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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 4, 1999

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 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; Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Brewster; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young 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 Manager Rohlfs announced that Monday, January 18, 1999 is Martin Luther King, Jr.'s holiday and the City Council meeting that week will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 1999.

City Manager Rohlfs explained that the Council's Retreat scheduled for February 24, 1999 conflicts with an AWC Legislative Conference. He suggested that the Council consider holding it's retreat on Wednesday, March 3, 1999.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors' Report

Youth Advisors Cho and Dobson reported on their youth activities. They reported on attending the Governor's Task Force on leadership and youth violence. They also reported that they are working to develop reading forums for students to read to youths in all schools throughout the school year.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Anieta Reust, 6519 95th St, spoke about the need for street lights on Meadows Street between 100th Street and

Steilacoom Boulevard.

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Mary Haggerty, Lakewood resident, expressed concern about her life being in danger and the possibility that she will be removed from the YMCA shelter.

Connie Lacadie, Clover Park School District Board, extended an invitation to the Council to attend their Joint School Board meeting with State Legislators on January 5, 1999.

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

A. Approval of the meeting minutes of the Joint City Council/Legislators meeting of December 7, 1998.

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

C. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of December 14, 1998.

D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of December 14, 1998.

**E. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$148,546.74 for the period
November 16-30, 1998.**

F. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$122,475.91 for the period December 1-15, 1998.

G. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$238,954.02 for the period ending December 16, 1998.

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

Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 18, 1998.

I. [Resolution No. 1999-1](#)

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 South 80th Street and Tacoma Mall Boulevard.

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

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE CLAIM VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,303,989.37 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998. 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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)

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO CONTINUE THE APPEAL RELATIVE TO A PUBLIC FACILITIES

PERMIT FOR WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL TO JANUARY 19, 1999. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND COUNCIL RULES TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THE CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT OF A CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Harrison explained that once every four years the Pierce Transit Board is required to review the composition of its Board. He suggested that Deputy Mayor Thomas serve as Lakewood's representative at the Transit Board's January 7, 1999 meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO APPOINT DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS TO SERVE AS LAKEWOOD'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE JANUARY 7, 1999 PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD MEETING WHICH IS HELD ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS PURSUANT TO STATE LAW. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY VOICE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 1999-1 awarding a bid to H & H Contractors in the amount of \$136,475.60 for the construction of the restroom/picnic shelter at American Lake North Park.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AWARD A BID TO H & H CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,475.60 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESTROOM/PICNIC SHELTER AT AMERICAN LAKE NORTH PARK. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mayor Harrison reported that he talked with Cy Happy, Lakewood Historical Society about McChord Air Force Base's request to rename the McChord Gate area and to see if the area was called another name in the past. Mr. Happy indicated that the area nearby was known as Ponders and Lakeview and he suggested to contact Lakeview Power and Light. Mayor Harrison explained that Lakeview Power and Light indicated that the name "McChord Gate" was given to that area during the cityhood effort. The Lakeview Power and Light Board will be queried to see if they may have been aware of another name for the area. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Steve Dunkelberger, Lakewood Journal, provided a few names that he was given for the area. Council also suggested involving the Historical Society to come up with proposed names for the area.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs asked if the March 3, 1999 date was agreeable for Council to hold an all day retreat. Council concurred with the March 3, 1999 date.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey indicated that he was interested in attending the February 24 and 25, 1999 AWC Legislative Conference.

Councilmember Humphrey noted that the Master Builder's magazine had a good article promoting the RTA station.

Councilmember Humphrey asked if the "exit interview" with Fred Meyer was scheduled. City Manager Rohlfs replied that another company has taken over Fred Meyer and a follow-up with the new owners will be done.

Councilmember Humphrey suggested that an informal meeting with a few Councilmembers and State Legislators representing Lakewood be held to discuss upcoming legislative issues. Councilmember Humphrey asked if a letter was sent to the Lakewood Journal indicating that Representative Gigi Talcott did inform the City that she was unable

to attend the Joint Council and State Legislators meeting. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Representative Talcott's letter informing the City that she would be out of the country on the day of the joint meeting was faxed to the Lakewood Journal.

Councilmember Humphrey asked Community Development Director Bugher to expand upon the conversation he and Community Development Director Bugher had about ways to keep neighborhood amenities during development expansions.

Councilmember Richardson asked about the status of the right-of-way access to American Lake and the location of a private gate which prevented lake access. Engineering Manager Larkin replied that the private gate was on the City's right-of-way and has been moved.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the Rainier Cable's Commission invitation to a free seminar on telecommunications.

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Councilmember Thomas asked that the City respond to Anthony Christi's letter about TCI cable and the CLICK network. Councilmember Thomas commented on a citizen's letter regarding a December 14, 1998 News Tribune article on impounding vehicles of drivers caught without a driver's license. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that an ordinance on this matter will be coming before the Council next week.

Councilmember Palmas asked if the City will be inviting Pierce County Community Service to discuss the Community Development Block Grant Program. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the County's presentation will be coordinated with the City's study on whether to continue with the Consortium or seek entitlement.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the correspondence regarding the sewer connections and the Department of Ecology's agreement concerning the connections.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked Human Resources and Services Director Young for her work in helping the City of Sumner in a police investigation.

Deputy Mayor Thomas noted that Steilacoom has expressed an interest to be involved in the Ft. Steilacoom Park issue.

Deputy Mayor Thomas noted that a house on Washington Boulevard near the Fire Department has a lot of debris that needs to be cleaned up. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that Code Enforcement has taken care of this.

Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested to Councilmembers to think of ways on how to better communicate with Lakewood citizens.

Mayor Harrison announced that Jim Taylor was elected as the President of the Clover Park School District Board. He also announced that Fred Willis is now the President of the Clover Park Foundation.

Mayor Harrison noted that Councilmembers were provided a list of names and organizations who sent the City Christmas cards.

Mayor Harrison suggested that a representative from Human Services attend the January 6, 1999 Pierce County Community Services Network meeting.

Mayor Harrison reminded Council that they were provided with a copy of the 1999 Voucher Committee schedule.

Mayor Harrison noted that Council will be provided with the meeting notes of a meeting he and City Manager Rohlfs had with County Councilmember Pat O'Malley.

Mayor Harrison indicated that Councilmembers were provided with copies of the AWC's 1999 legislative priorities.

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Mayor Harrison reported that the area along Bridgeport Way near I-5 is in dire need of a clean-up.

Mayor Harrison announced that council will recess into executive session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss land acquisition and potential litigation.

Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK