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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas (arrived at 7:08 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Amending Section 3.34.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to gambling taxes.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance amending the level of gambling taxes applied to bingo and raffles from 10 percent to 5 percent of gross revenues.

Discussion ensued on the reduction of revenues this change would have on the 2000 budget in the amount of approximately \$19,000.

Amending Section 3.38.050 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the method of calculating service charges for the Surface Water Management utility, adding credits and other adjustments; and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements relative to Storm Water detention/retention.

Mayor Harrison announced that this proposed ordinance will be continued to a date to be determined.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DECEMBER 6, 1999 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending Section 3.34.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to gambling taxes. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

2. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 1999 City of Lakewood Budget Amendments.
3. Adopting the 1999 City of Lakewood Budget Amendments. - (Ordinance)
4. Proclamation declaring December 1999 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.
5. Briefing on Advertising Shelter Demonstration. - *Scott Morris, Marketing Manager, Pierce Transit.*

Discussion ensued on the 1999 budget amendments.

Councilmember Palmas arrived at 7:08 p.m.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there will be a Special Council Meeting on December 13, 1999 for the purpose of swearing-in reelected Councilmembers.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that he will be executing agreements for Safe Streets, the Health Department and Pierce County for Court transport services.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas expressed her frustration with The News Tribune article on the parks bond.

Councilmember Humphrey reported that Pierce Transit will be holding a number of public hearings on their budget. He explained that Pierce Transit will be using approximately \$10 million to \$12 million in surplus to offset their losses because of Initiative 695. Bus and shuttle services will be curtailed, fare increases are being recommended and weekend services will no longer be available.

Councilmember Davis reported that the Sound Transit RTA Board met on Thursday, November 19, 1999, and unanimously passed its 2000 budget.

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Councilmember Davis reported on the police ride-along tour she took on November 20, 1999.

Councilmember Davis asked that staff respond to the written correspondence Council received regarding business properties off Steilacoom Boulevard.

Community Development Director Bugher explained that all correspondence on the Comprehensive Plan will be addressed by the Planning Advisory Board and then forwarded to the Council.

Councilmember Davis asked for clarification about the U.S. West lawsuit.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an update on the Farwest Drive sewer line project and the potential artifacts found at Ft. Steilacoom Park. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that he has prepared a letter notifying the County of the potential artifacts findings.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an update on the installation of drain pipes on Hipkins Road. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that staff is waiting for the property owner to sign an easement on their property.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked City staff for hosting a nice awards banquet.

Deputy Mayor Thomas congratulated General Services Director/City Clerk Bush for receiving a \$2,500 grant for International Festival 2000.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked if staff will be holding public sessions on the theme park and suggested that

presentations be made to various community groups.

Mayor Harrison commented that there was good public participation at the November 16, 1999 skate park meeting.

Mayor Harrison commented that he and City Manager Rohlf's met with University Place and others on the impacts of Initiative 695. He indicated that the Association of Washington Cities Director informed him that the legislators have been providing more positive comments since the meeting with Governor Locke. Mayor Harrison noted that the Governor has stated that he is looking to fully fund the health departments.

Mayor Harrison informed Council that they were provided copies of Pierce County Councilmember O'Malley's letter on the annexation.

Mayor Harrison announced that City Hall will be closed on November 25 and 26, 1999, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters.

Council recessed at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE

CITY CLERK