

# 1999 12 13 Special Meeting/SS

## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 13, 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 7:13 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey (arrived at 7:15 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.

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Boyd at the request of Mayor Harrison.

### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Swearing-in of re-elected Councilmembers.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas and Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Harrison recessed the Special Council meeting at 7:15 p.m. and convened the Council Study Session.

\*\*\*\*\*

City Council Special Meeting Minutes -2- December 13, 1999

At 9:50 p.m., Mayor Harrison reconvened the special meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush then conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

\*\*\*\*\*

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

Council recessed at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

---

**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

---

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

**CITY CLERK**

**LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, December 13, 1999**

**City of Lakewood**

**City Council Chambers**

**10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW**

**Lakewood, WA 98499**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harrison called the Study Session to order at 7:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis;**

Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

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.

\*\*\*\*\*

Deputy City Manager Neiditz introduced George Sullivan, consultant, who will be preparing the Lakewood Police Department study.

\*\*\*\*\*

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Presentation on Pierce County preparation for Y2K.**

Ms. Wanda Sorsdahl, Pierce County Emergency Management, provided an overview and rating of services that are Y2K compliant. Utilities, banks, food delivery, emergency response communications, transportation, federal government, state government and county government are rated as *good* to *very good* in being Y2K compliant.

**City Council Study Session Minutes -2- December 13, 1999**

Authorizing the execution of a joint agreement with the City of University Place and Pierce County relative to a regulatory permitting process for the Chambers Creek properties.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the joint agreement with the City of University Place and Pierce County for the merging of a regulatory permitting process for the Chambers Creek properties. He then reviewed the design guidelines that will serve as the zoning and development regulations for these projects.

Discussion ensued on the notification process for the upcoming design review open house on December 16, 1999; sending notices to the Robin Hood estates mailing list; and accessibility to the 100 acres Chamber Creek properties.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County relative to the transfer of leasehold interest and operational control of Fort Steilacoom Park to the City of Lakewood.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed the proposed agreement transferring the leasehold interest and operation of Ft. Steilacoom Park to the City of Lakewood effective January 1, 2001.

Discussion ensued on potential concerns that the State may have; adding language to include future leasehold interests; fees for the use of the park; and equal access to the park for all residents of Pierce County.

Alternatives relative to providing animal control services in the City of Lakewood.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reviewed three alternatives for providing animal control services in 2000. He recommended that the City enter into a one-year agreement, in the amount of \$40,000, which is a 38 percent reduction from 1999. Services that would be excluded are routine leash law enforcement, nuisance leash law enforcement, and barking dogs. Services to be provided will include animal shelter and staffing to maintain the shelter; telephone support for complaints; enforcement of state cruelty laws and City ordinances; issuing and maintaining dog and cat licenses.

Discussion ensued on the level of service recommended; and the fee structure for citations and warrants issued. Councilmembers concurred with entering into a one-year agreement in the amount of \$40,000.

**City Council Study Session Minutes -3- December 13, 1999**

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 3, 2000 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the execution of a joint agreement with the City of University Place and Pierce County relative to a regulatory permitting process for the Chambers Creek properties. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
2. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County relative to the transfer of leasehold interest and operational control of Fort Steilacoom Park to the City of Lakewood. - (Motion - Regular Agenda)
3. Setting Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to extend the moratorium for the licensing and permits of adult entertainment businesses and establishments for an additional six months. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
4. Nominations and election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

There were no comments.

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

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a sketch of the proposed American Lake Park sign to be erected on Veterans Drive approaching the park. He noted that the cost for the sign is \$3,000 - \$4,000. This park entry sign design would be used for Harry Todd, Springbrook and Forest Parks. Mayor Harrison suggested that the names of the parks be determined before signs are made.

As an update to the number of grants the City has been awarded, City Manager Rohlfs reported that the City currently has 39 active grants. He noted that the City received two grants for the Steilacoom Boulevard to 96th Street sidewalk extensions.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Davis commented on the annual Colonel Johns Holiday Party that she and Deputy Mayor Thomas attended representing the City.

Councilmember Davis indicated that she took the first Sound Transit Commuter Rail ride to Seattle.

Councilmember Davis then reported on the National League of Cities Conference she attended with Deputy Mayor Thomas and shared information on the sessions that she attended.

Councilmember Humphrey reported that at tonight's Pierce Transit meeting, the Board made decisions on bus service reductions.

City Council Study Session Minutes -4- December 13, 1999

Councilmember Thomas complimented Management Analyst Mike Foster for the excellent press release on the *Weed and Seed* program.

Councilmember Thomas expressed her appreciation to The News Tribune for their article making reference to the City's Police Department as "Lakewood" Police Department.

Councilmember Thomas commented on Police Chief Saunders playing Santa at the Lions annual holiday dinner on Sunday, December 12, 1999.

Councilmember Thomas announced that Councilmembers were welcome to attend the Safe Streets meeting on December 17, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., at Mt. Tahoma High School in recognition of Safe Streets receiving a \$5,000 grant.

Councilmember Palmas reported that the LESA Board was informed that the City of Tacoma is reducing its budget allocation to LESA in the amount of \$200,000. He explained that LESA will be asking Tacoma to match the \$200,000 reduction for their Cops in Reserve Program or eliminate three dispatchers and eliminate LESA's report distribution to Tacoma.

Councilmember Richardson noted that he has requested staff to schedule the Lakewood Historical Society presentation on its artifact findings in January 2000.

Councilmember Richardson suggested that the Washington Bicentennial flag be encased when it is taken down.

Councilmember Richardson asked if there were any year-end financial requirements that needed to be done.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the December 10, 1999 Holiday party she attended at the Tillicum Community Center. She indicated that the comments she received from citizens were about the need for more communication and more newsletters.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented that, in her conversation with Colonel Johns of McChord AFB, Colonel Johns indicated that he would be lobbying for more housing because of the increase in staff created as a result of the C-17s.

Deputy Mayor Thomas complimented the winter street banners.

Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to schedule Friday, January 14, 2000, as an all-day Council Retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Harrison commented that the bell ringing activity on December 7, 1999 went well.

City Council Study Session Minutes -5- December 13, 1999

Mayor Harrison reported that the Clover Park High School service fair was well attended.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he attended the Cascadia Mayors Conference on December 9 and 10, 1999. He commented on the agreement that was developed between the counties and cities on their position about Internet taxation.

Mayor Harrison noted that the Ft. Steilacoom Historical Association held its annual holiday celebration. He indicated that the Association is interested in getting together with the Lakewood Historical Society.

Mayor Harrison indicated that Senators Winsley and Rassmussen and Representatives Talcott and Carrell are in support of the amusement theme park. Mayor Harrison indicated that he had personally talked with Congressman Norm Dicks to help with the potential relocation of the Woodbrook Middle School.

Mayor Harrison asked that the Tacoma Art Museum be officially made aware that they will not be funded as a result of Initiative 695.

Mayor Harrison requested staff to provide feedback on the impact to Glenn Anderson's business.

\*\*\*\*\*

At 9:50 p.m., Mayor Harrison adjourned the study session and reconvened the special meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the study session adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

---

**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

---

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

**CITY CLERK**