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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 26, 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: 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; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Brewster; Assistant Police Chief Eileen Bisson; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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; Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Brewster; Assistant Police Chief Eileen Bisson; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement to form a HOME Consortium and pursuing Community Development

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reviewed proposals from the City of Tacoma and Pierce County for administering Lakewood's Community Development Block Grant Program if Lakewood were to become an entitlement city and form a HOME Consortium with Tacoma or Pierce County. She explained it was staff's recommendation to become a CDBG entitlement city, administer the program in-house, and form a HOME Consortium with Tacoma.

Discussion ensued on the administrative difference between Pierce County and Tacoma's administrative and HOME Consortium proposals and cost differences; the number of housing applications on the County's HOME Program waiting list; and whether the City could contract with Pierce County for CDBG and form a HOME Consortium with Tacoma.

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Discussion of policy issues regarding the Lakewood Community Center, Tillicum American Lake Gardens Community Services Center, Ft. Steilacoom Park and Seeley Lake Park.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed a range of policy and funding options for the Council to consider in relation to Ft. Steilacoom Park, Ft. Steilacoom Golf Course, Lakewood Community Center and Tillicum Community Center.

Discussion ensued on including Seeley Lake as part of the Lakewood Community Center; whether Lakewood should take responsibility for the Tillicum Community Center and Lakewood Community Center and find ways to redevelop the facilities to make them more functional for Lakewood; consider having Clover Park Technical College purchase

the Lakewood Community Center or partner with Clover Park Technical College to manage the Center.

Discussion ensued on including or not including the Golf Course with Ft. Steilacoom Park; the City taking ownership of the lease of Ft. Steilacoom Park and Golf Course; continue to provide Tillicum citizens with access to the Tillicum Community Center; and support collaborative means to operate the Lakewood Community Center. It was suggested that ownership responsibility of Ft. Steilacoom Park should be between the County and Lakewood and not other cities and towns.

Discussion ensued on the differences in types of services being provided at the Tillicum and Lakewood Community Centers. Council requested staff to develop draft position papers for Council's consideration.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the Parks bond time frame for the September 14, 1999 election.

Discussion ensued on preparing a fact sheet on the Parks bond for distribution at Summerfest.

Authorizing the submittal of grant applications to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for the Wards Lake Phase II Acquisition project and the Forest Park Maintenance project.

Assistant to the City Manager Brewster reviewed the grant applications to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for the Wards Lake Phase II Acquisition project and the Forest Park Maintenance project.

Discussion ensued on the location of Forest Park and the grant application.

Expanding the areas of designated anti-prostitution emphasis along South Tacoma Way from the north City limits to Pacific Highway Southwest; Pacific Highway Southwest from South Tacoma Way to the south City limits; and Union Avenue within the Tillicum area of the City of Lakewood.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed resolution to expand anti-prostitution areas along South Tacoma Way, Pacific Highway and Union Avenue within the Tillicum area.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 3, 1999, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement to form a HOME Consortium and pursuing Community Development Block Grant entitlement status. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
2. Authorizing the submittal of grant applications to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for the Wards Lake Phase II Acquisition project and the Forest Park Maintenance project. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
3. Expanding the areas of designated anti-prostitution emphasis along South Tacoma Way from the north City limits to Pacific Highway Southwest; Pacific Highway Southwest from South Tacoma Way to the south City limits; and Union Avenue within the Tillicum area of the City of Lakewood.- (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
4. Denying claims for damage. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to provide him with comments to a draft letter to Pierce County in response to the Pierce County Deputy Executive letter with regard to parks.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed copies of a draft letter in response to Marianne Krizek's letter and asked Councilmembers to provide him with any changes or comments.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the deplorable condition of the Woodbrook Apartments which he saw during a ride-along with a Code Enforcement Officer. He asked staff to look into what can be done to abate this property.

Councilmember Richardson asked how the April 21, 1999 meeting with Pierce County Sheriff Mark French, which was

held in Lakewood, went. Assistant Police Chief Bisson reported there were 15-18 people in attendance, mostly Lakewood residents. She indicated that information gathered from these meetings will be provided to the City.

Councilmember Richardson requested staff to talk about the permanent City Hall site and the Parks bond at the April 28, 1999 Council Community Forum meeting. It was requested that the media attend to provide coverage.

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Councilmember Thomas reported on the League of Women Voters panel discussion she participated in. The discussion centered on how the incorporation of cities has impacted the County's finances. She indicated that the discussions were friendly and amenable.

Councilmember Palmas commented that he was impressed with the City's Wellness Program as noted in the Human Resources Annual Report.

Deputy Mayor Thomas noted that, also mentioned in the Human Resources Annual Report, there will be a Community Services Fair being conducted by the Community Services Task Force on May 20, 1999.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he met with a group of Korean businessmen who expressed an interest in Lakewood.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that the Youth Forum was well attended.

Mayor Harrison asked about the progress of the transfer of utility services provided to some Lakewood residents by Puget Sound Energy to Tacoma Public Utilities. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that staff will be meeting with Tacoma Public Utilities this week.

Mayor Harrison noted that a temporary vehicular access block has been placed at Beach Lane to prevent access to the Lake.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Candice Bock has been hired as the Redevelopment Administrator and will begin work on May 24, 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK