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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 3, 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: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas and Doug Richardson.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember Sherri Thomas (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

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 Helen Morrison by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring April 9-15, 2000 as FRIENDS of Lakewood Library Week.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation, declaring April 9-15, 2000 as FRIENDS of Lakewood Library Week, to Ms. Neel Parikh, Director, Pierce County Library and Friends of the Library.

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Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Bautista, Gallasch and Lim reported that on April 22, 2000, Earth Day, is when the youths would like to organize a recycling effort. Mayor Harrison indicated that Lakewood's Earth Day will be on May 6, 2000, with the help of Lakewood Refuse.

United Way Silver Award presentation.

Ms. Lisa Mowat presented City Manager Rohlfs with the United Way Silver Award.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Susan Mitchell, 10115 Sharon Street SW, spoke about drug and alcohol families and the treatment of families by the Police.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 15, 2000.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 20, 2000.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 27, 2000.

D. Approval of payroll vouchers in the amount of \$143,366.09, for the period March 1-15, 2000.

E. Approval of claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,114,089.18, for the period ending March 29, 2000.

Mayor Harrison requested that the March 20, 2000 minutes, page 5, second to the last sentence of the last paragraph be amended to read "This was maintained as requested by the pawnbrokers."

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

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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 to extend the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities.

Speaking before the Council were:

There were no comments.

The hearing was declared closed.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 2000-10](#)

Extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for gambling activities through October 5, 2000.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-10. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the City Hall project. City Manager Rohlfs reported that the City Hall architects will be providing the Council with an update at the Council's April 10, 2000 Study Session.

Councilmember Humphrey asked that the Council be provided an update whenever meetings are held with the

architects. He asked for an update on the demolition schedule. City Manager Rohlfs reported that the closing on City Hall is scheduled for the end of April and award of the demolition contract will be brought before the Council in mid-May. Deputy Mayor Thomas asked that the City look into recycling demolition materials. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that this will be included in the demolition bid.

Councilmember Palmas commented on a news article concerning who was responsible for fixing the cracks in the foundation of the new Fircrest City Hall. He suggested that the City take measures to address such issues in the City's contract for construction and design of its City Hall.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on Pierce College's request for a sign at Farwest Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that he is waiting for a call back from Pierce College.

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Mayor Harrison asked for an update on Tillicum Community Center. General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reported that Pierce County is interviewing the three finalists for the transfer of ownership of the Center this week. The Tillicum Community Center Board is a finalist.

Councilmember Palmas asked that the City's newsletter include an article on the City's web page.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported on an accident at Harry Todd Park where an unattended child had jumped into the lake and was taken to Madigan Hospital.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that a television production crew will be filming a Stephen King mini-series at Thornewood mansion. The television production staff will be meeting with the Tillicum Neighborhood Association and residents about the filming. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Pierce College, Clover Park Technical College and the City are working together on this production.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a draft ordinance establishing a Keep Lakewood Beautiful Advisory Board.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a memo from the City Attorney on the State's position concerning gambling moratoriums.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of potential restorations of loss revenues to the City's 2000 budget as a result of the Legislature's proposals to restore revenue reductions as a result of Initiative 695. City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's consensus to proceed with advertising for certain staff positions.

Councilmember Richardson asked staff to look at ways to have a staff person work with Lakewood on sewer hookups to expedite the sewer process.

Councilmembers agreed to authorize the City Manager to proceed with advertising for staff positions.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented on how a citizen's request to change a Pierce Transit bus pattern for children safety at Springbrook worked. He asked for an update on the installation of a traffic light on Bridgeport Way. Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the light is scheduled for installation in July.

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Councilmember Humphrey asked for clarification on the Air Force's letter regarding the air corridor zone.

Councilmember Thomas reported on a meeting she and Councilmember Humphrey attended with Lakewood Water District on their proposed expansion. She reported that the District will be holding an open house to inform citizens of their plans.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the Safe Streets Race Against Drugs go-cart race at KMart.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an update on the Weed and Seed project. Police Chief Saunders reported on the Brookhaven Apartments code enforcement collaboration and its closing.

Councilmember Richardson asked when the Custer Road construction will be completed. He also asked for an update on the Surface Water Management projects. Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the status of transportation and surface water management projects.

Councilmember Palmas asked if a citizens group of volunteers could survey the City and report where there were inoperable streetlights. Councilmember Palmas asked that the Council be provided an update on the Moderate Offender Unit program. Councilmember Palmas asked staff to keep a database of citizens writing e-mail messages to City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for an update on the transfer of the Ft. Steilacoom Park. Deputy Mayor Thomas asked that citizens who have adopted streets be recognized in the newsletter and to encourage more citizens to adopt streets.

Mayor Harrison reported that Lake Steilacoom Club will meet on Wednesday, April 5, 2000.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful committee meeting.

Mayor Harrison encouraged Council to read the Joint Tacoma and Lakewood Consolidated Plan.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board meeting where they approved plans to aggressively seek new businesses and retain existing businesses with focus on a regional level.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Lakewold Gardens library dedication in honor of Carroll O'Rourke, which was well attended and well done.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Lakewood cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2000. He asked who is coordinating the effort.

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Mayor Harrison reported that Councilmember Davis will be representing the Council on the City Events Committee and that Councilmember Thomas will be representing the Council on the Lakewood Sister Cities Association.

Mayor Harrison encouraged Councilmembers to drive by Springbrook Park to see the improvements that have been made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK