

1999 12 06 Regular Meeting

LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 6, 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: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Absent: 1 - Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas (arrived at 7:12 p.m.).

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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 Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison wished Councilmember Richardson a happy birthday and members of the audience sang "Happy Birthday."

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on Monday, December 13, 1999, there will be a Special Meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of swearing-in the reelected Councilmembers. Following the Special Meeting, the Council Study Session will be held.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that the City received twenty-one Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for funding totaling approximately \$1.4 million. The announcement of the CDBG entitlement grant awards are scheduled to be announced on December 15, 1999.

City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's direction and approval to extend the initial appointments of Planning

Advisory Board members John Brooks and Herb Stumpf until the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Council concurred with the extension.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring December 1999 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring December 1999 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month to Police Chief Larry Saunders.

Councilmember Palmas arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Bautista and Gallasch reported on the discussions at the Youth Advisors Forum and the Youth Advisory meeting on drug and substance abuse.

Briefing on Advertising Shelter Demonstration.

Mr. Scott Morris, Pierce Transit, gave an overview of the Pierce Transit bus shelters and the placement of 30 shelters in Lakewood. He reviewed the benefits of shelter advertising and discussed the possibility of requesting a variance to the City's sign code.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

David Bellarts, 6222 - 146th Street SW #26, asked to see an overlay of the proposed amusement theme park in American Lake Gardens and an Environmental Impact Statement.

Carol Masters, 6420 - 150th Street SW, expressed concern about American Lake Garden residents not being informed about the proposed amusement theme park prior to the newspaper article.

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Kathy Erickson, 320 - 34th Avenue NW, Gig Harbor, Alpine Mobile Home Park owner, expressed concern about rezoning American Lake Gardens to light industrial. She also expressed concern about emergency vehicle access to the mobile home park.

Guy Gravelly, Mobile Home Park tenant, asked for a copy of the proposed zoning changes to American Lake Gardens. He expressed concern about displacing tenants should owners of mobile home parks sell their properties.

Larry Odell, Acorn Meadows, commented on rumors he heard of Woodbrook Middle School and Woodbrook Apartments being sold.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 15, 1999.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meetings of November 17 and 18, 1999.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of November 22, 1999.
- D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$141,169.23 for the period November 1 - 15, 1999.
- E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amounts of \$407,522.99 for the period ending November 22, 1999 and

\$1,368,176.09 for the period ending November 30, 1999.

F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Human Services Collaboration Community Leadership Team meeting minutes of June 23 and July 28, 1999.
2. Human Services Collaboration All Partners meeting minutes of July 14, August 11, and September 8, 1999.
3. Mayor's Select Committee on Economic Development meeting minutes of August 3, 1999.
4. City Events Ad-Hoc Committee meeting minutes of October 14, 1999.
5. Lakewood Sister Cities Association meeting minutes of October 14, 1999.

G. [Ordinance No. 223](#)

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

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

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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 on the 1999 City of Lakewood Budget Amendments.

There were no public comments.

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 224](#) adopting the 1999 City of Lakewood Budget amendments.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 224. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs noted that a tentative community meeting with the American Lake Gardens residents to discuss the proposed amusement theme park is scheduled for January 13, 2000.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas commented on the Lakes High School Theatre presentation of "The Butler Did It" and Tacoma Little Theatre's presentation of "Peter Pan." She noted that a Lakewood student played the part of Peter Pan.

Councilmember Thomas congratulated staff and volunteers who hosted the Tree Lighting and Holiday celebration.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the Korean business redevelopment meeting held last week.

Councilmember Humphrey suggested that a regional transportation meeting be scheduled.

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Councilmember Richardson recommended that the meeting with American Lake Gardens residents be held sooner to inform citizens on what redesignation means when land use changes and to discuss nonconforming uses.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he will not be able to attend the Builders Association banquet on December 9, 1999.

Councilmember Richardson asked if staff would be attending the Ft. Lewis housing privatization meeting.

Councilmember Palmas complimented the efforts being made on the *Weed and Seed* program.

Councilmember Palmas commented that he will be bell ringing at Safeway.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commended Finance Director Kidd and the Finance staff for receiving a financial performance report award.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked the Police Department for their monthly report.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the National League of Cities conference she attended. She reported on the Institute for Youth, Education and Families and the tour of housing for seniors, homeless and unwed mothers. She indicated the conference focus was on economic development and shopping on the Internet. She stated that Renton presented an interesting marketing program concept.

Mayor Harrison announced that St. Francis Cabrini Church opened its new sanctuary.

Mayor Harrison reported on the November 29, 1999 meeting with the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club. Both the City and Club treators will be developing a joint treatment proposal.

Mayor Harrison commented on a Mann Middle School project he was asked to participate in with regard to "colonizing Mars." He explained he was asked to describe what type of government should govern Mars.

Mayor Harrison also commented on the Korean business meeting.

Mayor Harrison reported that on December 2, 1999, he spoke at the Chamber breakfast meeting about the proposed amusement theme park.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Chamber auction last week.

Mayor Harrison congratulated the City Events Committee for hosting the Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration.

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Mayor Harrison indicated that the Chamber is working with the Antique Carousel to bring some carousels to Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison reported that Skip Rash has indicated that he will not be organizing Lakefolkfest this coming summer.

Mayor Harrison requested that staff schedule a Council retreat.

Mayor Harrison indicated that several citizens have suggested that the City increase the City newsletter from one to two per year.

Mayor Harrison moved to reschedule the January 3, 2000 Public Hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan to the Special City Council Meeting of Monday, January 24, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Palmas. Voice Vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Mayor Harrison announced that Councilmembers will recess into an executive session for approximately ten minutes to discuss labor negotiations.

Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE

CITY CLERK