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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 1999

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

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CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; Jos  Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 1- Mayor Bill Harrison.

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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; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Chief Larry Saunders; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that over 75 percent of general license businesses have renewed their business licenses compared to 50 percent last year during this same time. He reported that the number of adult entertainment renewals have reduced significantly.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Council's Retreat will be held on

March 3, 1999.

Engineering Manager Larkin reported that a grant application will be submitted to the Department of Ecology on the Lake Steilacoom Management Plan. Councilmember Humphrey asked if the City should ask our State Legislators to support the application.

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Deputy City Manager Neiditz reported that a meeting with Clover Park Technical College, Private Industry Council, and State employment agencies was held to develop a career development center in Lakewood as part of the Employment Workforce Act. He explained that Lakewood will be one of two centers in the county to develop a "one stop" training center.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Amending Chapter 12.24 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to commute trip reduction.

Associate Civil Engineer Vigoren and Senior Planner Johnson reviewed the proposed ordinance relative to commute trip reduction.

Discussion ensued on the efforts of Lakewood employers to comply with commute trip reduction goals.

Items Tentatively Scheduled for the March 1, 1999 Regular City Council Meeting:

1. Amending Chapter 12.24 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to commute trip reduction. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
 2. Setting Monday, April 5, 1999 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on vacating a portion of 34th Avenue South. (Opus N.W.) - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
 3. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$27,268.50, for Emergency Management services from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
 4. 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) - (Continued from the meeting of February 16, 1999)
- Councilmember Richardson questioned the reasons Opus N.W. was vacating 34th Avenue South. Councilmember Palmas asked if the appeal on the Western State Hospital will be settled by March 1, 1999.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis reported that she, Councilmember Palmas and Engineering Manager Larkin attended a Pierce County Regional Council meeting on salmon recovery planning. She asked that Council be provided an educational briefing on how federal and state laws on salmon recovery will impact Lakewood.

Councilmember Davis announced that she, Mayor Harrison, and Councilmember Humphrey will be attending a Puget Sound Regional Council meeting on March 1, 1999. She noted that if more than three Councilmembers are interested in attending, proper legal notice must be provided.

Councilmember Humphrey announced that three Pierce Transit bus shelters will be going up in Lakewood.

Councilmember Humphrey reported that four transit agencies have agreed to form a team and consolidate their request for federal funding. Councilmember Humphrey indicated that Pierce Transit buses are just about to be turned over to Sound Transit.

Councilmember Thomas reported on the Air Force flight tour she, Deputy Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Richardson went on to Edwards Air Force Base in California and Scott Air Force Base Command Center.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that she will be speaking on a League of Women Voters panel to discuss the changes of

County finances as it relates to the increasing number of cities incorporating. She asked for staff's input on this topic.

Councilmember Thomas announced that she will be out of town for a week.

Councilmember Thomas announced that she will be attending the Citizens' Parks Bond Committee meeting on February 23, 1999.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that there has been a number of citizens interested in wanting to pay \$1 for the new City Hall. In support of citizens' interest and community spirit, she suggested that the City start to collect the monies being offered.

Councilmember Richardson also commented on the productive Air Force flight trip. He spoke about the importance of providing clear zones adjacent to runways.

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Councilmember Richardson suggested that the City establish a citizens committee to study the issue of street ends on all the lakes in Lakewood.

Councilmember Palmas reported on a meeting he attended at Fircrest City Hall. He indicated that there was some contention between Edgewood and Milton regarding the development of State Route 161 versus State Route 167.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented that the funding priorities as recommended by staff for Community Development Block Grant applications looked good.

Deputy Mayor Thomas also commented on the Air Force flight tour.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

