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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 5, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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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; 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 Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs called on Police Chief Saunders who introduced Lt. Jim Andrews, newly appointed head of the Lakewood Police Department Patrol Division.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that a public meeting on the permanent City Hall project will be held on April 14, 1999, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Pierce Transit Training Room.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed a list of individuals staff is recommending to be considered to serve on the City Hall Citizen Advisory Committee.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the month of April 1999 as *Disaster Preparedness Month*.

Councilmember Richardson presented a proclamation declaring April 1999, as *Disaster Preparedness Month*, to Mr. Ed Reed, Program Manager, Pierce County Emergency Management Services.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Cho and Dobson announced that the Youth Forum on Thursday, April 8, 1999, will be held at 7:00 p.m., at the YMCA. The topic of the forum is Youth Against Violence.

Youth Advisors Cho and Dobson indicated that the Youth Advisors will be holding a dance contest. The proceeds from the dance will be donated to Mary Bridge Hospital.

Presentation on the One-Stop Career Development Center concept.

Mr. Colin Conant and Ms. Michelle Johnson provided an overview of the One-Stop Career Development Center concept to bring together employment services. They are looking to house the Center at the Lakewood Mall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

George Riedel, 4913 109th Street SW, Shearwater Partnership, complimented the police department for helping on-site apartment managers. He expressed concerns about problems at Glenn Court and Addison Court apartment complexes on 109th Street SW and Addison Street because of active gang and drug activities.

Bill Stewart, 4915 109th Street SW, apartment manager, spoke about the drug dealers who are tenants at Glenn Court and Addison Court apartments and the amount of police activity at the site and the loss of good tenants at the complexes.

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Kim Hill, Beds of Roses owner, 10310 Gravelly Lake Drive, spoke about placing a business sign on an awning and how the sign code did not address joint occupancy and business signage for below ground tenancy.

Robin Dayton, 10823 Evergreen Terrace, spoke about the garbled machinery noise on the Council agenda information line recording.

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

- A. Approval of the amended minutes of the City Council Retreat of March 3, 1999.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 15, 1999.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of March 22, 1999.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 22, 1999.
- E. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$123,135.85 for the period March 1-15, 1999.
- F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$246,941.91 for the period ending March 24, 1999.
- G. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$976,311.20 for the period ending March 31, 1999.
- H. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. City Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of February 11, 1999.
 - 2. Sister Cities Committee meeting minutes of February 18, 1999.
 - 3. Lakewood's Promise/Collaboration Team meeting minutes of March 10, 1999.
 - 4. Planning Advisory Board minutes of February 24 and March 3, 1999.

I. [Ordinance No. 200](#)

Repealing Chapter 2.20 and creating Chapter 2.21 of the Lakewood Municipal Code establishing a Redevelopment Advisory Board and a Mayor's Select Committee on Economic Development.

J. [Motion No. 1999-21](#)

Authorizing the execution of Phase 2 of an agreement with ENTRANCO, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$34,980, for general engineering services to facilitate the implementation of transportation projects.

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K. Motion No. 1999-22

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L. Motion No. 1999-23

Approving the final plat for Ponce de Leon Place by subdividing 1.46 acres into ten single-family lots located at Avondale Avenue SW and Whitman Avenue SW.

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M. Motion No. 1999-24

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N. Motion No. 1999-25

Authorizing the execution of agreements with Hedges, Inc., to provide preliminary engineering services for various bus stop and sidewalk improvement projects.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. 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 a public hearing by the City Council on the request to vacate a portion of 34th Avenue South right-of-way between 112th Street South and the north margin of vacated Chapel Street. (Opus N.W.)

Speaking before the Council were:

Roger Pecsok, Opus NW, Bellevue, WA, spoke about their request for the ten feet street vacation and making the site a more viable site with frontage alignment improvements. He requested approval of the vacation.

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This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed resolution to extend the moratorium for the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities.

Speaking before the Council were:

Bill Imholt, 10914 Meadow Road, spoke in opposition of gambling activities in Lakewood.

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Jim Senko, 10919 101st Avenue SW, spoke against gambling casinos being placed in Lakewood and supported the moratorium.

The hearing was declared closed.

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Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 201](#) vacating a portion of the 34th Avenue South right-of-way between 112th Street South and the north margin of vacated Chapel Street. (Opus N.W.)

