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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 19, 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 2 - Councilmembers JosÃ© Palmas and Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:20 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; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Humphrey by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Attorney Heid reported that City Manager Rohlfs is attending a Pierce County Budget Committee meeting and will be arriving late. He noted that at this time, there is no City Manager's report.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring August 3, 1999, as *National Night Out Against Crime*.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring August 3, 1999, as *National Night Out Against Crime*, to Mr. Joe Rehberger from Safe Streets.

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Presentation on the new Greater Tacoma Convention Center.

Mr. Mike Combs, Director of Tacoma Public Assembly Facilities, presented schematic designs and layouts for the proposed \$51 million Tacoma Pavilion facility, located between Broadway and Pacific Avenue and between 15th and 17th Streets, which would provide convention and meeting facilities. It is scheduled for construction in July 2000, with the grand opening in August 2001. The facility is proposed to generate approximately \$55 million in revenues to

Tacoma and the surrounding areas.

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Councilmembers Palmas and Richardson arrived at 7:20 p.m.

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Mr. Randy Lewis, Intergovernmental Relations Officer from the City of Tacoma, explained that the proposed facility is viewed as a regional facility. He explained that the legislature has authorized the formation of Public Facilities Districts (PFDs) whereby contiguous local units of government could ask their voters to authorize a two-tenths of one percent sales tax to be used for regional facilities. The legislature granted cities a match of the State's sales tax. Approximately .0333 percent of the General Fund portion of the sales tax would be credited against the State sales tax for the proposed facility. Of the 8.4 percent State sales tax collected, 6.5 percent goes into the General Fund of which .0333 percent would be set aside for the PFD. He explained that the City of Tacoma is proposing to seek a partnership with Lakewood, University Place and Fife for supporting this regional facility.

He explained that the PFD authority for the sales tax credit expires in 2003 and construction must begin by January 2003.

To develop the PFD, an interlocal agreement would need to be adopted defining the structure and makeup of the PFD Board. The tax credits would not be available until August 2000. The Board will have management authority of the facility, including construction and maintenance of the facility. Mr. Lewis explained that the sales tax credit monies come from the General Fund and are separate from sales tax equalization funds. It is estimated that \$1.3 million would be generated from recovered sales tax.

Presentation on Outcome-Based Evaluations in Pierce County.

Mr. John Briehl, City of Tacoma, and Ms. Lynn Thorson, United Way, provided a briefing on the United Way Funders Group efforts and the process for outcome-based evaluations. The process provides for standard reporting and application for allocating funding.

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Presentation on Pt. Defiance Zoo and Northwest Trek Regional Funding: Sales and Use Tax Ballot Proposition.

Mr. Bob Mack, Pt. Defiance Zoo attorney, spoke about the proposed legislation to authorize a Pt. Defiance Zoo Authority. The proposed Sales and Use Tax ballot proposition would impose a one-tenth of one percent sales tax for the creation of a Pt. Defiance Zoo Authority. The Authority would determine how to expend funds for zoo facilities.

He explained that the County Council ruled to delay action until next week on placing this item on the September ballot.

Mr. Gary Geddes, Metropolitan Park District Acting Director, reviewed how the funds would be used for long term capital needs for the Zoo and Northwest Trek. He stressed the importance of placing this proposition on the September ballot and asked for Council's understanding on the District's position for placing this item at the same time as Lakewood's parks bond proposition.

Ms. Patty Henson, Pt. Defiance Zoo, spoke about the Metropolitan Park District's willingness of polling citizens to solicit information on how the two ballot issues would affect one another.

Discussion ensued on the timing of Lakewood's proposition and the zoo tax ballot issues and the difficulty for passage for both entities.

Mr. Roger Laybourn, Parks Bond Committee Member, expressed concern about the competition for dollars for the parks given the choice between funding for Lakewood parks or the zoo and Northwest Trek.

Mr. Larry Dahl, Metropolitan Parks District Board Chair, expressed concern about the difficulty of the two issues and that the public will need to be informed about the value of the services being provided by the Metropolitan Park District's facilities and services and Lakewood's bond issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Jake Curtis, 10204 Laurel Crest Lane SW, spoke about the long wish list for Ft. Steilacoom Park and publicizing what actually will be done.*

*Jim Cooper, 9610 Veterans Drive SW, asked for help to ensure that school starts on time. He indicated that there is talk of a strike and the possibility of 12,000 children on the streets if school is delayed. He asked for help to get players to the table to work on resolving the issues before school starts.*

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Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

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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 Public Forum of June 28, 1999.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 28, 1999.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 6, 1999.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of July 12, 1999.
- E. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$178,611.86 for the period June 16-30, 1999.
- F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$152,397.32 for the period ending July 14, 1999.
- G. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 19 and 26, 1999.
  - 2. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 15, 1999.

H. [Ordinance No. 209](#)

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.

I. [Ordinance No. 210](#)

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation

Program, 2000-2005.

Speaking before the Council were:

*Parley Applegate, Woodbrook Drive, spoke about the pedestrian/bicycle lane on Thorne Lane and expressed concerns about pedestrian traffic on Woodbrook Drive to the grocery store between 150th Street and Woodbrook Drive.*

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*Lisa Hardey Boley, 8216 Custer Road, asked about the possible construction of sidewalks along Custer Road one block from John Dower School. She expressed concern about the volume of traffic, speeding and pedestrian safety.*

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*Todd Prosser, Custer Road, spoke in support of sidewalks on Custer Road and expressed concern of vehicle speed and volumes.*

The hearing was declared closed.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Confirming the appointment of Lakewood representatives to serve on the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families.

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF IONE B. EASTBY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM; ELSE M. GITTENS-OWUSU AND ANDIE GERNON FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS AND A 1999-2000 YOUTH ADVISOR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM TO THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1999-25](#) adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2000-2005.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 1999-25 TO INCLUDE SIDEWALKS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CUSTER ROAD FROM JOHN DOWER TO BRIDGEPORT WAY FOR 2001. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Motion No. 1999-50 authorizing the execution of an agreement with Hedges, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$74,963, for preliminary engineering services for street improvements on Idlewild Road SW from 112th Street SW to 104th Street SW and on 104th Street SW from Hipkins Road SW to Idlewild Road SW; and authorizing the execution of a supplemental agreement, at a later date, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, for the construction inspection and administration phase of the project.**

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**COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HEDGES, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,963, FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON IDLEWILD ROAD SW FROM 112TH STREET SW TO 104TH STREET SW AND ON 104TH STREET SW FROM HIPKINS ROAD SW TO IDLEWILD ROAD SW; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT, AT A LATER DATE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATION PHASE OF THE PROJECT. SECONDED BY**

**COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs thanked Councilmember Thomas for requesting staff to obtain a copy of the County's court performance audit. He explained that the information was helpful in comparing our court.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Councilmembers will be called for scheduling a date to hold a Council pre-budget retreat in August.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Council will be provided information on the impacts of Initiative 695, possibly at the August 9, 1999 Council Study Session. He commented that after meeting with Steilacoom and University Place, each city is approaching the impacts of Initiative 695 differently.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that he and Councilmembers Richardson and Palmas attended another Pierce County Budget Committee meeting tonight to discuss Ft. Steilacoom Park. He suggested that Council schedule a Special Meeting next week to discuss the parks bond, if needed. He indicated that the Budget Committee did not come to a conclusion and will take more time. The Memorandum of Agreement was continued to an indefinite time for more work by County staff. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Council has basically three options: 1) leave the bond issue as it is with a September 14, 1999 election; 2) delay the entire issue until another date; or 3) reduce the amount of the bond.

Councilmember Palmas suggested that the Council's Special Meeting be held on Wednesday, July 28, 1999, after the County Council meeting on July 27, 1999. He indicated that the County Council could pass a resolution on July 27, 1999.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey congratulated Engineering Manager Larkin for receiving a citizen letter thanking Engineering Manager Larkin for obtaining a grant for improving Hipkins Road.

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Councilmember Humphrey indicated that he received several compliments on the City newsletter. He encouraged the City to make an effort to send copies of the newsletter to the general managers of local real estate firms. The comment he received from a real estate firm was that the newsletter provided the only information about the City and what was going on.

Councilmember Humphrey wished Mayor Harrison, Pierce County Councilmember Pat O'Malley and City Manager Rohlfs a successful trip to Washington DC.

Councilmember Davis referred to an item in the Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 19, 1999, which noted that the State Gambling Commission has decided to limit the issuance of state licenses for mini-casinos until March 2000. She asked how this affects the one or two applications currently on file with the City. City Manager Rohlfs replied that the State, while not able to limit, is slowing down the process. However, he noted that the only active City application should be unaffected.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an update on the Pierce County Sewer meeting. Community Development Director Bugher reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Pierce County Unified Sewer Plan is out for review. Councilmember Richardson asked to be provided an update on the hearing on Tillicum sewers.

Councilmember Richardson asked when Fred Meyer was leaving Lakewood. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the replacement store where Fred Meyer is moving to has yet to begin construction and that Fred Meyer would be leaving sometime in the Fall.

Councilmember Thomas reported that Summerfest was wonderful, specifically the trout pond, pizza eating contest and the Health Department hand washing trailer.

Councilmember Thomas asked about the status of the floats on the lakes.

She then commented on the Clover Park Technical College letter regarding the City's position on the Lakewood

**Community Center.**

**Councilmember Palmas commented on Seeley Park and what a jewel it was.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas asked that staff respond to the citizen's letter about Washington Boulevard.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for Councilmembers to donate monies for a Council tile to support the skateboard park.**

**Mayor Harrison commented on an informative meeting he attended with Bremerton staff and the Navy.**

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**Mayor Harrison requested that a thank you letter be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for orchestrating Summerfest. He noted there were 66 entries in the parade. He noted that Lakefolkfest have indicated that they will hold their event again next year.**

**Mayor Harrison announced that Representatives Talcott and Carrell will be holding town hall meetings at the Lakewood Library on July 20, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Mayor Harrison requested that the Police Chief handouts about the Police Department's efforts on public safety be made available at Council meetings.**

**Mayor Harrison announced that the Gateway cityhood meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 20, 1999.**

**Mayor Harrison asked staff to provide Councilmembers with copies of the revised Town Hall meeting schedule so Council can discuss how to proceed with holding these meetings.**

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**Mayor Harrison announced that Council would recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss contract negotiations.**

**Council recessed at 10:40 p.m. and reconvened at 11:00 p.m.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE**

**CITY CLERK**