

# 1999 06 07 Regular

## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 7, 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: 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 and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zach Sheats, second grade student at Custer Elementary School, by request of Mayor Harrison.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on June 9, 1999, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Lakewood Gardens, the City and Clover Park School District will be hosting a Volunteer Recognition Reception.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on June 15, 1999, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Pierce Transit Training Room, a Public Workshop will be held on the design of City Hall.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the State had included \$35,000 in the 1999 budget for monitoring of the treatment of Lake Steilacoom by the Institute for Public Policy. He further noted that because the monies should have been included in the 2000 budget and because the State's 1999 budget ends in June, the Institute has informed the City that it will be unable to perform the monitoring due to lack of funds. He indicated that Engineering Manager Larkin will look into the possibility of contracting with the Institute for services.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the month of June 1999 as Hire a Veteran Month.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring June 1999, as *Hire a Veteran Month*, to Mr. John Hart of the Lakewood Job Service Center.

Presentation on the *Risk Watch Program*.

Ms. Rachel Erb, Public Education Officer, Lakewood Fire Department, described the *Risk Watch Program* to help children keep safe at Lake City Elementary and Mann Middle schools. The program involves teaching children about fire safety and other safety precaution measures.

## **Youth Advisors' Report.**

Youth Advisor Dobson reported on the Big Help project the Youth Advisors have been working on to clean up and beautify a park.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Robert Kepka, 12623 Bridgeport Way SW, Fir Acres Trailer Court on Bridgeport Way, asked the City to shut down the trailer court or enforce the codes in the area. There is drug activity and prostitution.*

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*Dolores Bloch, 6113 85th Street SW, expressed concern about the disabled junk vehicles along the street and asked what kind of action can be taken to remove them.*

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*Melannie Cunningham, Census 2000 from the U. S. Census Bureau, indicated that the Census Bureau will be conducting the 2000 census and asked the City to support the 2000 census.*

*Melannie Cunningham, National Association of University Women, spoke about the National Association taking several youths to South Africa, including a youth from Lakes High School, on a cultural and educational mission and traveling to George, South Africa, Tacoma's Sister City.*

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## **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 17, 1999.**
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of May 24, 1999.**
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of May 24, 1999.**
- D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$135,993.50 for the period May 1-15, 1999.**
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$79.17 for the period ending May 14, 1999.**
- F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$935,081.14 for the period ending May 26, 1999.**
- G. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$268,704.74 for the period ending May 27, 1999**
- H. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$75,786.64 for the period ending June 2, 1999.**
- I. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**
  - 1. City Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of April 8, 1999.**
  - 2. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Annual Meeting minutes of April 14, 1999.**
  - 3. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 21, May 5 and May 12, 1999.**
  - 4. Lakewood's Promise/Collaboration Team meeting minutes of April 28, 1999.**

**J. [Resolution No. 1999-19](#)**

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.

**K. [Resolution No. 1999-20](#)**

Setting Tuesday, July 6, 1999, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the request to vacate a portion of an alleyway bounded by 77th Street W and 78th Street W and lying between Cody Street W and Douglas Street W.

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**L. [Resolution No. 1999-21](#)**

Setting Tuesday, July 6, 1999, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the request to vacate a portion of Douglas Street W right-of-way between 75th Street W and 76th Street W.

**M. [Motion No. 1999-36](#)**

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)

**N. [Motion No. 1999-37](#)**

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.

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

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Council recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

Ordinance No. 204 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.

**MAYOR HARRISON MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 204 FROM FURTHER DISCUSSION AND BRING IT BACK FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION AT THE JUNE 14, 1999 STUDY SESSION AND THE JUNE 21, 1999 REGULAR MEETING FOR ACTION. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 1999-38 authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pertee Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$59,190, to identify and analyze alternative solutions for improvements to the intersection of Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard SW and Lakewood Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard SW.**

**COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PERTEET ENGINEERING, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,190, TO IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF GRAVELLY LAKE DRIVE AND STEILACOOM BOULEVARD SW AND LAKEWOOD DRIVE AND STEILACOOM BOULEVARD SW. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**City Manager Rohlfs reported on a meeting he had with Pierce County Councilmember Pat O'Malley. He indicated that Councilmember O'Malley was given a copy of the City's position paper on parks. He explained that Councilmember O'Malley noted that the County Council will be discussing the issue of parks on June 23 or 24, 1999. Councilmember O'Malley then provided copies of the draft Pierce County Parks plan, and "Proposed Policy for Regional Parks Management and Annexation or New Cities." City Manager Rohlfs indicated that he is reviewing these documents and there appears to be a discrepancy with the policies and draft plan on the selling of the Lakewood Community Center.**

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Humphrey asked if the City received a response from Wells Fargo Bank on City Hall. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the language on the parcel agreement is being worked on.**

**Councilmember Humphrey reported that at today's Transportation meeting, it was recommended that Lakewood be more prominent in expressing its transportation needs with legislators.**

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**Councilmember Humphrey asked if the Council will continue to hold Town Hall meetings after only two citizens attended the last meeting in Oakbrook. Council agreed to cancel the July meeting and hold the discussion of this matter to a later time.**

**Councilmember Davis commented on the pictures Council received about the overgrown blackberry bushes encroaching on the Massoti's property. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the property owner of the blackberry bushes has gone to court and has been fined. The owner is making payments. Another infraction will be cited to force corrective action.**

**Councilmember Davis commented that the transportation meeting to discuss the SR 512 park-n-ride lot and commuter rail station is coming together smoothly.**

**Councilmember Thomas announced that the Lakes High Boys Track Team took first place.**

**Councilmember Thomas reported on the Safe Streets Parents Safety Forum she was asked to participate in at Foss High School.**

**Councilmember Palmas announced that the Pierce College Foundation Board is looking to raise funds for the International Multi-Media House at the College for visiting professors.**

**Councilmember Palmas asked how the City was going to respond to Chris Kealy's letter about the gambling tax. Councilmember Rohlfs indicated that if there was an erosion of the gambling tax, the City may take into account the gambling tax rate.**

**Councilmember Richardson indicated that he will be out of town and not able to attend the Volunteer Recognition Reception.**

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Memorial Day meeting she attended of the Golden Eagles Club where she spoke on community outreach and Lakewood's Promise.

Deputy Mayor Thomas also commented on the impressive Daisy Stallworth Awards program she attended where several awards were given out. She noted that Clover Park Technical College was recognized at the ceremony.

Deputy Mayor Thomas noted that she received phone calls from citizens about the unsafe and dangerous surroundings near Seeley Lake.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas reminded Councilmembers to meet at Lakewold Gardens at 4:15 p.m., on Wednesday, June 9, 1999, to serve as hosts for the Volunteer Recognition Reception.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that the U. S. Post Office is trying to charge a five cents surcharge for each e-mail received.

Mayor Harrison asked when the Council would receive a mid-year budget review. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the mid-year review is scheduled for July and that the quarterly budget report will be out soon.

Mayor Harrison asked if the replay schedule of the "Lakewood, My Home Town" TCI segment can be placed on the web site.

Mayor Harrison commented on the student reading of poetry event he attended sponsored by the Lakewood Library. He also commented on the American Lake Improvement Club meeting on lake safety.

Mayor Harrison reported that on June 5, 1999, he attended the YMCA Gala where the YMCA sponsored a Home School course.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss potential litigation and labor negotiations.

Council recessed at 10:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:00 midnight.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

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BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, CMC  
CITY CLERK