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**LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 15, 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 6:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 6:20 p.m.).

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Update on skateboard park siting at Kiwanis Park.

Assistant to the City Manager Brewster reported that the State Interagency Committee (IAC) approved the City's request to resite the skateboard park from Ft. Steilacoom Park to Kiwanis Park. He explained that the next step is to issue a bid.

Assistant to the City Manager Brewster commented that the Kiwanis Club would like to partner with Lakewood First Lions in helping to sponsor the skateboard park.

Discussion ensued on the proposed Kiwanis Park upgrade; addressing citizens concerns about the adjacency location of the skateboard park to the residences; timing of the construction; \$4,000 estimated cost for a drinking fountain, plumbing and installation; and the installation of field lighting. Council concurred with siting the skateboard park at Kiwanis Park, issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the construction of the park and conducting an environmental review of the park and proposed improvements.

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Authorizing the expenditure of City funds to abate public nuisances at 5427 Steilacoom Boulevard SW, 7523 150th Street SW, and 8857 Gramercy Place SW; and authorizing the City Manager to take steps necessary to recover the expenditure of City funds.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed resolution for abating three public nuisance properties. Building Official Ellis reviewed the locations of the three properties.

Discussion ensued on City staff contacts with the affected property owners.

Vacating a portion of Meadow Park Road West right-of-way for the construction of a veterinary clinic.

Associate Civil Engineer Vigoren reported that the proposed vacation public hearing will be held by the City Council

on March 20, 2000. Following the hearing, the Ordinance to vacate a portion of Meadow Park Road will be brought before the Council for action.

Discussion ensued on the location of the proposed right-of-way next to Perky's.

Discussion of the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Community Development Director Bugher provided an overview of the proposed land use designations along major arterial streets. He then presented an aerial display of land uses along Steilacoom Boulevard accompanied with actual photos of the properties along Steilacoom Boulevard.

Discussion ensued on the commercial and industrial uses of Steilacoom Boulevard near South Tacoma Way; Noble Manor decision as it relates to vesting laws on the land uses at Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive; Neighborhood Business Districts; non-conforming uses; and Western State Hospital land use designations.

Community Development Director Bugher then reviewed the air corridor designations.

Discussion ensued on the impacts the air corridor designations had on land use and military flight patterns and noise impacts.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the status of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Comprehensive Plan.

Council expressed a desire to continue the review of land use designations along Washington Boulevard, in the vicinity of the Rail Station; Western State Hospital and the northeastern sections of Tillicum proposed for high density designations.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 20, 2000, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Authorizing the expenditure of City funds to abate public nuisances at 5427 Steilacoom Boulevard SW, 7523 150th Street SW, and 8857 Gramercy Place SW; and authorizing the City Manager to take steps necessary to recover the expenditure of City funds. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
2. Vacating a portion of Meadow Park Road West right-of-way for the construction of a veterinary clinic. - (Ordinance)
3. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider vacating a portion of Meadow Park Road West right-of-way for the construction of a veterinary clinic.
4. Briefing on the 1995 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. - *Mr. Norman Abbott, Puget Sound Regional Council.*
5. Proclamation declaring April 2000 as Disaster Preparedness Month. -

*Mr. Ed Reed, Program Manager, Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.*

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs complimented the Finance Department for receiving another Financial Award.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that in response to requests for names to rename Forest Park, four suggested using the same name, *Forest Park*; five suggested *Washington Park*; and one suggested *Military Field*.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Superior Court ruling on Initiative 695.

To follow up on a request by the Council, City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to let him know when the Council would want to establish committees for Parks, Transportation, Police and a Puget Sound Energy Ad Hoc Committee.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Richardson expressed concerns about Mid-Mountain Construction on the Northwest Landing sewer project and the detouring of traffic and controlling traffic around Lakes High School.

Councilmember Palmas expressed his appreciation for the Truancy and Crime Report.

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Councilmember Palmas asked for an update on the Tillicum Community Center Proposal for the transfer of ownership. General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reported that nine applicants submitted a response and that interviews with the top two to three candidates were proposed to be scheduled around the end of the week.

Councilmember Palmas commented that the Lakewood Historical Society is requesting if the old beams from Lakewood Speedway could be used for the new City Hall. He noted that the Historical Society also requested if the Council would sponsor a resolution supporting the efforts of the Historical Society and if the City would consider having a display case to display historical items at City Hall. Councilmember Palmas asked if trees will be planted in the medians that are being constructed on Steilacoom Boulevard in front of the Clover Park Technical College. City Manager Rohlf indicated that there will be trees and some lighting.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked that when the old Ernst Building is demolished, if useful materials can be recycled. Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for an update on the Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard intersection.

Mayor Harrison complimented Mr. Bob Mack, Lakewood lobbyist, for representing Lakewood and keeping the Council informed on legislative matters.

Mayor Harrison announced that Mr. Chris Kealy, Jimmy G's, will be subsidizing the Daffodil Float.

Mayor Harrison reported that he met with Mr. John Ladenburg and Ms. Jan Shabro, candidates for County Executive.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Employment Security office in Lakewood will be relocated from 112th Street to another location in Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison indicated that whenever an International District meeting is held, the meeting will be noticed so Council can attend. Mayor Harrison indicated that at the last meeting, concerns were expressed about hate crimes against the Koreans. Members also discussed what to name their area.

Mayor Harrison asked when the construction of Custer Road will be completed. City Manager Rohlf indicated that it is his understanding that it will be completed by late April.

Mayor Harrison indicated that another meeting will be set with Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club.

Mayor Harrison asked staff to provide the Council with a weekly update on City Hall. City Manager Rohlf indicated that a conference call was held with Wells Fargo Bank on the lot lines. He explained that the environmental review on City Hall will be published next week. He then provided an update on the leased properties to be vacated for construction of City Hall and letting a bid for demolition, which should start in early May.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**