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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 12, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; Assistant City Attorney Mike McKenzie; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Senior Budget Analyst Kim Frazier; 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.

Mayor Harrison called on Police Chief Saunders for an update on boat safety on Lakewood lakes. Police Chief Saunders called on Police Deputy Curt BeauprÃ© who reviewed the status of boat safety enforcement on the lakes. He then distributed copies of Lakewood's watercraft regulations. He noted that to date, 27 infractions have been issued and 150 vessel inspections have been made. He commented on the buoys and safety on Lake Steilacoom.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of the 1998 Audit/Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and status of 1999 budget.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed copies of the 1998 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and 1998 Expenditure Recap. He explained that the State Auditor provided an unqualified audit of the City's financial statements. He then reviewed the actual revenues and expenditures in 1998 in comparison to what was budgeted.

Discussion ensued on Referendum 49 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax funds for 1999; expenditures for police uniforms; and the impacts Initiative 695 could have on future revenues.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd then reviewed the City's Year 2000 compliance letter to the Auditor. He noted that the Streets funds were declining.

Discussion ensued on the percentage of court fines being collected by the court's collection agency; and budgeting

revenue forecasts and expenditures more closely to demonstrate trends more accurately.

Senior Budget Analyst Frazier reviewed the 1999 six-month budget analysis of the General Fund, Arterial Streets Fund, Surface Water Management Fund, Police Investigation Fund and Municipal Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund as of June 30, 1999.

She then reviewed budgeted versus actual expenditures for all funds.

Discussion ensued on gambling taxes; admission revenues; criminal justice revenues; and specialty licenses.

Adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2000-2005.

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2000-2005. He then reviewed the 1999 City Streets Fund status. He explained that at the end of 1999, the Fund balance will be approximately \$1.5 million. Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the 1999 Arterial Streets Fund revenues totaling \$5,020,060. 1999 expenditures are projected at \$3,660,750.

Discussion ensued on the declining fund balance in the Streets and Arterial funds to leverage future grants; the Nyanza Road and I-5 project; Interlaaken Drive/104th Street/Beach Lane projects; and reconstruction of the intersection of Gravelly Lake Drive/Steilacoom Boulevard/Lakewood Drive.

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Amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan to add the position of Court Security Guard.

City Manager Rohlf reviewed the proposed ordinance establishing an employee classification for Court Security Guard. The position is proposed to be a temporary contract employee at least through 1999.

Discussion ensued on a temporary employee hourly position versus a contractual position.

Creating Chapter 3.48 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, relative to establishing an Indigent Defense Services Application Fee of \$10 for the appointment of counsel at public expense.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed ordinance to impose a \$10 fee for screening of applicants for public defender services.

Discussion ensued on the number of applicants who would not qualify for public defense; and how the \$10 fee was arrived at.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 19, 1999, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2000-2005. - (Resolution)**
- 2. Amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan to add the position of Court Security Guard. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 3. Creating Chapter 3.48 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, relative to establishing an Indigent Defense Services Application Fee of \$10 for the appointment of counsel at public expense. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 4. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2000-2005.**
- 5. Appointing members to the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families.**
- 6. Presentation on Outcome-Based Evaluations in Pierce County. - Mr. John Briebl, City of Tacoma and Ms. Lynn Thorsen, United Way**
- 7. Presentation on Convention Center. - Mr. Mike Combs, Tacoma Dome**

Mayor Harrison indicated that Mr. Bob Mack will be making a presentation on the Pt. Defiance Zoo tax measure on July 19, 1999. He asked that the Parks Committee be invited to the meeting to hear the presentation and provide comments.

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BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the editorial in today's NEWS TRIBUNE on the parks helped the City's cause.

He reported that there is no scheduled executive session for the July 13, 1999 County Council meeting on the parks matter.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that in a letter he received from Sharon McGavick, President of Clover Park Technical College, the College at this time is planning to move forward with an interim agreement with Pierce County for office space at the Lakewood Community Center. The College will also take a look at what the Comprehensive Plan will propose for that property.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that work is being done in preparation of the year 2000 census. Reports on new addresses and address corrections have been sent to the Census Bureau.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the City's newsletter. General Services Director/City Clerk Bush indicated that the newsletter is scheduled to be delivered to households on Thursday or Friday of this week.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reminded Councilmembers to submit their applications to the Chamber for riding in the Summerfest Parade. She asked if Councilmembers would be willing to share riding in the same vehicle. She then asked if any Councilmembers would be interested in judging the parade entries for the "City of Lakewood Award." Judging begins at 5:45 p.m. at the Colonial Center.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on a noise violation issue and an issue on 100th Street and Kline Street.

Councilmember Davis reported on a contentious issue members of Sound Transit voted on regarding a project labor agreement.

Councilmember Thomas questioned the value of the \$18,000 annual fee of the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that the City's response to Pierce County Parks Director Jan Wolcott's letter should be that the City cannot commit funds for next year's parks budget by July 16, 1999, as he requested, until the City develops its proposed budget in the Fall.

Councilmember Palmas reported on the meeting with County Councilmembers on the City's position on the parks.

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Councilmember Palmas asked for an update on Robert Avery's property. Assistant City Attorney McKenzie replied that Mr. Avery's case is scheduled for a court motion on default on Friday, July 16, 1999.

Councilmember Richardson asked staff to identify an area on American Lake for personal recreational watercraft use for Council to consider at the end of Summer.

Councilmember Richardson asked if the Planning Advisory Board will be attending the Pierce County Sewer Plan public hearing on July 13, 1999, to give public testimony about Lakewood not being mentioned in the Plan. He asked if any progress was being made to upgrade the Tatsolo Point plant. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Tatsolo was dropped from the County's Plan as an alternative.

Mayor Harrison announced that Summerfest starts on July 16-18, 1999. Although Summerfest is in full swing this weekend, on Saturday, July 17, 1999, he encouraged Council and citizens to stop in on Lakefolkfest at Pierce College.

Mayor Harrison announced that band concerts will finally be performing in Lakewood Parks. He suggested that these concerts be well advertised.

Mayor Harrison encouraged staff to continue to provide the Council with updates on the treatment of Lake Steilacoom.

Mayor Harrison stressed the importance of letting the Department of Transportation, the Governor and the legislature know about the importance of the SR-512 improvements.

Mayor Harrison announced that Deputy Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Richardson will be attending a July 22, 1999 dinner for the Secretary of the Army during his visit to Ft. Lewis.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE

CITY CLERK