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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 15, 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 7:03 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; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and Administrative Secretary Juli Mozel.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Willie Crockett, by request of Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. He noted that two major themes of the conference were preemption - the practice of the Federal government to pass regulations which take away from State and local government regulatory authority; and the three-year moratorium placed by the Federal government on State and local governments on taxing internet buying and its negative impact on small businesses.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the 1999 City of Lakewood Budget and complimented Finance and Systems Director Kidd and the Finance Department staff on the good job of putting together the budget.

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City Manager Rohlfs reported that the U.S. Army Rangers had approached Police Chief Saunders regarding a proposed training exercise on March 24, 1999. He indicated that the training would be held at Clover Park Technical College between 10:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. and would involve the noise of helicopters and mock machine gun fire. He further noted that the training exercise is contingent upon Council's approval and adequate advance notice through press releases in the local newspapers. Mayor Harrison expressed support for the exercise and commented on the need for military personnel to be trained in securing urban areas in the event of attack. Deputy Mayor Thomas expressed the need for detailed press releases to inform the public of the exercise.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed a letter from "Forward Together," a group of citizen volunteers involved in helping to

plan for the capital needs of local governments. He noted that the letter listed the group's transportation priorities, including the SR 512 interchange reconstruction and allowance for high occupancy vehicle (H-O-V) lane extensions; designating H-O-V lanes northbound on I-5 to the 38th Street exit; improvements of SR 16 to the Tacoma Narrows area; and freight mobility investments in various transportation projects. He indicated that the group had met with the Mayor and staff and would be making these priorities known to the legislators. Mayor Harrison noted that members of the group had already met with the Pierce County legislative delegation and briefed the delegation on the items on the priority list. City Manager Rohlfs noted that items on the "Forward Together" list corresponded well with the City's list of projects and thanked Mayor Harrison for encouraging the group to include the SR 512 interchange reconstruction on its list.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that City Attorney Heid had been successful today in getting a continuation of the temporary preliminary injunction against Pierce County regarding the filing of sewer permits. He noted that the continuation allows property owners in Lakewood to obtain sewer permits for the foreseeable future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 1, 1999.**
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Retreat of March 3, 1999.**
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 8, 1999.**
- D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$149,435.13 for the period February 16-28, 1999.**
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,936.00 for the period ending February 26, 1999.**
- F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$152.00 for the period ending March 4, 1999.**
- G. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$128,694.70 for the period ending March 10, 1999.**
- H. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**

Youth Advisors meeting minutes of February 25, 1999.

I. [Ordinance No. 198](#)

Amending Section 18.35.02 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Residential Density Incentives and Planned Unit Developments.

J. [Ordinance No. 199](#)

Amending Section 8.36.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to noise.

K. [Resolution No. 1999-12](#)

Setting Monday, April 5, 1999 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on extending the moratorium for the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities.

L. [Motion No. 1999-19](#)

Denying claims for damage.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested a correction to the Council Retreat minutes of March 3, 1999.

Councilmember Humphrey requested removing Item J, Ordinance No. 199, from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

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DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ITEMS A-I AND K-L OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND AMENDING PAGE 6 OF THE MARCH 3, 1999 COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES BY DELETING THE PARAGRAPH ON LAKE STEILACOOM, REWRITING THE PARAGRAPH AND RESUBMITTING FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[Ordinance No. 199](#) amending Section 8.36.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to noise.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 199, WITH THE PROVISION THAT STAFF RETURN TO COUNCIL IN 60 DAYS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf distributed copies of a draft letter to Mr. Paul Noges of the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club and further noted that Engineering Manager Larkin is preparing a response to Mr. Noges and the Improvement Club regarding the status of the permit.

City Manager Rohlf noted that letters from Mr. Bob Backstein and from Mr. Pat Mason of Municipal Research regarding the Beach Lane street vacation have been placed in Councilmembers' packets for review.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey asked for the status of the Hipkins Road flooding situation. Engineering Manager Larkin replied that an agreement for an analysis of the drainage system and preliminary design work will be brought before

the Council at next week's Study Session. He noted that staff is still in negotiations with the property owner at the lake for replacement of a six-inch line.

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Councilmember Richardson commented on a mailing he received stating that some cities and counties are not in compliance with Referendum 47. He expressed concern that citizens know that the Council, in formulating the 1999 budget, ensured that Lakewood is in compliance, and that the next newsletter should inform citizens of this compliance.

Councilmember Thomas expressed appreciation for the electronic transmission of the weekly Informational Bullets.

Councilmember Palmas reported on his ride-along with the police Special Operations sergeant on undercover investigations. He commented on how some merchants sell drug pipes and paraphernalia disguised as common over-the-counter items.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked about clean-up activities on Washington Boulevard. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that the Council would receive a written report on the clean-up efforts next week.

Mayor Harrison reported on the recognition and appreciation ceremony for elected officials by the Tacoma Elks Club on March 10, 1999. He noted that approximately 300 Elks Club members and 40 officials, including the Lt. Governor, attended the ceremony.

Mayor Harrison reported that on March 11, 1999, Councilmember Palmas hosted a group of students from the Latino Club at Clover Park High School who toured City Hall and the court and met briefly with the Mayor and City Manager. Mayor Harrison expressed appreciation to Councilmember Palmas for his outreach to the students.

Mayor Harrison noted that on Sunday, March 14, 1999, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce hosted the Welsh Guards Band at the Clover Park Performing Arts Center. He commented that the performance was well-received and expressed appreciation to the Chamber for bringing the fine cultural event to the City.

Mayor Harrison encouraged participation in the clean-up of Springbrook Park on Saturday, March 20, 1999, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. He indicated that the Chamber of Commerce, Keep Lakewood Beautiful, Lakewood Refuse, two Rotary Clubs and the Lions Club will also be involved in the clean-up.

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Mayor Harrison announced Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately one hour and twenty minutes to discuss personnel matters, potential litigation and land acquisition.

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK