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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 1, 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: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; and Doug Richardson.

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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; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Humphrey by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce is holding a forum on the issue of incorporation of Gateway (Parkland/Spanaway) and asked the City for an expression or statement of Lakewood's desire to annex the Parkland/Spanaway area into Lakewood.

The Council indicated that the City has no plans to annex the Parkland/Spanaway area into Lakewood.

Councilmember Palmas arrived at 7:10 p.m.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring March 1999 as Women's History Month -

Cathi Rose

Councilmember Davis presented a proclamation declaring March 1999 as Women's History Month to Ms. Cathi Rose.

Youth Advisors' Report. - Ms. Sarah Draper, Ms. Tiffany Cho and

Mr. John Dobson

Youth Advisors Draper and Cho distributed copies of the Youth Advisors' meeting minutes of February 25, 1999. A youth forum is scheduled for

April 8, 1999 at the Lakewood YMCA beginning at 7:00 p.m. The topic for discussion is Youth Forum Against Violence.

Youth Advisor Cho asked if the City provide internships and college scholarships for youths.

The Youth Skate Park planning committee presented the City with a skate park shirt and reported on their work to develop a skate park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Juliana Jackson, Tillicum resident, spoke about the garbage and unkempt area caused by apartments near her home. She asked for help to clean up the area.

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Ken Wolf, 1409 Clover Park Drive, spoke about safety concerns at Gravelly Lake Drive and 112th Street.

Clark Fuskerud, 8405 100th Street Court SW, expressed concerns about a code and traffic violation he received for having a vehicle parked on his property.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 16, 1999.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of February 22, 1999.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of February 22, 1999.

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D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$148,597.86 for the period January 16-31, 1999.

E. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$122,440.13 for the period February 1-15, 1999.

F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,006,471.92 for the period ending February 24, 1999.

G. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$106,367.69 for the period ending February 24, 1999.

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

1. Sister City Committee meeting minutes of January 13, 1999.
2. Youth Advisors meeting minutes of January 28, 1999.
3. Lakewood's Promise/Collaboration Community Leadership Team meeting minutes of February 3, 1999.
4. Lakewood's Promise/Collaboration All Partners meeting minutes of February 10, 1999.
5. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 10, 1999.

I. [Ordinance No. 197](#)

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

J. [Resolution 1999-11](#)

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.)

K. [Motion No. 1999-18](#)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$27,628.50, for Emergency Management services from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. 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 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 February 16, 1999)

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MAYOR HARRISON MOVED TO CONTINUE THE APPEAL ON THE WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC FACILITIES PERMIT TO MARCH 15, 1999. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS.

MAYOR HARRISON AND DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS WITHDREW THEIR MOTION.

Community Development Director Bugher reported that the Department of Social and Health Services signed a settlement agreement on the appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision relative to the application for public facilities.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL PUBLIC FACILITIES PERMIT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Richardson requested that reflective paint or devices be placed on certain street curbs, such as Phillips Road and Steilacoom Boulevard, to prevent accidents when it is difficult to see because of inadequate lighting.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked if a vehicle speed display board was going to be placed on Hipkins Road. Civil Engineer Gunther indicated that he is working with the Police Department on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Briefing on Community Development Block Grant Feasibility Study

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reviewed the options on whether the City should become an entitlement city or remain with the Consortium. She reviewed the options of becoming a Community Development Block Grant entitlement city and form a HOME Consortium with Pierce County or the City of Tacoma and contract for administrative services; or to remain as a member of the Consortium and renew the existing contract or designate a set aside for Lakewood. She explained that it is staff's recommendation to pursue entitlement status and contract for administrative services.

Discussion ensued on the options and impacts of becoming an entitlement city versus remaining in the Consortium.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey noted that Lakewold Gardens has been listed on the Washington State Historic Register. He requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Lakewold Gardens.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for a status report on Fort Steilacoom Park. City Manager Rohlf indicated that in a recent letter from Jan Wolcott, Pierce County Parks Director, it indicated that the County intends to keep Fort Steilacoom Park a regional park. He indicated that Pierce County Councilmembers O'Malley and Brown are working on this issue.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for a definition of sub areas and home base businesses.

Councilmember Humphrey asked to be provided an update on what's being done on the flooding situation on Hipkins Road.

Councilmember Humphrey circulated a news article and picture of Mrs. Jo Harrison at the Vice President Al Gore meeting over the weekend.

Councilmember Davis reported on a meeting she and several Councilmembers attended with Legislative representatives last week.

Councilmember Davis then reported on the Sounds Move Regional Transit Authority meeting she attended in which a number of amendments were made on the budget.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an update on the Legislative bill on the school boundary issue. Clover Park School District President Jim Taylor reported that School District Board members have been attending the Legislative sessions. He indicated that Representative Talcott is leaning toward the Clover Park School District's position.

Councilmember Richardson explained that the Law and Justice Committee has a bill providing for all municipal court judges to be elected. He requested staff to provide an update on the bill.

Councilmember Palmas indicated that on March 18, 1999, the Tacoma Art Museum is providing Lakewood citizens a free day to tour the museum.

Councilmember Palmas requested that a response be provided to address the concerns the Del Rio Club had about the noise ordinance.

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Councilmember Palmas asked for an update on the matter concerning a sun room that was constructed without a building permit. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that staff have been working with the owners. Staff have tried to provide options but have not been successful. He explained that staff is in the position of issuing a citation.

Councilmember Palmas asked if Councilmembers were planning to attend the Association of Washington Cities Conference in June.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the productive meeting that she and Engineering Manager Larkin had with the Department of Ecology to get a permit for Lake Steilacoom.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked about the status of the Cross Base Highway situation. Mayor Harrison indicated that it is being debated as to whether the Cross Base Highway should be part of the County's submission for Referendum 49 monies.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reminded Councilmembers to submit their Lakewood Promise hours.

Mayor Harrison reminded Councilmembers that at the Council's March 3, 1999 retreat, the first item on the agenda from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. is a time for Council discussion. He asked that the meeting start promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Harrison indicated that at the first Thursday Chamber luncheon, there will be a chili cook off sponsored by the Education Committee to provide educational scholarships. He explained that the City will have a chili booth called "Chili Hall."

Mayor Harrison announced Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss pending litigation and land acquisition.

Council recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 11:10 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK