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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, January 10, 2000

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: 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 Rohlf; 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; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush and Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Brewster.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Amending Sections 18.45.030 and 18.45.130 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to sign code regulations.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed changes to the sign code regulations.

Discussion ensued on how the sign code amendments would apply to the Interstate 5 corridor; monument signs; confirming the inclusion of Oakbrook/Thunderbird shopping center as a community center; notifying commercial centers about the proposed sign code changes; option for a conditional use permit; working with the Chamber of Commerce on any changes to the sign code; and mini billboard signs.

Informational Report on Lakewood's Historic Structures/Properties Inventory.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush introduced Ms. Caroline Gallucci, Historic Preservation Consultant. General Services Director/City Clerk Bush explained that in the 1999 budget, the City took a conservative approach to historic preservation and allocated some funds to update a 1982 historic properties inventory. Ms. Gallucci then presented her findings of historic properties in Lakewood. She provided an overview of what historic preservation entails and provided examples of her survey on historic properties.

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She noted that she had found additional properties to be included in the inventory and recommended that Lakewood continue with updating the inventory then analyze the data to develop a historic preservation plan that could serve as a planning tool for economic development to attract tourism or as an educational tool.

Discussion ensued on historic properties that have not been included in this inventory; Woodbrook Club; methodical approaches to historic preservation; and the relationship between the Lakewood Historical Society and the City of Lakewood.

Briefing on the Tri-County process relative to the Endangered Species Act 4(d) Rule process for Chinook Salmon.

Ms. Debby Hyde, Pierce County Projects Coordinator, reviewed the Endangered Species 4(d) Rule for Chinook

Salmon and the Tri-County's proposal.

Discussion ensued on the use of fertilizers and how the regulations would apply to Ft. Lewis and McChord Gate Air Force Base.

Authorizing the implementation of the preferred alternative for the improvement of the intersections of Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard and Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive.

Engineering Manager Larkin introduced George Reynolds of Pertee Engineering, who reviewed the proposed alternatives for improvements to the intersections of Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard and Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive. The total number of accidents at these intersections from 1994-1999 was reviewed.

Discussion ensued on the three proposed alternatives, traffic, pedestrian safety and school access.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 18, 2000, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Amending Sections 18.45.030 and 18.45.130 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to sign code regulations. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 2. Amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan relative to City intern positions. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 3. Presentation on the Byrd School Artifacts Finding. - *Glen Spieth, Lakewood Historical Society***
- 4. This is the date set for a public hearing on the proposed improvements of the intersections at Gravelly Lake Drive SW and Steilacoom Boulevard and Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive.**

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Councilmember Thomas requested that the ordinance on amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan be moved to the regular agenda.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there was a traffic fatality tonight at Pacific Highway near the Colonial Motel.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Ron Burgess, husband of Karen Burgess, City's Domestic Violence Advocate, passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2000. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2000, at 1:30 p.m., at Lake City Community Church.

City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers for comments on the City's News Sheet.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on January 13, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Services Center, a meeting will be held on the theme park. Also, on January 20, 2000, another meeting on the theme park will be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

On January 14, 2000, the Council will hold a retreat at 9:00 a.m. at the Fort Lewis Golf and Country Club.

The next Council meeting will be held on January 18, 2000.

A public hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan will be held on January 24, 2000.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed several letters for Council's review and comment relating to the theme park and Ft. Steilacoom Park.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that he is reevaluating the position of Deputy City Manager and changing the position to Assistant City Manager.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis congratulated the Finance Department for receiving another award.

Councilmember Davis asked about the letter to Pierce County on the maintenance of the Tillicum Community Center.

Mayor Harrison suggested that the Tillicum Board be notified of the City's findings and that the Department of Housing and Urban Development be asked to help resolve the issue.

Councilmember Palmas reported that the LESA Board held an emergency meeting about the difficulty LESA was having with the LESA's criminal system.

Councilmember Palmas asked staff to explain the reasons why the City's investment portfolio changed from one public fund account to another.

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Councilmember Humphrey asked if the City can legally support the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club if the Department of Ecology denies the treatment permit.

Councilmember Humphrey commented on Richard Rabisa's concern about trash being dumped on Thorne Lane.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the meeting she had with the Youth Advisors and Lakewood Refuse about plastic recycling.

Mayor Harrison showed a video on racial diversity in Walnut, California.

Mayor Harrison suggested that the number of building permits and the valuation of the permits be included in the City's News Sheet.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the recent murders in Lakewood. Police Chief Saunders provided a summation of the killings.

Mayor Harrison indicated that at the *Keep Lakewood Beautiful* meeting, concerns were expressed about the *Keep Lakewood Beautiful* monies kept at the City not incurring interest.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he met with Clover Park School District Chair Elli Falk about the possibility of having a Lakewood Councilmember serve on the Selection Committee for a new superintendent.

Mayor Harrison noted that Senator Winsley has asked who will be serving as the liaison to the Clover Park School District with regard to the Clover Park School District and Steilacoom School District boundary issue. Mayor Harrison indicated that, in his discussion with Elli Falk, he suggested that perhaps former Clover Park School District Boardmember John Davis may be willing to continue serving as the liaison.

Mayor Harrison requested that Councilmembers plan to arrive to the Council's retreat on time and to plan to stay until all items on the agenda were discussed.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately five minutes to discuss labor negotiations.

Council recessed at 11:10 p.m. and reconvened at 11:15 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE

CITY CLERK