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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 26, 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 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmembers JosÃ© Palmas (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Brewster; City Attorney Dan Heid; Senior Budget Finance 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 Pierce County Councilmember Pat O'Malley, who reported that in his discussions with the Metropolitan Park District, the Park District is amenable to hold their zoo sales tax election in November, instead of September 14, 1999. He explained that the Park District is also agreeable to establishing a Task Force to include cities to develop a formula for distribution of funds. The Metropolitan Park District would also work on amending the legislation to widen the base level of participation.

County Councilmember O'Malley reported that the language of the Ft. Steilacoom Park agreement is agreeable by the County Executive.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Presentation on Weed and Seed Program.

Police Chief Saunders reported that the Weed and Seed Program provides for reducing violence and rebuilding neighborhoods.

Ms. Kate Greenquist, U. S. Attorney's Office, reviewed the U. S. Department of Justice's sponsored Weed and Seed programs. She noted that the federal program objective is to have a coordinated multi-agency law enforcement campaign and enhancement activities to revitalize neighborhoods. She explained that designation as a Weed and Seed community provides access to other grant funds.

Police Chief Saunders reviewed the anticipated benefits and what was required to develop a holistic comprehensive

process. He then reviewed the list of players on the Task Force.

Police Chief Saunders reported that the next step is to obtain Council's guidance to proceed with the program; hold a one day Action Group retreat in August; and submit for Weed and Seed certification in December.

Discussion ensued on support for the program; support from Tacoma's mentorship; community policing programs; crime free multi-housing programs; and funding for a Weed and Seed program.

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Authorizing the expenditure of City funds to abate public nuisances at 7124 146th Street SW; 8804 Silcox Drive SW; and 14913 Portland Avenue SW; and to take steps necessary to recover expenditure of said funds.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the list of properties proposed for abatement.

Discussion ensued on the condition of the affected properties; how property taxes on abated properties are paid; placing liens on properties; and the affects of the liens.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 2, 1999 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Authorizing the expenditure of City funds to abate public nuisances at 7124 146th Street SW; 8804 Silcox Drive SW; and 14913 Portland Avenue SW; and to take steps necessary to recover expenditure of said funds. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

2. Setting Monday, August 16, 1999, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing to consider the proposal to extend the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for adult entertainment businesses. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

3. Update on Intel Corporation. - *Mr. Dave Fisher, Washington Site Manager, Intel Corporation*

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's concurrence to lease an additional 1200 square feet of office space that was vacated by the NCOA organization. He explained that the lease would be under the existing terms. Council concurred with leasing additional space.

City Manager Rohlfs asked when the Council would be available for holding a budget workshop. Mayor Harrison replied that Council was available on August 18, 1999, at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Harrison announced that four Councilmembers have signed up for a boat tour of American Lake on Saturday, August 7, 1999. He noted that there was room for City staff as well.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a draft County resolution transferring Ft. Steilacoom Park to Lakewood.

Councilmembers discussed the timing of the July 28, 1999 Council Special Meeting. Mayor Harrison indicated that only three Councilmembers can attend the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers agreed to change the meeting time to 4:30 p.m.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Unified Sewer Plan is due on July 30, 1999. Copies of the City's response will be provided to the Council on July 29, 1999.

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City Manager Rohlfs indicated that City staff will be assisting the Gateway incorporation proponents with developing projected revenue estimations.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the meeting in Washington DC, on the military bases annexation was good. Mayor Harrison added that City staff, representatives from Congressman Dicks' and Representative Smith's offices and Tacoma's lobbyist were well received by the Departments of Army and Air Force. The Departments of Army and Air Force were receptive and will take the City's proposition under advisement.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the impacts of Initiative 695 on the City's budget will be presented to the Council on August 9, 1999.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked Ms. Andie Gernon to report on the School District meeting that was held tonight. Ms. Gernon reported that 250 people attended the meeting at the Lakewood Library. She noted that the meeting went well. There was a mix of parents, teachers, union representatives and School Board Members. The meeting was focused on the customers of the District which are the children and parents. She indicated that the District's bargaining unit will be meeting on August 4, 5, and 6, 1999. There was talk of doing positive activities. She indicated it was clear there was a major issue of distrust.

Councilmember Davis reported that she will be out of town July 28 through August 1, 1999. She announced that on July 27, 1999, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., there will be a meeting on the Tacoma to Lakewood Commuter Rail at the Pierce Transit Training Room.

Councilmember Palmas asked if the Council's Town Hall meetings will be continued. Mayor Harrison recommended that these community meetings be advertised in advance when the City newsletter is released.

Councilmember Palmas announced that the Study Circles on Race kickoff meeting will be held on October 1, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tacoma Municipal Building. He reported that over 200 people signed up at the Ethnic Fest to participate in the Study Circles.

Councilmember Humphrey commented that the Police report was good and suggested that the section on Lakewood response trends also include information on the previous year statistics.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the meeting he attended with Redevelopment/Economic Development Administrator Candice Bock to meet with the Ports of Tacoma, Seattle and Everett.

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Mayor Harrison announced that there will be a band concert at Harry Todd Park on July 31, 1999, at noon, and another band concert will be held at Pierce College on August 14, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. He recommended that the concerts be well advertised.

Mayor Harrison asked that a response be provided to the University Place letter on Initiative 695.

Mayor Harrison commented on the appointments of the three 1999-2000 Youth Advisors. Deputy Mayor Thomas asked Councilmembers to let her know if a Joint Council/School Board meeting should be held. She explained that at the joint meeting the outgoing Youth Advisors are recognized and the incoming Youth Advisors are welcomed.

Mayor Harrison announced that next week, August 2, 1999, the Council will hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and on August 16, 1999, the Council will hold an Executive Session to discuss the City Manager's performance evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE

CITY CLERK