# LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 1999
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 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** 

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; José Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

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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 Heinz Haskins by request of Mayor Harrison.

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Members of the Council and audience reviewed a video tape on Lakewood's police work that was aired on Entertainment Tonight.

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## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

Assistant Police Chief Bisson introduced Ed Troyer, Pierce County Sheriff's new public information officer.

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Assistant Police Chief Bisson introduced Cindy Fajardo, Special Operations

Officer.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that next week's Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 1999.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Pierce County Transit Board composition meeting is scheduled for March 8, 1999. City Manager Rohlfs suggested that the Council appoint an alternate Councilmember to attend the meeting in

case Deputy Mayor Thomas is unavailable to attend the meeting.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the appointment of Merritt + Pardini, architects, for the design of City Hall is scheduled to come before the Council on February 22, 1999. He indicated that staff will be asking the architect to develop a model of City Hall once the conceptual design is developed. He indicated that the cost for the model will be approximately \$3,000.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that last week's meeting with Pierce County Councilmembers O'Malley and Brown, University Place Councilmembers Fleming and Smith and Deputy Mayor Ron Lucas from Steilacoom was positive.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Engineering Manager Larkin recommended that an award for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks at the northwest corner of Pacific Highway and Bridgeport Way be awarded to Hobart Construction Backhoe Services, Inc.

Discussion ensued on the removal of structures and traffic signals in the bid tabulation.

Items Tentatively Scheduled for the February 16, 1999, Regular City Council

# Meeting:

- 1. Awarding a bid to Hobart Construction Backhoe Services, in the amount of
- \$55,915.42, for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and other

improvements at the northwest corner of the intersection of Pacific

Highway and Bridgeport Way. (Motion - Consent Agenda)

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- 2. Approving the Westview Park final plat map for subdividing 3.49 acres
- located east of Lake Louise off of Westview Drive SW into 11 single-family

lots. (Carl Stillman; Case No. LU98051) - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

- 3. This is the date set for the hearing before the City Council to consider the
- proposal to extend the moratorium on the filing of applications for residential

density incentives and/or planned unit developments.

- 4. This is the date set for the hearing before the City Council to consider the
- proposal to extend the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses,

permits and approvals for adult entertainment businesses.

5. Extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for residential density

incentives and/or planned unit developments. - (Resolution)

6. Extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and

approvals for adult entertainment businesses. - (Resolution)

- 7. Denying certain claims for damages and approving partial payment for one claim. (Motion Consent Agenda)
- 8. This is the date set for the 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) - (Continued from the

meeting of January 19, 1999.)

There were no comments.

## **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a proposed agenda for the Council's Retreat

on March 3, 1999.

Discussion ensued on the agenda topic of "Council Meeting Time Management." Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that the topics of Volunteer Recognition and the Joint Council/School Board meeting be included in the agenda.

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Richardson noted that he will be arriving to next week's February 16, 1999 Council meeting late.

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Councilmember Richardson reported on the Fort Steilacoom Park meeting. He explained that the Pierce County Executive indicated that Fort Steilacoom Park and the Golf Course would revert to the City and that the County would be maintaining only urban parks. He indicated that this position was different from what the County earlier indicated, which was that Fort Steilacoom Park was considered a regional park.

Councilmember Palmas added that the original agreement on the use of the park will be executed within six months. He explained that the County is waiting for an easement from Weyerhauser for the construction of the sewer line going through the park. He indicated that the County wants to install a driving range and build a club house. He explained that the County asked for help in maintaining the park.

Councilmember Richardson suggested that the City pursue this opportunity of getting the park transferred to the City. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the language in the original agreement with the City, State and County will need to be revised to address the transfer. Councilmember Palmas indicated that Senator Wojahn has been interested in keeping the park as a revenue generating park and available for Western State Hospital patients and the Council will need to be mindful of that concern when addressing the issue.

Councilmember Davis questioned if the Chambers Creek Canyon property along Oakbrook would also revert to the City. Discussion ensued on whether that property was purchased with sewer funds or General Fund dollars.

Councilmember Davis indicated that the Regional Transit Authority will be voting on the route of the light rail in Tacoma next Thursday. She added that there will also be a vote on the light rail through Tukwila and the valley.

She announced that a meeting with the Department of Transportation, Pierce Transit and Regional Transit Authority is scheduled for March 1, 1999 at 9:00 A.M. She asked if there were any Councilmembers interested in attending the meeting to ensure proper notice.

Councilmember Palmas reported that he and Deputy City Manager Neiditz met with Tacoma's Police Chief Jim Hairston to discuss Lakewood's desire to have a voting seat on the LESA Board. He explained that Chief Hairston indicated that he will meet with Mayor Brian Ebersole about Lakewood's desire.

Mayor Harrison suggested that a staff person attend the March 3, 1999 meeting and tour of Ft. Lewis at the request of the Military Assistant Secretary.

Mayor Harrison complimented Deputy City Manager Neiditz for the Deputy City Manager's annual report.

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Mayor Harrison indicated that the February 3, 1999 George Washington Bicentennial flag raising ceremony went well.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Tacoma-Pierce County Colored People banquet that he and Deputy Mayor Thomas attended on Saturday, February 6, 1999.

Mayor Harrison suggested that at the request of the City Hall architects, Merritt + Pardini, a citizen committee of 25 individuals be formed to assist with the design of City Hall. Councilmembers suggested that members of the City Hall Ad Hoc Committee, City committees, the Historical Society & Art Association be included on the Committee.
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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into executive session for approximately forty minutes to discuss potential litigation and land acquisition.
Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
BILL HARRISON, MAYOR
ATTEST:
ALICE M. BUSH, CMC
CITY CLERK