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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 3, 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 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:12 p.m.).

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

None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing *Cinco de Mayo Latino Heritage Day*.

Councilmember Palmas read a proclamation recognizing *Cinco de Mayo Latino Heritage Day*.

Proclamation declaring the week of May 9-15, 1999, as *Police Week*.

Deputy Mayor Thomas presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 9-15, 1999, as *Police Week* to Police Chief Saunders.

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Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Proclamation declaring May 15, 1999, as *Armed Forces Day*.

Mayor Harrison read a proclamation declaring May 15, 1999, as *Armed Forces Day*.

Proclamation declaring the week of May 4-10, 1999, as *National Tourism Week*.

Councilmember Thomas read a proclamation declaring the week of May 4-10, 1999, as *National Tourism Week*.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Draper, Dobson and Cho reported on the Youth Forum session on Anti-Violence; Nickelodeon's Big Help project; and collecting stuffed animals for Columbine School in Colorado.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Nikki Blevins, 10445 Glenwood Drive SW, thanked the Council for their support of a parks bond and the need for parks.

Jim Senko, Lakewood resident, informed the Council about the St. John Bosco memorial park at 10508 112th Street SW.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of April 12, 1999.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 19, 1999

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of April 26, 1999.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$127,885.94 for the period April 1-15, 1999.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,182,358.37 for the period ending April 28, 1999.

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

1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 31, 1999.

2. Sister Cities Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 1999.

G. [Resolution No. 1999-14](#)

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 Renovation/Maintenance project.

H. [Resolution No. 1999-15](#)

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.

I. [Motion No. 1999-30](#)

Denying claims for damage.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1999-16](#) authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement to form a HOME Consortium with the City of Tacoma and pursuing Community Development Block Grant entitlement status.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1999-16 AND PURSUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT STATUS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Briefing on Parks bond composition and sizing.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz introduced members of the Parks Bond Ad Hoc Citizens Committee. He reviewed the draft parks budget and the proposed list of parks improvements. He explained that the proposed bond issue is estimated at \$9.89 million, or about 32 cents per thousand and includes:

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Land Acquisition

Springbrook Park

Wards Lake Park

Tyee Park

Flett Creek Property

Future land acquisitions/easements

New Park Development

Springbrook Park

Woodbrook Park

Wards Lake Park

Oakbrook Park

Various school/park enhancements

Existing Park Upgrades

American Lake North Park Expansion

Lakewood Kiwanis Park

Lakewood Active Park

Forest Park

Glenwood Area Park

Bike Lane and Pathway/Trail Development

Pedestrian/Bike Pathways

Neighborhood Pedestrian/Bike Routes

Specialized Facilities/Areas

Skate Area (additional facilities)

Group Picnic Areas

Splash Pool

Interpretive Center

Adventure Playground

Pedestrian Amenities

Off-Leash Area

Fort Steilacoom Park Improvements

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Sports Field Development

Discussion ensued on Seeley Lake Park; maintenance costs; boat launch facilities near Camp Murray; having community center type facilities in neighborhoods to create a sense of community (i.e. Lake City); and marketing the bond issue.

Mr. Jim Montgomery, consultant, spoke about the proposed parks bond package.

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

Council recessed at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Association of Washington Cities Large Cities Committee meeting for May 20, 1999, has been canceled. He asked Mayor Harrison of his availability for rescheduling that meeting. Mayor Harrison noted that he was available on May 18, 1999.

City Manager Rohlfs commented that the Tacoma City Council will be approaching Lakewood to join their efforts in forming a public facilities district for funding a convention center.

City Manager Rohlfs noted that information on the police reordering of staffing will be given to the media.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed copies of a position paper regarding parks and park facilities. He asked Councilmembers to provide him with their comments.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that an out of state Senator and Ms. Barbara Sincere from Ft. Lewis will be meeting with staff on May 4, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss privatization of military housing.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented that the police reports are informative and much easier to read.

Councilmember Humphrey asked staff to look into what can be done to construct sidewalks fronting Bridgeport and 108th Street in the vicinity of the empty fenced lot near the Caribbean Apartments.

