

# 1999 06 21 Regular

## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 21, 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; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Present: 1 - Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas (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 Police Chief Larry Saunders by request of Mayor Harrison.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on June 28, 1999, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a public forum on the proposed parks bond. The Council's Study Session will follow the forum.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the art work on display are from Okinawa City as part of a student art exchange project. He explained that Lakewood's student art which were displayed at the Volunteer Recognition Reception were sent to Okinawa City.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Joint Council/School Board Retreat will be held at noon on June 30, 1999, at the McChord Officers Club.

City Manager Rohlfs introduced new employees Steve Chapel, Associate Engineer, and Kirsten Swieso, Management Intern in the Deputy City Manager's Office.

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### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

United Way Silver Award.

Ms. Lisa Mowat of United Way, presented City Manager Rohlfs with the 1998 United Way Silver Award and explained that this is the second year Lakewood has received the award.

Presentation by the Local Spiritual Assembly of BahÃ¡'Ãs of Lakewood - "*Two Wings of a Bird: The Equality of Women and Men.*"

Ms. Ivy Murphy and Mr. Jeff Thurston, Local Spiritual Assembly of BahÃ¡'Ãs of Lakewood, provided a statement on

the equal participation of women in all spheres of life.

Update on Parks bond proposal.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz briefly summarized the parks improvement bond proposal and introduced consultant Jerry Dragoo.

Mr. Dragoo reviewed the proposed \$14.5 million parks package. He explained that the proposal provides for land acquisition, parks development, improvements and equipment.

Ms. Ann Marie Davidson reviewed the citizen survey results taken on the amount of voter support for the parks. She noted that for a \$9.9 million bond package, the survey showed 66 percent in favor of supporting a parks bond with a 5.5 percent margin for error. She suggested using Ft. Steilacoom Park as the "show piece" for the bond issue. She also recommended to target those neighborhoods that will get new parks and market those parks.

Discussion ensued on a proposed Pt. Defiance Zoo sales tax measure that is scheduled for the Primary Election and how the timing of this measure could affect Lakewood's bond issue; Seeley Lake Park acquisition and disposition of the park; Ft. Steilacoom Park improvements and sewer lines in the park; Springbrook Park; acquiring land for Wards Lake Park; and adding playground equipment to Oakwood Elementary School when the School District is proposing to close Oakwood.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Maury Peerenboom, 8720 - 58th Avenue SW, announced that he was celebrating his third-year anniversary as a Lakewood resident and praised Lakewood.*

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*Vicki Beausoleil, 8927 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, spoke about the gunshots that were fired at DJ's Bar and Grill and how crime and safety should be the number one priority. She expressed concern about the land use zoning in the neighborhood and the difficulty she has had in selling her home. She distributed pictures of the gun shells found at DJ's.*

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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 June 7, 1999.**
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 14, 1999.**
- C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$157,173.49 for the period May 16-31, 1999.**
- D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$96,125 for the period ending June 16, 1999.**
- E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**

**City Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of May 13, 1999.**

#### **F. [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.**

#### **G. [Ordinance No. 205](#)**

Amending Sections 6.02.010, 6.02.120, 6.04.060, 6.04.110 and 6.06.060 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to animal control.

**H. [Resolution No. 1999-22](#)**

Setting Monday, July 19, 1999, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2000-2005.

**I. [Motion No. 1999-39](#)**

Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Merritt+Pardini, Inc., in the amount of \$15,388, for surveying and preparing legal descriptions for the Lakewood City Hall project site.

**J. [Motion No. 1999-40](#)**

Authorizing amendments to the agreement with Perteet Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$46,312, for construction management services for the Lakeview Elementary School sidewalks project; and in the amount of \$15,724, for construction management services for the Lake City Elementary School sidewalks project.

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COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY 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 commented that Councilmembers attending the Association of Washington Cities Conference should find a packet in their mail containing registration and hotel reservation information.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Davis referred to the June 18, 1999 Informational Bullets and asked if the City's match of \$125,000 for the \$175,000 grant from the Department of Ecology and the 13 percent match for the \$640,000 sidewalks grant were budgeted. Engineering Manager Larkin replied that the City's matches were budgeted.

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the Crime-Free Rental Housing graduation ceremony he attended as the City's representative. He noted the professionalism of the program.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that she will not be able to attend the June 28, 1999 Council meeting and requested an excused absence.

Councilmember Thomas asked for staff's response to a citizen's request to paint crosswalks at Woodbrook Middle School. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that painting of crosswalks across an arterial provides a false sense of security.

Councilmember Richardson spoke in support of DJ's being required to keep security officers on the premise until the problems are resolved. He also indicated that he will be looking at limiting the number of places where there are

business and residential mixed uses through the Comprehensive Plan process.

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Councilmember Palmas asked for an explanation on the City's code on the sale and discharge of fireworks. He also asked for an update on Robert Avery's property.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she spoke at the graduation ceremony at Oakbrook Elementary School.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the Safe Streets event will be held on August 3, 1999, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Lake City Community Center.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that she will be in Florida from July 3-10, 1999.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for an update on the code enforcement efforts at the Fir Acres mobile home site. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that code enforcement is currently placing emphasis on the violations at Woodbrook Apartments and will then work on the Fir Acres site.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked about the status of the U. S. Postal surcharge on e-mail. City Attorney Heid indicated that the surcharge was a hoax.

Mayor Harrison announced that he attended the Lakes High School awards ceremony and presented a proclamation to the track team.

Mayor Harrison reported on the St. Clare mentor program he and Deputy Mayor Thomas attended on June 17, 1999.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Jimmy G's ribbon cutting ceremony.

On Sunday, June 20, 1999, he reported that KMart sponsored a Kid's Race against drugs event in which 600 youths participated and raised \$3,100.

Mayor Harrison reported that he and City Manager Rohlfs met with Congressional staff on the base annexation issue and it was determined that the next step is to go to Washington, DC. He then reported that he and City Manager Rohlfs met with THE NEWS TRIBUNE editorial board about the annexation.

Mayor Harrison asked about the status on the roundabout on 59th Street. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that it should be completed within the next couple of months.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the treatment of Lake Steilacoom. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the lake was treated on June 15, 1999, and the current algae growth levels are extremely high. Mayor Harrison asked that the Council be provided with a weekly update.

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Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to encourage citizens who may have an interest in youth and families to apply for the vacancies on the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families.

Mayor Harrison asked that Councilmembers be provided an update on the installation of the entrance sign for Springbrook.

Mayor Harrison commented on the TACOMA'S REPORTER article on "Naked Truth" and its reference to the gross violations of the City's code.

Mayor Harrison assured citizens that their comments about the situation at DJ's Bar and Grill were heard and that the City will continue to work on this issue.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she will be inducted as a member of the Lakewold Gardens Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**