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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, May 24, 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 7:55 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 General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

City Hall space needs update.

Mr. Imad Bahbah, Merrit+Pardini, reviewed a proposed staffing and square footage scenario in designing a permanent City Hall. He then reviewed space needs for common areas such as the lobby and workroom/copier areas.

Discussion ensued on a proposed kitchenette with grill; the height of the City Hall building; and displaying the City Hall proposed design concepts at the City's Summerfest booth.

Parks Master Plan Citizens Survey results.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the phone survey results for a parks and recreation bond.

Discussion ensued on the 60 percent validation requirement for the election and developing a strategy on informing the public on the results of the survey.

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Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lynn William Horn & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$18,900, for landscape architectural services for Springbrook Park.

Assistant to the City Manager Brewster introduced Mr. Lynn Horn to review a proposed landscape design for Springbrook Park.

Mr. Horn indicated that the proposed design includes an active recreation park with ball fields, an adventure playground park with play structures, and a community center.

Discussion ensued on the location for vehicle parking; timing of improvements; traffic signalization for a pedestrian

crossing at Bridgeport Way; and including some of the improvements in the parks bond.

Amending Sections 18.25.100, 18.25.400 and 18.35.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to storage facilities, parking of large vehicles in certain residential zones, loading area requirements and off-street parking.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed ordinance amendments on parking and storage facilities for large vehicles and off-street parking.

Discussion ensued on parking space requirements; definition of large commercial vehicles and buses; and providing the Chamber of Commerce and schools an opportunity to review the proposed ordinance.

Report on noise control regulations.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the options for regulating noise, which include identification of noise audible from a certain distance, identification of noise through a decibel measurement or a combination of decibel measurements and distance parameters.

Police Chief Saunders recommended that noise be regulated by audible measurement and not by decibels.

Discussion ensued on the growing number of boat noises on the lakes.

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**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 7, 1999 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lynn William Horn & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$18,900, for landscape architectural services for Springbrook Park. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
2. Amending Sections 18.25.100, 18.25.400 and 18.35.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to storage facilities, parking of large vehicles in certain residential zones, loading area requirements and off-street parking. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
3. Supporting the Tri-County Early Action proposal urging the National Marine Fisheries to recognize the listing of the Puget Sound Chinook Salmon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
4. Approving the final plat map for the Village at American Lake by subdividing 20.76 acres into 56 one- and two-family lots at the terminus of Boundary Street SW in Tillicum. (American Lake, LLC; Case No. LU98100) - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
5. Presentation on the Risk Watch Program. - *Rachel Erb, Lakewood Fire District*

There were no comments.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss litigation.

Council recessed at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened at 10:35 p.m.

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**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the agenda for the May 26, 1999 Lake Steilacoom meeting.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Community Town Hall Meeting will be held on May 27, 1999, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Oakbrook Elementary School. Flyers were sent home with students from Oakbrook Elementary and Hudtloff Middle schools. Readerboard signs about the meeting will be advertised at Oakbrook Elementary, Hudtloff Middle and Lakes High schools.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the revised parks position paper and reviewed the changes made.

Police Chief Saunders reported that the City of Tacoma made a wrongful search by request of the Lakewood Police Department. He indicated that there probably will be a news article on the incident concerning the violation of the individual's rights.

City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's concurrence to amend the contract with Merritt+Pardini in the amount of \$15,388 to prepare a legal description of the City Hall site at the Lakewood Mall. Council requested that the Mall execute an agreement for the site before expending additional funds on the project.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a list of articles for the next City Connections newsletter and asked Councilmembers if there were any other articles to add to the newsletter before formatting the newsletter.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey reported that the Pierce Transit Board now has nine members. The two new members are Harold Moss from Pierce County and Mike Deal from Puyallup.

Councilmember Humphrey commented that the weeds at Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway are overgrown and need to be removed. Mayor Harrison requested that the 20-foot dead tree next to the U-Haul also be removed.

Councilmember Davis reported that the Tacoma City Council unanimously adopted a resolution forming a HOME Consortium with Lakewood. Mayor Harrison added that a good relationship is being built with Tacoma.

Councilmember Davis commented on the Lakewood Historical Society meeting. She noted that the Society is looking to turn the aircraft hangar on Steilacoom Boulevard into a museum.

Councilmember Davis reported that a presentation on Sound Moves will be made at the Chamber Breakfast this week.

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Councilmember Davis congratulated Executive Assistant Lesa Newman for coordinating an excellent Volunteer Breakfast.

Councilmember Richardson questioned the logistics on how the Lake Steilacoom meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 1999, will be conducted.

Councilmember Thomas reported that at the Department of Corrections Advisory Board meeting, it was discussed that a facility for sexual offenders will be built.

Councilmember Thomas announced that the next Safe Streets meeting will be held on May 28, 1999, if any Councilmembers were interested in attending.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the Filipino event she attended where she was asked to present scholarships to graduating high school and college students.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting he attended on behalf of the Mayor.

Councilmember Palmas asked City Manager Rohlfs to discuss the reasons behind the letter to Joe Scorcio. City Manager Rohlfs explained what had happened and the miscommunication that took place.

Deputy Mayor Thomas expressed appreciation for the letters of support for the annexation.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that she will be attending the Youth Forum at Camp Murray on May 25, 1999.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that Councilmembers will be serving as hosts at the Volunteer Recognition Reception. She asked Councilmembers to arrive at Lakewood Gardens at 4:15 p.m. on June 9, 1999.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that she will be speaking at the Eagles Club Memorial Day observance.

Deputy Mayor Thomas distributed copies of an excerpt from the America's Promise report on Lakewood's efforts.

Mayor Harrison reported that at last week's Pierce County Budget Committee meeting, \$56,000 was allocated for Ft. Steilacoom Park. Mayor Harrison thanked Pierce County Councilmember Pat O'Malley for his efforts on this.

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Mayor Harrison commented on the windshield tour of McChord he participated in.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he will be attending the American Lake Improvement Club meeting to discuss lake safety.

Mayor Harrison asked if any action has been taken on the Brookridge Apartments. City Manager Rohlf indicated that there are some code enforcement and fire marshal issues to address.

Mayor Harrison reported that he met with Col. Johns who indicated that based on the concerns of DuPont, Roy and Steilacoom, the Department of Air Force questioned him on the annexation. He indicated that Col. Johns stated that the annexation was of no benefit to McChord, but if State shared revenue was the only issue, he wouldn't resist it. Mayor Harrison indicated this matter has escalated to the Washington, DC, level. Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to consider whether it might be worthwhile for other Councilmembers to meet with DuPont, Roy and Steilacoom.

Mayor Harrison indicated that Councilmember Palmas has agreed to replace him on the Pierce County Regional Council and that Deputy Mayor Thomas will serve as alternate.

Mayor Harrison reviewed a list of concerns which will be brought up by lake residents at the Lake Steilacoom meeting.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the Career Day event at Lakes High School.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

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BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK