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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, December 14, 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 8:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; 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.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1998 United Way Campaign.

Ms. Colleen Henry, United Way Loaned Executive, presented Councilmember Palmas with the United Way Blue Feather award.

Ms. Henry then presented the City with the 1998 Public Sector Community Builder award.

Keep Lakewood Beautiful proposed improvements to 112th Street SW and Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard/Ardmore Drive/Custer Road.

Engineering Manager Larkin called on Mr. Ed Chaffee, who reviewed the proposed improvements and landscaping design for 112th St. SW and Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard/Ardmore Dr./Custer Road traffic islands.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Tacoma to adjust the common right-of-way boundaries on portions of Tacoma Mall Boulevard between the City of Lakewood and the City of Tacoma.

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the proposed agreement with the City of Tacoma to adjust the common rights-of-way boundaries on portions of Tacoma Mall Boulevard between the City of Lakewood and the City of Tacoma. The agreement clarifies which jurisdiction will have maintenance responsibilities on the rights-of-way in that area.

Discussion ensued on the location of the right-of-way segments Lakewood would be responsible to maintain.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 4, 1999, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Tacoma to adjust the common right-of-way boundaries on portions of Tacoma Mall Boulevard between the City of Lakewood and the City of Tacoma. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

2. This is the date set 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)

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf announced that the December 21 and 28, 1998 Council meetings are canceled.

He asked if there were any Councilmembers who may be interested in serving on a panel to interview architectural applicants who responded to the Request for Qualifications for the design of City Hall. He explained that two of the City Hall Ad Hoc Committee members will be invited to serve on the panel as well.

City Manager Rohlf indicated that from Council's response, the date that will work best for most Councilmembers for a one-day Council Retreat is Friday, January 8, 1999.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey requested that when the next work crew report is prepared showing jail savings and value of work labor provided, to also include the City's actual cost to run the program.

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Councilmember Humphrey requested that a letter be sent to the editor of the LAKEWOOD JOURNAL indicating that Representative Gigi Talcott did respond to the City indicating that she was out of town and would not be able to attend the December 7, 1998 Joint City Council/Legislators meeting.

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the December 10, 1998 Chamber of Commerce meeting and the speech given by the Department of Transportation representative.

Councilmember Thomas added that the Department of Transportation representative discussed the Cross Base Highway project and the matter concerning the protection of the gray squirrel.

Councilmember Palmas asked Chief Bisson for an update on the pedestrian who was killed by an automobile at Ponders corner. Councilmember Palmas asked for an update on the situation at Acorn Meadows Mobile Home Park. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that Acorn Meadows has received approval from the Health Department to install a septic system.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium breakfast tour she attended.

Mayor Harrison reported on his meeting with Colonel Johns from McChord AFB. He indicated that they discussed matters concerning privatization.

Mayor Harrison indicated that at the meeting of the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC), the PCRC was not asked to vote on the matter of holding the Olympics in this region, because the Olympic Committee did not recognize the PCRC as the appropriate body to vote on the matter. He indicated that the Olympic Committee will be contacting the State. Mayor Harrison commented on the PCRC Transportation Committee meeting he attended where they discussed the Cross Base Highway and voted to give \$450,000 for studying the matter further. He noted that the PCRC also voted in favor of continuing the study.

Mayor Harrison commented that there were approximately 100 citizens who attended the Tillicum Christmas dinner organized by Mr. Richard Rabisa.

Mayor Harrison thanked City staff for hosting the City's holiday party. He added that City employees were provided with \$15 wellness gift certificates at the City employees' staff meeting today.

Mayor Harrison commented that the 100th street traffic islands need attention.

Mayor Harrison reported that Colonel Johns of McChord AFB indicated that citizens who live on McChord AFB have taken offense to calling the area outside their gate, "McChord Gate Area" and requested that the area be called another name.

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Mayor Harrison wished Councilmembers and members of the audience a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hannukah.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK