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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 17, 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 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:10 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 and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justin Johns and Eric Tallman, Troop 222, by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that on May 24, 1999, there will be a Special Meeting of the City Council to appoint members to the Redevelopment Advisory Board and the Mayor's Select Committee on Economic Development.

City Manager Rohlfs reminded Councilmembers that the Tacoma City Council will be considering a resolution on forming a HOME Consortium with Lakewood at their Council meeting on May 18, 1999, which begins at 5:00 p.m. The Resolution is anticipated to be heard at 5:30 p.m.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation congratulating Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan, on its *25th Anniversary of Cityhood*.

Councilmember Thomas read a proclamation congratulating Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan, on its 25th anniversary of cityhood.

Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Proclamation declaring May 17-31, 1999, as *Poppy Days* for the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring May 17-31, 1999, as *Poppy Days* for the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary to Ms. Aubrey Ella Codute.

Lakewood Police Department *Volunteer Recognition*.

Police Chief Saunders recognized the following Lakewood Police Department volunteers and staff:

Tom Martin and Charlie Czerwonka - Crime Analysis Program

Liz Cable - False Alarm Monitoring Program

Don Harty - Crime-Free Multi-Housing

Terry Roy - Crime Victim notification representative

Dan Ashby and Dolores Rasmussen - Burglary Crime Victim notification

Ernie Werner, Mac Fingerroot, Ray Richardson and Heinz Steffinius - Traffic Team

Barry Hubbs, Pierce County Volunteer of the Year - Sex Offender Monitoring Program

Sgt. Steve Kemmerer, Officer Travis Hoffman, Detective Sgt. Teresa Berg and Detective Sgt. Bret Farrar - Order of Merit

Officer Bill Cassio - Life Saving Award

Police Chief Saunders the read a letter from a citizen commending Officer Kevin Johnson for handling a traffic accident in a professional and efficient manner.

Update on Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families.

Ms. Andie Gernon introduced Dr. Jane Boyajian and Ms. Carol Selby of the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families.

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Dr. Boyajian presented a briefing on the Commission's county-wide strategic planning effort for juvenile justice in Pierce County.

Discussion ensued on the planning efforts of the Commission; funding; involving schools in the community presentations schedule; and notifying the media of the efforts of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Maury Peerenboom, 8709 58th Avenue SW, representing the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Chamber's booth at the Armed Forces Day event at Ft. Lewis. He commented on the Chamber flyers that were distributed to interest citizens.

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Andie Gernon, Lakewood resident, spoke about the principles of Lakewood's Promise and how it ties with the efforts of the Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 3, 1999.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of May 10, 1999.

C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$156,981.48 for the period April 16-30, 1999.

D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$164,275.68 for the period ending May 12, 1999.

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

1. Lakewood's Promise/Collaboration Team meeting minutes of April 14, 1999.

2. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 7, 1999.

3. Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families meeting minutes of February 11, 1999, and Annual Planning Retreat minutes of April 8, 1999.

F. [Ordinance No. 203](#)

Amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan to add the positions of Program/Grants Coordinator and Accountant.

G. [Resolution No. 1999-17](#)

Amending City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to Developmental Review Committee services.

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H. [Resolution No. 1999-18](#)

Expressing support for the State of Washington World War II Memorial Site honoring Washington citizens who served and gave their lives in World War II.

I. [Motion No. 1999-31](#)

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Clover Park School District for a Recreation Coordinator position.

J. [Motion No. 1999-32](#)

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department for the 1999 Summer Youth Recreation and Food Service Program.

K. [Motion No. 1999-33](#)

Awarding a contract to Harlow Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$393,055, for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks in the vicinity of Lakeview and Lake City Elementary Schools.

L. [Motion No. 1999-34](#)

Authorizing the submittal of applications for TEA-21 county-wide grant funding for various transportation projects.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Lakewood Best Western has been sold and the new owner will be making new investments in the area.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Senator Gorton has canceled his attendance at the May 31, 1999 Memorial at Mountain View Funeral Home. Therefore, information on the annexation was mailed to him.

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City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to provide him with their comments on the draft parks position paper that was provided to Council earlier. He reported that Pierce County has offered the Lakewood Community Center to Clover Park Technical College at no cost.

City Manager Rohlfs commented on the upcoming meeting with the Lake Steilacoom residents on the treatment of the lake. Mayor Harrison announced that a meeting is scheduled for May 26, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to update residents on Lake Steilacoom about the treatment of the lake.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey reported that Pierce Transit is negotiating to lease space for 250 cars at the old Tacoma Discount site. He indicated that Pierce Transit is also negotiating to purchase property at 96th and South Tacoma Way for expansion.

Councilmember Richardson commented that he has heard mixed opinions on the effectiveness of mechanical harvesting of weeds in Lake Steilacoom.

Councilmember Richardson reported that City Manager Rohlfs will be contacting Senators Goings and Winsley and Representatives Talcott and Carrell about placing SR 512 as a first alternate for transportation funding should there be any delays for funding the bridge.

Councilmember Thomas asked staff to develop a package to improve the entire Hipkins Road with curbs, gutters, sidewalks and street trees, perhaps by funding the project 50 percent with City funds and grants and asking citizens to form a 20-year Local Improvement District.

Councilmember Palmas questioned the content of the 1992 report on Lake Steilacoom provided by Paul Noges of the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club.

Councilmember Palmas reported that TCI has a new program for non-member Rainier Cable Commission cities called "Your Town." Mayor Harrison will be the guest on the next "Your Town" program.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked two Steilacoom High School youths to introduce themselves and state why they were attending tonight's meeting. The two senior students introduced themselves and indicated they attended last week's and this week's Council meeting as part of a required curriculum of taking four hours of political involvement and eight hours of community involvement.

Mayor Harrison announced that the City's Volunteer Appreciation breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at 8:00 a.m., at Oakbrook Golf and Country Club.

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Mayor Harrison commented that last week he had the pleasure of taking the Tacoma Symphony's maestro to the Lakes High School Choir performance.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he met with Tacoma Councilmember Kevin Phelps to discuss the convention center and invited him to come to a Lakewood Council meeting to brief the Council about the convention center.

Mayor Harrison reported that he had the pleasure of attending an event for Kids Day in America at the Chiropractic

Center this past Saturday.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Tacoma City Council will be meeting at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, to consider forming a joint HOME Consortium with Lakewood.

He announced that the Pierce County Council Budget Committee will be meeting at 10:00 a.m., on May 20, 1999, to discuss Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Mayor Harrison reminded interested Councilmembers to register for the Association of Washington Cities Conference.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium will be having its annual meeting on May 18, 1999, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Harrison requested staff to provide Council with copies of Initiative 695 on doing away with the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.

Mayor Harrison commented that today's News Tribune article noted that the County's adult cabaret ordinance is constitutional.

Mayor Harrison asked if the Council should respond to the May 5, 1999 letter from the Pierce County Executive. Councilmembers agreed not to respond.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Police Memorial she attended.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked if anyone knew of a dentist or retired dentist who may be interested in providing pro bono services for the dental van program at St. Clare Hospital.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss litigation.

Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

