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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas (arrived at 7:10 p.m.).

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; 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 Deputy Mayor Thomas by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Daffodil Princess from Lakes High School was elected as first runner up.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring April 2000 as Disaster Preparedness Month.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring April 2000 as Disaster Preparedness Month to Mr. Ed Reed, Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.

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Briefing on the 1995 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Mr. Norman Abbott, Puget Sound Regional Council, provided an overview of the major elements of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Councilmember Palmas arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Report on Lakewood Players New Programming.

Mr. Mark Englehorn, Director, Lakewood Players, provided an update on the new programming of the Lakewood Theater. He indicated that the Theater will be providing musicals, comicals, drama, Shakespeare, and educational classes in drama and directing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

George Wailther, Morey Lane, spoke about renaming Forest Park to George Washington Park.

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Pat Finnegan, Cloverdale Court, presented a petition to stop the construction of City Hall and asked that voters be asked if they desired to spend City dollars for constructing City Hall. He indicated that the City should not be building a City Hall to help Wells Fargo.

Beverly Bills, 11819 Creekside Drive, spoke about renaming Forest Park to George Washington Park.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Study Session of March 1, 2000.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 6, 2000.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of March 10, 2000.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$168,691.20, for the period February 16 - 29, 2000.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$395,280.99, for the period ending March 15, 2000.

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

1. City Events Ad-Hoc Committee meeting minutes of February 10, 2000.

2. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Board meeting minutes of February 10, 2000.

G. [Resolution No. 2000-8](#)

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.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 2000-8. SECONDED BY

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS AMENDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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.

Speaking before the Council were:

There were no comments.

The hearing was declared closed.

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 230](#) vacating a portion of Meadow Park Road West right-of-way for the construction of a veterinary clinic.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 230. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf reported that discussion on the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for the March 27, 2000 Council Study Session.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey asked if Keep Lakewood Beautiful formed as an IRS 501c(3) nonprofit corporation, would the City be able to accommodate the funds collected by Keep Lakewood Beautiful and return those funds with interest to Keep Lakewood Beautiful. City Attorney Heid indicated that the City could enter into a contract with Keep Lakewood Beautiful in order to convey an amount of money similar to the funds mentioned for recognized governmental and public purposes.

Councilmember Humphrey encouraged the publicizing of the names of citizens who have adopted streets through the Adopt-A-Street program to encourage more citizens to adopt streets.

Councilmember Humphrey addressed Ms. Susan Mitchell and recommended that she look at the crime statistics. He noted that the number of multi-family housing has not increased since Lakewood became a City.

Councilmember Davis commented that she was pleased to see that negotiations are proceeding with the transfer of Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Councilmember Davis commented on the value of the work crew program and noted that last year, the crew had a cost savings of \$10,000 which did not include the value of the labor performed to the community.

Councilmember Thomas distributed a copy of a detour map, which is being distributed by citizens on the rerouting of traffic on Steilacoom Boulevard because of the sewer construction project.

Councilmember Richardson addressed Ms. Susan Mitchell and spoke about the City's *Weed and Seed* program, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Crime-Free Multi-Housing program, installation of streetlights and the juvenile diversionary program.

Councilmember Palmas asked about the WISHA and OSHA claims reported in the Human Resources Annual Report. Human Resources and Services Director Young reported that the claims reflected 1998 incidents which were paid in 1999.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas called on Police Chief Saunders who reported that the Kiwanis Club has agreed to be a co-sponsor with Lakewood's First Lions to support the skateboard park. He indicated that they will be approaching Holroyd Company to ask Holroyd to donate concrete for the construction of the park. If Holroyd agrees, it is proposed that the park be named *Holroyd Park*. If Holroyd disagrees, it is proposed that the park be named *The Lions/Kiwanis Park*.

Mayor Harrison indicated that between 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. today, there was a shooting in Woodbrook across the street from Woodbrook Middle School. He explained that the Police Department called for a lockdown at Woodbrook Middle School. He congratulated Police Chief Saunders and the Police Department for their efforts.

Mayor Harrison commented on his meeting with eight small business owners during the *Mayor's Coffee* last week. He indicated that the businesses expressed concerns about the sign ordinance; however, they did express their support to be advocates for the City.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Daffodil coronation and the exceptional children ceremony he attended at McChord Air Force Base over the weekend.

Mayor Harrison asked Councilmembers to let City Manager Rohlf know if there was a Councilmember who could attend the March 23, 2000 Crime-Free Rental Housing graduation ceremony.

Mayor Harrison indicated that Pierce County Councilmember Chair Sarah Cassada informed him that Pierce County is trying to get State and Federal support for securing funds for eliminating methamphetamine laboratories.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss pending litigation.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Councilmembers asked for a briefing on the last pawnbrokers ordinance change that was adopted by the Council. City Attorney Heid indicated that the ordinance provided for one pawnbroker business for every 35,000 population. This was

Amended *maintained* as requested by the pawnbrokers. The ordinance also

04/03/200 provides for the pawnbrokers to stay where they are and they could also move to an appropriate zoned location.

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Discussion ensued on the requirements for a business license, pawnbrokers being able to change the structure of their businesses, and reasons for the legal action taken by the pawnbroker shops.

Councilmember Richardson asked if the Council was agreeable to placing on the March 27, 2000 Council Study Session Agenda. A discussion on repealing the utility tax and placing it back on an advisory ballot in 2001.

Discussion ensued on the reasons for repealing the utility tax, the timing of the election, the required number of votes to pass an advisory ballot measure, the message it would send to citizens, and how soon the legislative budget could be developed.

After much discussion, Mayor Harrison asked for a show of hands, on placing a utility tax repeal on next week's Study Session agenda. By a show of hands of three in favor and four against, the item will not be placed on the March 27, 2000 Council Study Session agenda. Mayor Harrison suggested that as soon as the legislative budget is determined, at the earliest opportunity, the Council will consider whether to consider discussing the matter further and possibly reopening the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK