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## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 6, 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 7:00 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; 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.

### FLAG SALUTE

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

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the Senate's Initiative 695 backfill proposal.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Lakewood Mall is being sold and noted that Wells Fargo chose MBK Northwest to redevelop the Mall. MBK expressed support in the developing a City Center by the construction of a City Hall.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors' Report.

None.

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Lakewood's Promise Update.

Human Resources and Services Director Young reviewed the Human Services proposed process for funding human services programs with Level II Funds of \$57,000 targeted for elderly and disabled persons.

Ms. Andie Gernon, Co-chair of the Human Services Collaboration, provided an overview of the *Weed and Seed* application, and the coordination efforts to fill the human services gap for helping low-income individuals. She then provided an overview of *America's Promise* State/Community Progress Report.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Charlie Maxwell and Peter Slowiaczek, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, provided clarification about some*

*comments made at the Lakewood CARES meeting on February 19, 2000. He spoke about the city trail system, the Rainier Cable Commission, city's sign code, and the City Hall project.*

*Peter Slowiaczek, 9875 Bridgeport Way SW, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the City Hall project and the revitalization of the Mall.*

*David Anderson, Lakewood CARES, 14506 Portland Avenue, expressed concerns about the enforcement of the sign code; purpose of Lakewood CARES; disincorporating the city; Council voting in executive session to join a lawsuit on Initiative 695; breaking a lease with People's Plaza for office space; voting twice on the parks bond; displacing low income housing by rezoning land uses; lowering gambling taxes for mini-casinos; and the City's track record of anti-government actions.*

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*Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane, spoke in support of constructing City Hall.*

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*Herb Stumpf, 11718 Terry Lake Road SW, spoke about the City's budget workshops and numerous City meetings held regarding the City Hall project.*

*Eric Macatee, Lakewood resident, spoke about the City being out of touch with the approach that is being taken with code enforcement, lack of professionalism of City staff on handling building permits and Council's arrogance.*

*Jim Senko, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of Council's action and in support of constructing a City Hall.*

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*Jack McNall, 7304-100th Avenue SW, expressed concerns about the uncontrolled growth of Lakewood under Pierce County and spoke in support of the City's incorporation. He spoke in support of a new City Hall and the advantages of revitalizing the Lakewood Mall. He then spoke in support of the theme park.*

*Mike Brandsettee, 81st Street SW, spoke about the need for more interaction with citizens and City Council. He spoke in support of a new City Hall, fair enforcement of City codes and that all areas of the City are looked at equally. He spoke about the lack of customer service standards of staff with citizens.*

*Bob Arndt, 7710-97th Ave SW, spoke about the citizens lack of understanding on the economics of owning versus leasing a City Hall.*

*Kristy Kernen, 8636C Onyx Drive, spoke about the deforestation in Lakewood at 104th and Interlaaken and stopping the overgrowth.*

*Fred Willis, 10510 Cedrona Street SW, spoke in support of building a City Hall and thanked Lakewood Mall for selling a \$4-\$5 million piece of land for \$10. He expressed concern about the City's lack of communication to citizens and the squabbles that has occurred. He commended Officer Joe Boyle.*

*Hal Young, 7802-89th Avenue SW, spoke in support of constructing City Hall.*

*Andie Gernon, 10930 Meadow Road SW, spoke about building bridges and working together for building our City.*

*Rita Happy, 11617 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, spoke about the heritage of Tacoma and spoke about the heritage of Lakewood by building a City Hall.*

*Cy Happy, 11617 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, spoke in support of City Hall, and expressed caution about flooding*

*hazards associated with Clover Creek.*

*Paul Jones, P.O. Box 98948, spoke in support of City Hall but expressed concern about the extravagance of City Hall. He indicated that the City is anti-business. He suggested that the City Hall design be reevaluated.*

*Dee Youmans, 4905 Pacific Street, spoke about Puget Sound Energy (PSE) imposing a utility tax of more than 6 percent. She explained that tax on top of tax is being assessed PSE customers.*

*Tal Edman, 12124 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, spoke in support of constructing City Hall.*

*Ron Cronk, Lakewood resident, spoke about the democratic process and giving citizens an opportunity to be heard.*

*Dietrich Baker, Lakewood CARES, spoke about the youths he and Dave Anderson have worked with.*

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*Kim Hill, Beds & Roses, 10310 Gravelly Lake Drive, spoke against the City's sign code and the City's lack of support for businesses.*

*Helen Morrison, 10111 Kline Street SW, spoke about her volunteer efforts and the efforts of the Council. She asked citizens to support the City and get involved.*

*Esther Miller, 14511 Woodbrook Drive, spoke about beautifying Woodbrook. She spoke in support of City Hall and expressed concern about personal vendettas and how people need to work together.*

*Tom Davis, Woodbrook area, spoke about the need for businesses to be able to put up signs and how much businesses depend on signs for the livelihood of their businesses.*

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

**A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 22, 2000.**

**B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of February 28, 2000.**

**C. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$135,709.74, for the period February 1 - 15, 2000.**

**D. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$7,345.06, for the period ending February 18, 2000.**

**E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$959,151.01, for the period ending February 29, 2000.**

**F. [Ordinance No. 229](#)**

**Amending Sections 3.36.010, 3.36.020, 3.36.025, 3.36.040, 3.36.050, and 3.36.055 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the transient occupancy tax to reflect statutory references, with rates remaining unchanged.**

**G. [Resolution No. 2000-5](#)**

**Setting Monday, April 17, 2000, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the Draft 2000-2005 Joint Tacoma and Lakewood Consolidated Plan and the 2000-2001 Annual Action Plan.**

**COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**Council recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.**

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#### **R E G U L A R A G E N D A**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

City Manager Rohlf asked if Council had any further questions of the City Hall architects.

Mayor Harrison requested that the City Hall architects proceed with City Hall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

None.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey asked for a status report on the permitting process for the treatment of Lake Steilacoom. Engineering Manager Larkin reported that the Department of Ecology has denied the permit request that was submitted.

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the tax activity report showing an eight percent increase over 1998.

Councilmember Humphrey asked where the 2000 Budget was made available for public viewing. City Manager Rohlf indicated that the budget is made available at the Lakewood and Tillicum libraries. It was suggested that the budget also be made available at the Lakewood Chamber.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the U.S. Census form she received in different languages.

Councilmember Thomas requested that a notice of the March 14, 2000 Clover Park School District levy be posted on the City's web site and in the *City Happenings* newsletter to inform citizens of the election.

Councilmember Richardson reported that the Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, on which he is a member, will be providing the Council with their recommendation for funding activities at three levels.

Councilmember Richardson expressed his desire and willingness to communicate more with citizens.

Councilmember Palmas also expressed his willingness to communicate more with citizens.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested that citizens be asked what is the best format to get information to them.

Mayor Harrison announced that at the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting, Mayor Deerfield of Dupont was elected as Chair and that he was elected as Vice-Chair.

Mayor Harrison provided a legislative update on finding some form of relief on Initiative 695.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation and labor negotiations.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

**RESOLUTION**

[Resolution No. 2000-6](#)

Authorizing the establishment of a new money purchase retirement plan and trust for the State Public Employee's Retirement System replacement plan for the identified, nonexempt employees of the Lakewood Municipal Court, and authorizing the City Manager to serve as trustee and coordinator.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-6. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**