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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 27, 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 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.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush explained that Pierce County had informed the City that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released its preliminary pro rata allocation for HUD's Continuum of Care program. Pierce County's pro rata share is \$1,161,000, City of Tacoma's share is \$938,198, and the City of Lakewood's share is \$99,499, totaling \$2,647,697. She explained that the County wants to know if Lakewood will continue to participate in the Tacoma/Pierce County Continuum of Care program. The primary focus of the program is to provide housing for persons with disabilities primarily those with mental illness, and build a transitional housing system for those exiting emergency shelters. Tacoma has agreed to participate in the Continuum of Care Program. Applications for funding must be submitted to HUD by the end of May, and the Continuum of Care Committee will begin to solicit applications from providers to be submitted to HUD.

Councilmembers agreed to participate in the Tacoma-Pierce County Continuum of Care Program.

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Legislative Update.

Mr. Robert Mack, lobbyist, reviewed the House and Senate budget proposals to provide partial funding to cities for Motor Vehicle Excise Tax revenue losses. For Lakewood, the House Budget proposal is \$4,001,480, and the Senate's proposal is \$5,740,059 for a 15-month period, from April 2000-June 2001. He then reviewed the differences in the House and Senate proposals.

Discussion ensued on both proposals and the sales tax credit proposal.

Mr. Mack discussed the zoo/park tax bill (HB3105) that was amended from last year's proposal regarding a one-tenth of 1 percent sales tax. He explained that HB3105 stipulates that 50 percent of the tax would go to zoo, aquarium and wildlife parks; and the remaining 50 percent would be distributed on a per capita basis - first to the Metropolitan Park District, then to incorporated cities, and the remainder to Pierce County. Lakewood would get 9 percent of the 50 percent. Lakewood and Pierce County would be required to spend a total of \$150,000 in four years for historical purposes for Ft. Steilacoom Park. Lakewood's share would be \$50,000. The State would collect a 1 percent tax for twelve years that would go for housing for low income, mentally ill individuals in Pierce County.

Mr. Mack also reported that House Bill 2505 allows cities over 50,000 to develop multiple-unit housing developments tied to commercial development, which provides for a ten-year property tax exemption.

Discussion of Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Harrison called on Mr. Engersoll who spoke about his perspective of the McChord Air Force Base air corridor designation in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Engersoll recommended not using the Federal Aviation Administration or the Washington State Department of Transportation standards.

Discussion ensued on the military purchasing property in the clear zones and how the land use designations could affect the military's strategic operations of Ft. Lewis and McChord Air Force Base.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed land use designations along Washington Boulevard.

Discussion ensued on the level of traffic and proposed land use designations on Washington Boulevard.

Community Development Director Bugher then reviewed the land use designations of Tillicum.

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Discussion ensued on the increase of traffic levels on Thorne Lane as a result of the proposed designations; reasons for having three different density land use designations; providing for commercial development to serve the increased densities; traffic ingress and egress into Tillicum; neighborhood business designation in Tillicum and Springbrook neighborhoods.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 3, 2000 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. This is the date set for a public hearing to extend the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities.
2. Extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities. - (Resolution)
3. United Way Silver Award presentation - Ms. Lisa Mowat, United Way

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers to inform him when Council would want to place a Resolution on the agenda to consider naming Forest Park. Councilmembers requested that staff proceed with preparing a Resolution for Council's consideration.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the phase II Tacoma Dome Rail Station development for an additional 1,200 parking spaces. He then reported that Pierce Transit's ridership has increased 1 percent in light of the funding

cutback.

Councilmember Palmas reported that the Lakewood Historical Society expressed their appreciation for receiving 100 percent participation by the Council in the Historical Society. He reported that the Historical Society is requesting that they be provided a room at the new City Hall for storage of historical items.

Deputy Mayor Thomas expressed her appreciation of City staff working with the utilities companies to clarify the utility tax billings.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for clarification on the entrance signs at Bridgeport Way. She then asked for an update on the Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard intersection. Councilmembers requested that a meeting on the closure of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road be held with affected residences.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the planning of a volunteer celebration in mid-September or October to reaffirm Lakewood's Promise and celebrate Lakewood volunteers and community efforts.

Mayor Harrison commented on his meeting with Miss America.

Mayor Harrison reported on the City Club meeting, which he and Redevelopment and Economic Development Administrator attended to make a presentation on the proposed theme park.

Mayor Harrison reported on a meeting he and Police Chief Saunders had with Remann Hall officials on the number of Lakewood juveniles in Remann Hall.

Mayor Harrison asked staff to provide an update on Pierce College's request to place an entrance sign at Farwest Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he will contact Mr. Noges to respond to the City's letter on Lake Steilacoom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK