LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 24, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; José Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:05 p.m.).

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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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Mayor Harrison called on Kurt Graff, Redevelopment Advisory Board (REDAB), who spoke about the building permitting process and setting up meetings with Pierce County to begin the process for Pierce County and City staff to discuss ways to streamline and improve the permitting process. He commented that the REDAB is also working on efforts to support the Lakewood Rail Station.

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Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed dwelling densities by land use designations.

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Discussion ensued on minimum and maximum density definitions in the land use categories.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed land use designations for American Lake Gardens.

Discussion ensued on the proposed Cross Base Highway and industrial land use designations.

Community Development Director Bugher then reviewed the proposed land use designations along 100th Street between Bridgeport Way and Lakeview.

Discussion ensued on the land use designations along Rips and Kline.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed a proposed transportation policy for the alignment of Interstate 5/State Route 512 interchange. He then reviewed the proposed urban renewal area boundaries for Lakewood and the proposed housing policies.

Discussion ensued on the housing policies language of LU 1.3 to discourage the trend of gated and walled subdivisions by either removing the policy or changing the language to encourage the trend of gated and walled subdivisions to better tie new with existing development. Councilmembers agreed to remove LU 1.3 from the housing policies and change the phrase in LU 1.4 "foster growth" to "improve the quality of life." Discussion ensued on LU 6.1 to ensure that this policy was being included to meet federal requirements to allow a broad range of housing to accommodate persons with special needs; and clarifying that transitional housing did not consist of providing housing for individuals for penal reasons. Councilmembers agreed to remove housing policy LU 6.2. Councilmembers agreed to change Goal LU14 to "accommodate" instead of "encourage" the siting of in-home family-oriented services, such as child and elder care facilities, in residential areas.

Discussion ensued on a high-density residential designation at 112th Street for senior housing and changing that property designation to residential.

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Council recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

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Police Chief Saunders introduced Major Rick Adamson of the Police Department.

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Councilmembers agreed to designate the property at 112th Street as residential.

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Discussion ensued on projected staffing levels for implementing the Comprehensive Plan; timing for the Environmental Impact Statement and determining the schedule for adopting the Comprehensive Plan.

Reopening the 2000 Budget.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed potential budget restorations adjusted for the 2000 budget based on the proposed Legislative budget restorations resulting from Initiative 695.

Discussion ensued on Wards Lake Phase II acquisition; and recruiting for certain staff positions. Council agreed to proceed with the recruitments for Plans Examiner and two Building Inspector positions.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 1, 2000 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Briefing on Project Impact. Pierce County Emergency Management
- 2. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Specialized Landscaping, Inc., in the amount of \$46,300, for ballfield upgrades at Washington Park. (Motion Consent Agenda)
- 3. Authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County for amendments to the Pierce County Regional Council County-Wide Planning Policies to address new provisions to the urban growth area policies. (Resolution Consent Agenda)
- 4. Adopting the 2000-2005 Joint Tacoma and Lakewood Consolidated Plan, 2000-2001 Annual Action Plan, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment

Partnership Act Programs and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements for projects identified in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

- 5. Proclamation declaring May 4, 2000 as a Day of Prayer.
- 6. Proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2000 as Police Week. *Police Chief Larry Saunders, Lakewood Police Department*.

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the next Weed and Seed Program inspection of Union Square Apartments.

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City Manager Rohlfs asked if there would be a quorum of the Council at a meeting of the Lakewood Downtown Business Network on Friday, April 28, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., at Lakewood Mall Events Center for the purpose of noticing the meeting. Councilmembers noted that there would not be a quorum; therefore, noticing the meeting was not required.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that staff will not be pursuing an Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation grant for Flett Creek acquisition because of eminent domain issues.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Harrison asked if Council desired to accept Puget Sound Energy's offer to have a third party from Puget Sound Energy come to speak before the Council. Councilmembers agreed to accept Puget Sound Energy's offer and directed the City Manager to schedule this discussion at a Council Study Session.

Councilmember Humphrey reported that the utilization of *Park and Ride* services in Pierce County has had a significant increase.

Councilmember Thomas reported that she had heard that the City was negotiating with Clover Park School District to provide lifeguard services.

Councilmember Thomas asked for a report on building permit fees collected and the cost to provide this service.

Councilmember Thomas asked to have a map of City projects.

Councilmember Thomas asked when the Custer Road repair project would be completed. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the work should be completed in three weeks.

Councilmember Davis announced that Dr. Doris Walker was selected as the Clover Park Student District superintendent.

Councilmember Thomas commented on a citizen letter she received concerning the Lakewood Water District expansion.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation and land acquisition.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 11:30 p.m. and reconvened at 12 midnight.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12 midnight.
BILL HARRISON, MAYOR
ATTEST:
ALICE M. BUSH, CMC
CITY CLERK

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