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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 7, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmembers Larry Humphrey.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Acting Police Chief Mel Ceccanti; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush and Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Brewster.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Palmas by request of Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison, members of the Council and the audience wished Councilmember Davis a happy birthday and sang, "happy birthday."

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that a meeting with Representatives Gigi Talcott and Mike Carrell will be held on February 19, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at University Place City Hall. Also at 11:00 a.m., Representatives Talcott and Carrell will be holding a Town Hall meeting at the University Place Library.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring the month of February 2000, as African American History Month and recognizing the 111th birthday of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation to Pastor Joseph Nixon, Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church, declaring the month of February 2000, as African American History Month and recognizing the 111th birthday of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Bautista and Lim reported that the planned Youth Forum last week was not held due to scheduling problems. He then reported on their efforts for holding a Recycling Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Michael Fuller, 10333 Bridgeport Way SW, requested that a curfew be implemented in the City of Lakewood.

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Louis LeMoine, 5905 Fairlawn, spoke about the need for more vehicle parking spaces if the skatepark is located at Kiwanis Park.

Glen Spieth, 5928 Steilacoom Boulevard, spoke about the need for restroom facilities, lighting, angle parking and fencing at Kiwanis Park if the skatepark is located there. He expressed concern about liability issues associated with a skateboard park and a splash pool in the area.

David Cotant, 9101 Bridgeport Way, expressed concern about siting a skatepark at Kiwanis Park. He proposed that if the skatepark must be at Kiwanis Park, to site it to the north of the park.

Thomas Young, 8909 Gravelly Lake Drive, spoke about a new alternative plan for improvements to the Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard intersection.

Stephen Butler, 9393 Lakeview Avenue, spoke about the City's requirements to pave an impound vehicle yard. He explained that his company will not pay to have his yard paved to hold predominantly City impounded vehicles.

Roger Laybourn, 11103 Deepwood Drive SW, spoke in support of relocating the skatepark to Kiwanis Park.

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Barbara Stephanik, 8724 Dresden Lane, spoke in support of a skatepark at Ft. Steilacoom Park and expressed concern that Kiwanis Park was too closed in.

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Becky Thurston, Lakewood resident, questioned why Ft. Steilacoom Park needs to be developed and asked to leave the Park alone. She suggested that the skateboard park be located at Kiwanis Park.

Maggie Bailey, 6707-77th Street W., spoke about the need for volunteer dentists to work in the dental van.

Sue Badertscher, Lakewood resident, spoke about the Lakewood First Lions' skatepark fundraising effort and requested that the City proceed with constructing a skatepark.

Jonathan Brown, Lake Louise Drive, spoke about the need for lighting in the new skatepark and commented that liability is not an issue if no fees are imposed. He spoke in support of the Kiwanis Park site.

Jennifer Richards, YWCA, spoke about the YWCA's support for proceeding with a skatepark site and that it does not matter where the park is located as long as it is safe, has adequate space and that it is close to transportation access.

J.B. Layne, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of the Council and City staff efforts. He indicated that with the construction of City Hall, he expressed concern about cost overruns and made suggestions on ways to circumvent such overruns.

Esther Miller, 11415 Woodbrook Drive, spoke about holding a teen dance at an arcade in the Tillicum-American Lake Gardens area and the \$6 charge per person. She commented that Tillicum youths would not be able to afford this fee. She spoke about the theme park, need for sewers, and the sale of the Tillicum Community Center.

Mr. Applegate, Woodbrook Drive, spoke about a meeting being held about Pierce County giving away the Tillicum Community Center.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 18, 2000.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of January 24, 2000.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of January 24, 2000.

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D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$130,361.68, for the period January 1 - 15, 2000.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$3,322.35, for the period ending January 14, 2000.

F. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$264,913.86, for the period ending January 27, 2000.

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

1. Human Services Collaboration/Lakewood's Promise All Partners Meeting minutes of December 8, 1999.

2. Planning Advisory Board Workshop minutes of December 15, 1999.

3. Planning Advisory Board Public Hearing minutes of December 29, 1999 and January 19, 2000.

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

Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Harrison deviated from the agenda to consider the skatepark siting under "Unfinished Business" at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on Lakewood Skatepark siting.

Assistant to the City Manager Brewster reviewed the history for the siting of a skateboard park. Possible locations were Ft. Steilacoom Park, Pierce College and now Kiwanis Park. He explained that if a site is not located, the City could lose a \$110,000 Interagency Committee (IAC) grant from the State. He then described the benefits for siting the park at Kiwanis Park.

Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of Options 1 and 2 of where the skatepark is located within Kiwanis Park; proposed amenities that would need to be installed such as restroom facilities; mitigating the concerns of neighbors in the area; enforcement of skaters to skate only within the park and not outside the park; and parallel parking versus angle parking.

Deputy Mayor Thomas moved to notify the State IAC that the siting of the skateboard park will be moved from Ft. Steilacoom Park to Kiwanis Park. Seconded by Councilmember Davis.

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Roll call vote was taken as follows:

AYES: 6 - Davis, Palmas, Richardson, Thomas, Deputy Mayor Thomas, and Mayor Harrison.

ABSENT: 1 -Humphrey.

The motion was declared passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 227 amending Section 3.34.010 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the rate of tax imposed on social card games.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 227 TO INCLUDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF APRIL 1, 2000. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Community Development Director Bugher provided an overview of the comments received by citizens at the January 24, 2000 public hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion ensued on specific land use designation changes that were requested by citizens. Community Development Director Bugher indicated that about 70 to 80 percent of the comments were addressed by the Planning Advisory Board. Discussion ensued on the process the City will use to notify citizens who requested changes; what changes, if any, will be incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan; infill planning; definition of multi-family and high density designations; neighborhood business district designations; Robinhood Estate trail; and the process for Council's approval of the Comprehensive Plan and time span for receiving public comments.

Council agreed to hold a study session for further discussion on the Draft Comprehensive Plan on March 1, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

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BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the names that are being suggested for naming City parks before park signs are made. It was suggested that Harry Todd Park be named Harry Todd Community Park; and Springbrook Park be named Springbrook Rotary Club Park. He suggested that the City solicit suggestions for naming Forest Park.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed for the Council notable building projects that the City has implemented in the last four years.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

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Mayor Harrison announced the Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss land acquisition and personnel matters.

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Council recessed at 10:55 p.m. and reconvened at 12:05 a.m., February 8, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m., February 8, 2000.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE

CITY CLERK