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## LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 1, 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 7:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 2 - Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis and Doug Richardson

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Police Chief Larry Saunders; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush and Civil Engineer Ken Gunther.

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that International Festival 2000 will be held at Pierce College on Saturday, May 6, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., to celebrate cultural diversity.

City Manager Rohlfs commented on a memo that was distributed to the Council earlier on the land use designation at 112th Street and the proposed senior housing and church project at that site. Community Development Director Bugher then described the proposed senior housing and church project and proposed overlay for the land use designation.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring May 4, 2000 as a Day of Prayer.

Deputy Mayor Thomas read a proclamation declaring May 4, 2000 as a Day of Prayer.

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Proclamation declaring May 7-13, 2000 as National Tourism Week.

Councilmember Palmas presented a proclamation declaring May 7-13, 2000 as National Tourism Week to Ms. Ruthie Reinert, Executive Director, Tacoma-Pierce County Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2000 as Police Week.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2000 as Police Week to Assistant Police Chief Rick

Adamson.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisor Lim reported that the Youth Advisors are working on putting together a youth forum.

Briefing on Tourism Week.

Ms. Ruthie Reinert, Executive Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Convention and Visitor Bureau reported on a rodeo that the Convention and Visitor Bureau is working on. She then spoke about the role of the Convention and Visitor Bureau in promoting tourism.

Briefing on progress of Springbrook Neighborhood Association.

Mr. Ken Jones, Chair, Springbrook Neighborhood Association, provided a progress report of the Springbrook Neighborhood Association. He spoke about the Association's goals for traffic and pedestrian safety, which are to construct sidewalks, install a traffic light at Bridgeport Way and San Francisco, implement a vehicle speed control program, ensure safe school bus stops and better Pierce Transit bus service to the Springbrook area.

Briefing on Project Impact.

Mr. Steve Bailey and Ms. Claudia Ellsworth, Pierce County Emergency Management, spoke about Project Impact, which helps small businesses plan and prepare for emergencies.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Walt Kelcy, 5401 Arrowhead Road, spoke about the proposed land use designations providing for the senior housing and First Baptist Church improvements at 112th Street. He then displayed a drawing of the proposed project.*

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*Jean Jamison, Box 98683, Lakewood CARES, complimented the Weed and Seed program. She expressed concern about the traffic that would be generated by the theme park. She then spoke about the land use designation on 112th Street.*

*Dennis Haugen, 6528 Mt. Tacoma Drive SW, spoke about traffic visibility hazards and defensive driving. He expressed concern about the visibility hazards created by planting trees in street medians.*

*Andie Gernon, 10930 Meadow Road SW, spoke about the Weed and Seed enforcement action at Union Square Apartments in Tillicum on April 27, 2000. She reported that the actions taken were professionally conducted. She commended police and code enforcement staff for their operation.*

*Ms. Shanahan, Lake Steilacoom Drive, spoke on behalf of Michelle Rice, Catalina Court Apartments, and expressed concerns about the safety of children and the need to run background checks for Clover Park School District Recreational program coaches.*

*Timothy Combes, 12424 Vine Maple Drive SW, echoed Walt Kelcy's comments about the First Baptist Church improvements and senior housing project at 112th Street.*

*Vicki Beausoleil, 8927 Gravelly Lake Drive, spoke about the dangers, the public nuisances and gang-related activities occurring at DJ's Bar & Grill. She asked that there be police presence, have DJ's liquor license removed or close the business at 10:00 p.m. She distributed copies of a petition against DJ's Bar & Grill.*

*Bryan Park, 334 Wells Avenue, provided an update on the proposed senior housing project at 112th Street. He recommended that the Council adopt fair housing laws on housing for seniors, 55 years and older, and the use of restricted covenants.*

*Dixie Shawl, DJ's Bar & Grill, spoke about the petition filed on DJ's Bar & Grill. She spoke about the incident that occurred on April 26, 2000 and the efforts DJ's have made to try to work in a cooperative relationship with the city.*

*Sam Walker, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to a five- or six-storied building which would be authorized in a*

