 p.m.) and Representative Roger Bush (arrived at 6:25 p.m.).

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Washington State 28th District Legislator Present: 1 - Senator Shirley Winsley

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; 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 Mayor Harrison.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS:

City Manager Rohlfs provided a briefing on transportation funding levels and the need for funds for basic operating costs. He emphasized the need for the I-5/SR-512 interchange and the HOV project.

Senator Winsley indicated that the transportation bonds to be issued will be tied to the gas tax. She also agreed with the need to address the congestion at I-5/SR-512. She noted that emphasis is being placed on the SR-16 bridge.

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Discussion ensued on the RTA Lakewood commuter rail station and the need for a larger park-n-ride lot. Senator Rasmussen suggested that the City work on public/private partnerships for possible business development to be spurred as a result of the park-n-ride lot.

City Manager Rohlfs noted that Lakewood currently contracts with Pierce County for jail services. Citizens are currently paying a 1/10 of 1 percent sales tax for the building of a new jail. Cities who contract with the County for jails services, also pay capital costs through jail use costs charged to cities. Cities are asking for legislation to clarify to the County that cities shouldn't have to pay capital costs twice.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Tacoma is proposing to use a sales tax base for a Community Revitalization Act and take the growth in the sales tax roll to spur re-investment. Senator Winsley indicated that she is one of the sponsors of the bill.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the telecommunications industry will be back to ask legislators to take away cities' control in its rights-of-way. He asked legislators to support the cities on this.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that last year Shoreline initiated legislation on electric utility taxation. He explained that the legislation is proposed to be reintroduced and would have a negative impact on Lakewood. He asked legislators to not support the proposed legislation.

City Attorney Heid asked for support to change the language on sales tax applications for personal dance services. He asked legislators to support adding adult entertainment dancing to items that are taxable.

Engineering Manager Larkin requested that the permitting activity legislation on the lakes be supported by the Legislators. Senator Rasmussen noted that this issue must be addressed and it also encompasses the water sheds as well as residents who live around the lakes.

OTHER

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented that after attending the National League of Cities conference, a topic of national concern which was discussed concerned the loss of sales tax through Internet shopping.

Representative Bush noted that the concept of the Internet is a constant educational process to keep people informed.

Mayor Harrison distributed copies of a letter from Governor Locke and the resolution adopted by the Council concerning the release of juvenile offenders. He asked the Legislators to support the juvenile parole program.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

