

1999 10 04 Regular Meeting

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 4, 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 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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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.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karen Burgess by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Councilmembers were provided copies of the 2000 Budget. Next week, Council will be provided with another budget on I-695 impacts and alternatives with regard to the Parks Bond. He announced that Budget Workshops will be held at 5:30 p.m. on October 13, 1999, at the Lakewood Police Precinct; October 20, 1999, at St. Clare Hospital; and on October 27, 1999, at the Lakewood Police Precinct.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the month of October 1999, as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*.

Deputy Mayor Thomas presented a proclamation declaring the month of October 1999 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to Ms. Karen Burgess, City of Lakewood, Domestic Violence Advocate.

Proclamation declaring the week of October 3-9, 1999, as *Mental Illness Awareness Week*.

Councilmember Thomas presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 3-9, 1999, as Mental Illness Awareness Week, to Reverend David Alger, Associated Ministries.

Proclamation declaring the week of October 3-9, 1999, as *Fire Prevention Week*.

Councilmember Palmas presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 3-9, 1999, as Fire Prevention Week,

to Lakewood Fire Marshall Ken Brouillette.

Proclamation declaring the month of October 1999, as *Disability Employment Awareness Month*.

Councilmember Humphrey presented a proclamation declaring the month of October 1999 as Disability Employment Awareness Month, to Mr. Toby Olson, Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Bautista, Gallasch and Lim reported that the first meeting of the local area youth advisory group will be held on October 9, 1999 at the Lakewood Library. The group will be discussing concerns of the youth and begin to discuss what community projects the youth can become involved in.

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Pierce Transit presentation on Initiative 695 impacts on service levels.

Mr. Tim Payne, Pierce Transit, provided a briefing on what the impacts of Initiative 695 would have on Pierce Transit service levels. He explained that it is Pierce Transit's goal to preserve as much service as possible, develop a balanced budget and maintain its ability to be self-insured. Pierce Transit would be deferring capital projects and reduce overhead and administration. In February 2000, there would be a 10 percent reduction in service, and an additional 15 percent reduction in May 2000. He then reviewed proposed service level options which are to reduce service areas, run buses less often, or eliminate bus or shuttle service on Saturdays and Sundays and after 7:00 p.m. on weekdays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Joe Newton, 9207 Twilight, spoke about noise control from barking dogs and asked for an amendment to the noise ordinance with regard to animals.

Al Schmauder, Box 506, DuPont, spoke about the fish ladders being constructed at Clover Creek.

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Nicholas Reed, Lakewood Motor Inn, spoke about the relatively low bus fees offered by Pierce Transit.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of September 16, 1999

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 20, 1999.

C. Approval of the minutes of the Joint City Councils of Lakewood, DuPont, Fircrest, Steilacoom and University Place and the Washington State Legislators meeting of September 23, 1999.

D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 27, 1999.

E. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$140,599.73 for the period September 1-15, 1999

F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,195,849.96 for the period ending September 29, 1999.

G. Motion No. 1999-61

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Pierce Conservation District, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for Stream/Lake Team Program activities.

H. Motion No. 1999-62

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County to provide Commute Trip Reduction Program activities through June 30, 2001.

I. Motion No. 1999-63

Awarding a bid to R. W. Scott Construction Company, in the amount of \$119,040, for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and other improvements on Holden Road in the vicinity of Lake Louise Elementary School.

J. Motion No. 1999-64

Setting Monday, November 15, 1999, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2000 City of Lakewood Budget and the mill levy rate.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities in the City of Lakewood.

Speaking before the Council were:

James Edgren, 10601 Rembert Court, spoke in support of the Resolution extending the moratorium on licenses for gambling activities.

Douglas Boon, 8200 Tacoma Mall Boulevard, Jimmy G's Casino, spoke about Jimmy G's contributions to Lakewood and how Jimmy G's is an effective member of the community.

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Carol Lale, Jimmy G's Casino employee, spoke about gambling as a form of entertainment and giving individuals the right to choose their form of entertainment.

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ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 216 creating Chapter 2.32 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to establishing a Work Crew Program.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 216 UNTIL THE COUNCIL'S OCTOBER 11, 1999 STUDY SESSION. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 1999-33](#) extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities in the City of Lakewood through April 5, 2000.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.

1999-33. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED

UNANIMOUSLY.

Council recessed at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reported that a few weeks ago, the Council was provided with a memo requesting Council's approval to authorize two members of the Lakewood Sister Cities Association (Dr. Pat Cavendish and Mr. Ray Smith) to travel to Okinawa City, at their expense, to begin discussions to formalize a sister city relationship with Okinawa City in 2001.

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The Council concurred with authorizing Dr. Cavendish and Mr. Smith to represent the City during their travel to Okinawa City. However, with the impacts of Initiative 695, Councilmembers expressed concern that a realistic approach must be taken with Okinawa City and not raise false hopes, because with Initiative 695, the City may not be in a financial position to formalize a sister city relationship.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on October 6, 1999, there will be a fire evacuation drill at City Hall.

City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's decision on whether the City should participate in purchasing a one to four page publication in the "Pierce County Window to Northwest Grandeur" publication. It was the consensus of the Council to not expend funds for this publication.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of draft news article on the Parks Bond authored by City Manager Rohlfs. It was the consensus of the Council to send the letter authored by the Mayor.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed copies of a flyer on the upcoming parks bond election. Discussion ensued on the cost for mailing the flyer. Councilmember Palmas indicated that an informational pamphlet is being produced by the Citizens Committee. It was the consensus of the Council to not expend City monies for mailing the parks bond newsletter; however, copies of the newsletter could be made available at City Hall.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed copies of a letter responding to a letter to the editor in reference to Puyallup having to subsidize Lakewood through sales tax equalization.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the agreement on the City Hall land acquisition has been executed.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey noted that discussion about City Hall should be done cautiously prior to the November 2, 1999 election in consideration of the parks bond.

Councilmember Humphrey commented that *Keep Lakewood Beautiful* is interested to begin work on improving 112th Street and Gravelly Lake Drive area.

Councilmember Humphrey noted that the Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway entrance has been cleaned up by the City's work crew.

Councilmember Richardson commented on his meeting with Robin Hood Estates.

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Councilmember Richardson asked when the Northwest Landing sewer lines construction will begin along Farwest Drive. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the project will begin November 1.

Councilmember Palmas reported on the crime-free multi-housing program Emerald Apartment complex graduation ceremony at Springbrook.

Councilmember Palmas reported that he had received a citizen complaint about the fence at Interlaaken and Washington Boulevard creating a visual obstruction of incoming traffic.

Councilmember Palmas reported that citizens are requesting that the streets be cleaned after chip sealing.

Mayor Harrison reported that at the Tillicum Chamber meeting, the group expressed an interest to participate in the *Weed and Seed* program.

Mayor Harrison reported that on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, there will be a meeting of dissatisfied citizens in Tillicum.

Mayor Harrison indicated that the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club had a meeting and a letter to the Council will be coming.

Mayor Harrison announced that he, Deputy Mayor Thomas and Police Chief Saunders attended a function on the changing of the Ft. Lewis command. He indicated that the City and Chamber are co-sponsoring a reception for the new commander.

Mayor Harrison reported that at an Association of Washington Cities (AWC) informational gathering meeting, it was AWC's opinion that the legislature will not be doing anything to help cities on Initiative 695 in the first year.

Mayor Harrison thanked the Rotarians and McChord Air Force Base for helping with the Springbrook cleanup.

Mayor Harrison commented that the City's Wellness event over the weekend went well.

Mayor Harrison noted that NatureFest was well attended and the ratio of children to adults was five to one.

Mayor Harrison announced that at the noon City Club meeting, on October 20, 1999, at Sheraton, Tim Eyman will be interviewed by The News Tribune Editorial Board in a public forum.

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Mayor Harrison indicated that he received a call from a Metropolitan Parks District Board member who offered the possibility of remunerating the City for Ft. Steilacoom Park over an extended period of time after passage of the zoo bond if the City worked with Pierce County Councilmember O'Malley to place the zoo bond on the ballot.

Mayor Harrison asked staff to locate the correspondence from a citizen on the restriping of 146th Street.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that at the Council's next study session on October 11, 1999, consideration for supporting the City of Tacoma's request to form a Public Facilities District will be brought before the City Council.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately one hour to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters.

Council recessed at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:45 p.m.

**MAYOR HARRISON MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CITY MANAGER ROHLFS.
SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE

CITY CLERK