*mixed used designation at 112th Street.*

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

**A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 17, 2000.**

**B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of April 24, 2000.**

**C. Approval of payroll check numbers 103419 to 103438, in the amount of \$140,023.51, for the period April 1-15, 2000.**

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**D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 10998 to 11152, in the amount of \$1,015,136.41, for the period ending April 26, 2000.**

**E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**

**1. City Events Ad-Hoc Committee meeting minutes of March 9, 2000.**

**2. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Board meeting minutes of March 9, 2000.**

**F. [Resolution No. 2000-13](#)**

**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.**

**G. [Motion No. 2000-7](#)**

**Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Specialized Landscaping, Inc., in the amount of \$46,300, for ballfield upgrades at Washington Park.**

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

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**Council recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.**

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**[Resolution No. 2000-14](#) expressing support for the May 16, 2000 Clover Park School District Levy.**

**Mayor Harrison asked for public comments in support or opposition to Resolution No. 2000-14.**

**There were no comments.**

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-14. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**[Resolution No. 2000-15](#) endorsing the implementation of the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management**

**Project Impact, a small business mitigation project.**

**COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-15. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**None.**

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**None.**

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**City Manager Rohlfs reminded Councilmembers to provide the Mayor with their recommendations for appointing members to the Redevelopment Advisory Board.**

**City Manager Rohlfs asked Council to let staff know how the Council would want to proceed with creating a Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee and a Transportation Committee.**

**City Manager Rohlfs provided an update on the State's budget and explained that the City will receive \$2.874 million for Initiative 695 restoration and some portion of \$1.3 million may be likely. He indicated that the Council will be provided more information, as they become available.**

**City Manager Rohlfs commented on the Lakes High School Choir's superior ratings in the national competition.**

**Councilmembers requested that the ordinance creating the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee be placed on the Council's agenda for consideration.**

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Humphrey commented on the Downtown Business Network meeting held on Friday, April 28, 2000.**

**Councilmember Humphrey commented on an e-mail from Robert Burton regarding the Comprehensive Plan.**

**Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on City Hall.**

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**Councilmember Thomas asked that a letter be sent congratulating the Clover Park School District Board on their process for selecting the Superintendent and to also send the Resolution supporting the levy, which the Council adopted.**

**Councilmember Thomas commented on the Cinco de Mayor proclamation that she will be presenting.**

**Councilmember Thomas thanked Community Development Director Bugher for his help in solving the problem that was created on the land use designations on 112th Street.**

**Councilmember Thomas commented that prom night and graduation is a high risk and vulnerable time for youths.**

**Councilmember Thomas noted that she will not be attending the May 15, 2000 Council meeting.**

**Councilmember Palmas encouraged Councilmembers to attend the Greater Lakes Mental Health Care meeting on May 24, 2000, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., to discuss mental healthcare.**

**Councilmember Palmas announced that Tillicum will have a clean-up day on May 6, 2000.**

Deputy Mayor Thomas noted that she will not be able to attend the Greater Lakes Mental Health meeting because she will be attending a meeting in San Francisco to discuss education reform.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the public meeting that was held on the closure of Wildaire Road. She explained that the meeting was well received.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on a meeting she had with Clover Park School District Superintendent Walker.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked the Tillicum Community Center for staging a team of social services agencies to assist the Weed and Seed effort at Union Square Apartments. Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that thank you letters be sent to all the agencies that helped with the effort. Mayor Harrison noted that he later met with Representative Gigi Talcott on this matter.

Mayor Harrison commented on the level of activity at the May 21, 2000 "Coffee with the Mayor" meeting.

Mayor Harrison commented on the meeting he and City Manager Rohlf's had with the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce about the air corridor next to McChord Air Force Base.

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Mayor Harrison reported that 25 student visitors from Germany who are visiting Pierce College stopped by City Hall for a tour.

Mayor Harrison reported on the April 27, 2000 meeting with the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club.

Mayor Harrison commented on a meeting he attended on methamphetamine laboratories (meth labs) with the Prosecuting Attorney, Congressman Dicks and State legislators on the number of meth labs in Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison reported that several Lakewood Incorporation members met to discuss the accomplishments of the city and noted that the City's public relations and communications efforts need to be improved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**