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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 7, 1998

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, Assistant Police Chief Eileen Bisson; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Cho, Draper and Dobson introduced several students who expressed interest and are serving on the Youth Committee. They also reported on their efforts to help set up Lakewood's Promise Community Fair.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on December 14, 1998 a Special City Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. to consider the San Moritz, D & M Development, LLC appeal.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there are two vacancies on the Planning Advisory Board. Interested citizens may submit applications through January 8, 1999.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the first month of the work crew program brought jail savings of \$3,700 and labor valued at \$6,000.

City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to let him know if there was a Councilmember who was interested in serving on the interview panel for the Economic Development Community Relations Officer position.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring December 1998 as *Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month*.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring December 1998 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month to Deputy Gene Allen.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Lyle Kaiser, 7109 87th Street, spoke about the City's zoning for 18 wheelers and keeping them from parking near 7109 87th Street.*

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*Bill Kittrell, Lakewood resident representing the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Chamber will be discussing the I-5/SR-512 interchange and funding for the interchange at the Chamber's December 10, 1998 breakfast meeting.*

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 16, 1998.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of November 23, 1998.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of November 23, 1998.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the Joint City Council/Planning Advisory Board meeting of December 1, 1998.
- E. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$123,896.85 for the period November 1-15, 1998.
- F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$851,562.58 for the period ending November 25, 1998.
- G. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$77,290.43 for the period ending December 2, 1998.
- H. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Sister Cities Committee Meeting minutes of October 28, 1998.
  - 2. Planning Advisory Board Workshop minutes of October 21 and 28, 1998.
  - 3. City Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of November 12, 1998.

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### **I. Ordinance No. 190**

Amending Ordinance Nos. 143 and 179 establishing and amending the City of Lakewood Employee Recognition Program to provide for honorable mention awards.

### **J. Resolution No. 1998-39**

Authorizing the expenditure of City funds to abate a public nuisance at 9620 Washington Boulevard SW, and to take steps necessary, including legal process and liens on the property, to recover said funds.

### **K. Motion No. 1998-39**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad providing for the improvement of the railroad crossing of Steilacoom Boulevard SW, east of Lakeview Avenue.

### **L. Motion No. 1998-40**

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Hammond, Collier & Wade-Livingston Associates, Inc., to provide preliminary engineering services for various sidewalk improvement projects.

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

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

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the request to vacate Beach Lane from Lake Steilacoom southwesterly approximately 100 feet. (File No. VAC 98-003)

Because the applicant for the Beach Lane street vacation was not provided timely notice of the City's staff report, the hearing was continued to the earliest opportunity.

The hearing was declared closed at 8:20 p.m.

### **ORDINANCES**

[Ordinance No. 191](#) amending Sections 13.06.150 and 13.06.170 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to garbage utility rates.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 191. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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[Ordinance No. 192](#) adopting by reference Pierce County Ordinance No. 89-46 which adopts Chapter 13.06 of the Pierce County Code entitled "Pierce County Sewer Utility Prohibited Discharges and Industrial Pretreatment Regulations" relative to prohibiting the discharge of unlawful wastes and regulating the pretreatment of sanitary sewage wastewater.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 192. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilmember Richardson asked for a status report on the efforts taken to change the electric service provider for the Southgate neighborhood from Puget Power to Lakeview Light.

Councilmember Richardson asked if staff was checking into car washing facilities draining their water into storm drains. City Manager Larkin indicated that emphasis on enforcement will be made when additional staff is hired next year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion No. 1998-41 authorizing the execution of an amendment to the contract with NEIS Mapping Group, Inc., in the amount of \$140,000, for planimetric data.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH NEIS MAPPING GROUP, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000, FOR PLANIMETRIC DATA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

**City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a new budget reporting form for the Council's review.**

**City Manager Rohlfs announced that ninety people will be coming to the City's holiday party.**

**City Attorney Heid distributed a copy of a memorandum in support of a summary judgment on the Pierce County Woodbrook case. He announced that the sewer franchise declaratory judgment is scheduled to be heard in March. He also commented that appeals on New Players Club and the street opening permit has been filed with Superior Court.**

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#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Humphrey indicated that he will be out of town soon and asked if a retreat date had been set.**

**Councilmember Davis reported that Moody gave the RTA a bond market rating of "A." She noted that the Government Affairs Public Outreach Committee which she is a member of has assigned an artist to work on the Lakewood Commuter Rail Station.**

**Councilmember Richardson suggested that a letter be drafted to Fred Meyer expressing the City's disappointment for leaving Lakewood and reinvesting in University Place after the Lakewood community had supported them for many years. Councilmember Humphrey suggested that the City talk with Fred Meyer to see what could have been done to keep them in Lakewood. Mayor Harrison indicated that he and City Manager Rohlfs would meet with representatives of Fred Meyer.**

**Councilmember Thomas commented on the National League of Cities Conference she attended. She indicated that the discussions at the conference centered on technology and how it affects many aspects of the City.**

**Councilmember Thomas commented on the well-organized tree lighting ceremony. She indicated that she received many positive comments from citizens.**

**Councilmember Palmas asked where the volunteers for disabled parking violators were placing patrol emphasis. Assistant Police Chief Bisson replied that volunteers are patrolling those areas citizens have reported complaints such as the Post Office, Kmart, Fred Meyer and the Mall.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on a request she received by a citizen who suggested that when a citation and fine is issued for rear vehicle lights being out, that a warning should be issued first before imposing a fine.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the National League of Cities Conference she attended. She indicated that the conversations at the conference centered on strategies for economic development and the need to regionalize to gain more strength.**

**Mayor Harrison emphasized the need to address the concerns expressed by the citizen who commented on semi-trucks parking in residential areas and the citizen who expressed concern about the flooding situation on Hipkins.**

**Mayor Harrison asked if the Planning Advisory Board received the direction it needed from the Council at the December 1, 1998 joint meeting in order to move forward. Community Development Director Bugher and Planning Advisory Board Chair Stumpf indicated that the Planning Advisory Board will take the Council's comments and readdress areas along the 100th Street residential corridor, Lakeview**

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**and the American Lake Gardens/Tillicum areas. Mayor Harrison noted that he was disappointed the consultant did not attend the meeting. He explained that it was his understanding that the Comprehensive Plan was to be a long range planning document and that the Council needed to know how to get the tools to implement the Comprehensive Plan.**

**Mayor Harrison requested that letters of appreciation be sent to the Events Ad Hoc Committee for their work in putting together a wonderful Tree Lighting Ceremony.**

**Mayor Harrison noted his disappointment of the turn out at tonight's Joint Council/Legislators meeting.**

**Mayor Harrison asked for a status report on the Pacific Highway/Steilacoom Boulevard Project. Engineering Manager**

Larkin indicated that the bid on the project will be advertised this week.

Mayor Harrison asked for a report on the fire in Tillicum. Assistant Police Chief Bisson reported that the fire occurred in the 2900 block of Portland Avenue and no one was injured.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the gang related incident at the YMCA involving juveniles caught stealing. Assistant Police Chief Bisson indicated that she will follow up on this incident.

Mayor Harrison announced that he will be meeting with the Chief of Staff of Ft. Lewis this week to discuss the annexation. Also, a meeting with McChord Air Force Base staff will be held to discuss the annexation.

Mayor Harrison asked if the Puget Sound Regional Council is asked to vote to support holding the Olympics in 2012 in this region, should this Council support it. Councilmembers concurred with supporting the project.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**