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 201. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1999-13](#) extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities in the City of Lakewood.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1999-13. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion No. 1999-26 consideration to deny or defer the request to vacate a portion of Beach Lane from Lake Steilacoom southwesterly approximately 75 feet.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO DEFER THE REQUEST TO VACATE A PORTION OF BEACH LANE FROM LAKE STEILACOOM SOUTHWESTERLY APPROXIMATELY 75 FEET AND THAT INTERIM MEASURES BE TAKEN TO PROHIBIT VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE LAKE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

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BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

Update on Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the City has been discussing an administrative services contract proposal with

Pierce County and the City of Tacoma and the possibility of forming a HOME Consortium.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reported that since the writing of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Feasibility Report, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) indicated that should Lakewood become a CDBG entitlement city, it will always remain as an entitlement city. She explained that the Tacoma City Council was notified on March 26, 1999, of Lakewood's interest in potentially forming a HOME Consortium with Tacoma and administering Lakewood's CDBG program. A comment received by the Tacoma City Council was that they would look to this partnership as a first step to future collaboration ventures between Tacoma and Lakewood on projects such as a convention center and homeless shelters. She further indicated Tacoma will be providing more information on indirect costs in relation to their proposal.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush then reported that Pierce County also provided an administrative services contract and a HOME Consortium proposal. City staff will be meeting with Pierce County this Friday to discuss their proposal in more detail. She noted that around the end of April or early May HUD will be notifying the City as to whether Lakewood made the list as a qualified CDBG entitlement city. HUD seems confident that Lakewood would qualify because it meets the 50,000 population requirement. She explained that once notification is received of Lakewood's eligibility, the next step would be to adopt a resolution forming a HOME Consortium with either Tacoma or Pierce County. Following adoption of the resolution, the resolution must be submitted to the State Community and Planning Department for certification from the State that both entities would work toward alleviating housing problems in the state. Both jurisdictions in the HOME Consortium would then have to enter into an agreement. Following the execution of the agreement, all of the documentation must be forwarded to HUD by June 30, 1999, for their approval. HUD Field Office has a deadline of August 1, 1999, to approve all HOME Consortiums to submit to HUD headquarters. City staff will be bringing forth administrative contract proposals from Tacoma and Pierce County at the April 26, 1999 Council Study Session.

City Manager Rohlfs then called on Engineering Manager Larkin who requested Council's approval to proceed with submitting an application for a TEA 21 grant to assist in the development of the Regional Transit Authority Station and park-and-ride lot. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that there is a \$600,000 City matching fund requirement should the grant be awarded to Lakewood.

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Discussion ensued on the ability of Lakewood to provide a \$600,000 matching grant considering that this item was not budgeted for. Councilmembers agreed to move forward on this opportunity to secure additional funding.

City Manager Rohlfs provided an update on Project Safe. He noted that this issue was not in the House budget and not in the Senate budget. He noted that the Senate will be voting on this item next week and if Councilmembers supported this project and wanted to include it in the legislative budget, to contact Senators Winsley and Rasmussen so that they could contact Senator Loveland on this matter.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey expressed his appreciation to Pierce Transit for providing the City with a van for one dollar.

Councilmember Humphrey asked that he be provided with the first quarter budget update.

Councilmember Thomas reported that Washington Boulevard is in need of a clean-up.

Councilmember Richardson asked for a status report on Referendum 49 in relation to SR 512. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that SR 512 is in the Senate Bill. He explained that the House version of the bill could end money for SR 16. However, if SR 16 goes into litigation then SR 512 will go into the bill. He explained that the likelihood of litigation is extremely high. In summary, SR 512 is in the Senate Bill right now and it is not in the House Bill.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he hoped at the April 8, 1999, Fort Steilacoom Park meeting with the Pierce County Council Budget Committee, that there will be discussion about the maintenance of Fort Steilacoom Park. He explained that there needs to be some closure about Fort Steilacoom Park in order for the citizens' committee on the parks bond to move forward with their work.

Councilmember Palmas noted that due to high election costs, did the City have other alternatives for conducting its

elections. City Manager Rohlf indicated that by State law, the City is required to have Pierce County conduct City elections.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on a meeting that she held with John Litten, Clover Park School District Administrator, and Elli Falk, Clover Park School District Board Member on the joint Council and School Board meeting and joint volunteer recognition reception. She explained that before the joint meeting is held between the School Board and the City Council, it was suggested that the Council and School Board hold a half-day joint retreat starting with lunch and followed by dinner. It was suggested that the School Board and City Council

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could discuss issues such as the parks bond, facilities and the Comprehensive Plan. The half-day joint retreat is scheduled for June 30, 1999. She explained that there should be a joint booth at Summerfest in which school and City information and parks bond information could be made available. She indicated that from the joint School Board and Council retreat, enough information should be generated out of that meeting to form topics for discussion at the joint Council/School Board meeting. It was also agreed that a joint volunteer recognition reception would be held at Lakewold Gardens on June 9, 1999, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Harrison commented on a meeting that he and City Attorney Heid had with Congressman Dicks regarding the annexation of the military bases.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the Wards Lake property; Tillicum Community Center; and concerns raised by a citizen on the noise ordinance.

Mayor Harrison reported that Summerfest is becoming a community event with a host of activities going on that is being spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Harrison indicated that City staff has been participating in the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium meetings. He asked if the City should continue with the planning efforts with Tacoma on the Empowerment Zone. Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that the City should continue working with Tacoma on this effort.

Mayor Harrison announced Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss land acquisition and potential litigation.

Council recessed at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