Councilmember Humphrey commented that at the Council's Town Hall meeting last week, Deputy Mayor Thomas and Police Chief Saunders provided most of the information the citizens had questions about.

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Councilmember Humphrey commented on the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) office grand opening.

Councilmember Humphrey commented that the Street Fund Committee has not had a meeting. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Council may want to restructure the revenue direction with regard to how to approach street fund issues.

Councilmember Humphrey expressed concern about receiving the Lakewood Refuse rate proposal in a timely manner. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that information from Lakewood Refuse was received today.

Councilmember Humphrey commented that the State Transportation budget shows \$4.5 million for the design of the SR 512 interchange.

Councilmember Davis commented that the International Cities and Counties Management Association is asking for representatives to serve on a new consortium on the privatization of the military bases.

Councilmember Davis noted that she, Mayor Harrison, Councilmember Thomas, and Deputy City Manager Neiditz participated in the Run the Prairie Walk/Run on Saturday, May 1, 1999.

Councilmember Davis reported that Sound Move is working on determining what projects are union and non-union. She commented that the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium is requesting \$10 million from Sound Move for housing and jobs because of the impacts of constructing the light rail through Tacoma.

Councilmember Thomas reported that she and Councilmember Davis met to review their progress on the revision of the City Manager's evaluation process criteria and contract analysis.

Councilmember Palmas reported that the Law Enforcement Support Agency Board met to discuss Lakewood's request for having a voting seat on the LESA Board. He explained that Chuck Robbins, Mark French and Tacoma Mayor Brian Ebersole support Lakewood having a voting seat on the Board.

Councilmember Palmas asked if a response has been provided to the Hipkins Road Safe Streets Association. Engineering Manager Larkin replied that a response has been sent to the Association.

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Councilmember Palmas commented on the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club letters and expressed concern about the relationship between Club members and the City. Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that the City has met with Herb Dayton. She explained that the City has applied for a permit to treat Lake Steilacoom and the City should have a response within the next ten to fifteen days. She indicated that although some residents who live on the lake are adamant about using copper sulfate to treat the lake, both State and Federal regulatory agencies have indicated that copper sulfate is not authorized as a chemical treatment. Deputy Mayor Thomas explained that the City is trying for an integrated approach. Once the City receives a response, a meeting of the Lake Steilacoom Association and affected citizens will be held.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Tillicum clean-up she participated in on Saturday, May 1, 1999.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented that the Council's Community Forum Town Hall format was informal. Citizens sat in a circle and were asked to comment and ask questions. Staff was asked to speak last.

Mayor Harrison commented that he received a citizen concern about Lakewood's support for a landfill. Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to let City Manager Rohlfs know if the Council desires to reaffirm the Council's position with another resolution.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the Council wants to be informed and involved on any military privatization matters.

Mayor Harrison asked if Councilmembers should be contacting legislators about the State transportation budget. City Manager Rohlf indicated that there is time to continue talking to legislators.

Mayor Harrison noted that he met with Shirl Gilbert of the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium.

Mayor Harrison commented that he attended the Goodwill Industries Breakfast meeting and the AARP office grand opening. He ran in the Run the Prairie Walk/Run and came in first place in his age category. He attended the Tillicum clean-up, the Garden Club sale, the Lakewood Art Guild for Multicultural Activities (LAGMA) art show, the Cinco de Mayo event, and visited Jimmy G's.

Mayor Harrison announced that Barry Hubbs, Lakewood resident, who monitors more than 200 sex offenders for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, was recognized as Pierce County's outstanding volunteer. He noted that the Lakewood Police Department's Business Anti-Theft Team and the Lakewood Police Traffic Unit volunteers also received group awards.

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Mayor Harrison commented on witnessing Lakewood's parking patrol volunteers at work over the weekend ticketing handicapped parking violators in the Lakewood Chop House parking lot.

Mayor Harrison noted that City Attorney Heid will be meeting with Ft. Lewis to discuss the annexation of the military bases. He indicated that the Army's current approach to the annexation is based on erroneous information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK