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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 5, 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: Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas (arrived at 7:00 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.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison wished Councilmember Humphrey and City Manager Rohlfs a happy birthday. Council and members of the audience sang "happy birthday."

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on June 14, 2000, at 4:00 p.m., the City will be recognizing Flag Day. The ceremony will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Lakes High School Lancers Boys Track Team as the 2000 3A State Champions.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation recognizing Lakes High School Lancers Boys Track Team as the 2000 3A State Champions to Mr. Steve Thomas, Vice-Principal, Lakes High School.

Proclamation recognizing the Lakes High School Choir.

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Mayor Harrison showed a video on Springbrook Park that was aired on KIRO.

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisor Gallasch reported that they are currently working on replacements for their positions as Youth Advisors. Youth Advisors Lim, Bautista and Gallasch thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Youth Advisors this school year.

Presentation on Bridgeport Way SW and Pacific Highway intersection beautification design alternative improvements.

Mr. Ed Chaffee, Landscape Architect, Chaffee & Associates, presented design alternatives for the beautification of the intersection at Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway.

Presentation on fish barrier removal project at Clover and Flett Creeks.

Mr. Brian Abbott, Pierce County Conservation District, provided an update on the fish barrier removal project at Clover and Flett Creeks.

Discussion ensued on the administration of the projects and water quality.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Jim Senko, 10919-101st Avenue SW, Keep Lakewood Beautiful, reported that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee is supportive of the proposed ordinance creating a Keep Lakewood Beautiful Advisory Committee of the City.

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Robert Kepka, 12623 Bridgeport Way SW, expressed concern about loud stereos in vehicles and asked that an ordinance to confiscate such equipment be adopted. He also suggested that videos be installed in high crime areas.

Clark Feskerud, 8405-100th Street Ct S, asked for an update on the skate park. He also asked about the 6 percent utility tax overcharge. He asked for an update on the cost of the new City Hall.

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Nancy Fogerson, 14417 Portland Avenue SW, spoke about the City citing residents for property neglect; parking fines at Harry Todd Park; the Rowing Club using the grounds at Harry Todd Park all weekend for parking RV homes and camping tents; and the cost of insurance for reserving the park.

Ken Jones, Springbrook Neighborhood Association, commented on the Springbrook Park planning meeting he attended and what the Rotary Club has done.

Andie Gernon, 10930 Meadow Road SW, spoke about Motion No. 2000-11 and reported that 60 percent of the Police Chiefs surveyed in November 1999 indicated that the best solution to reduce youth violence is to provide more after-school and educational childcare programs.

Council recessed at 8:12 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 15, 2000.**
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of May 22, 2000.**
- C. Approval of payroll check numbers 103471 to 103490, in the amount of \$138,955.15, for the period May 1-15, 2000.**
- D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 11322 to 11420, in the amount of \$1,202,133.26, for the period ending May 27, 2000.**
- E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**
 - 1. City Events Ad-Hoc Committee meeting minutes of April 13, 2000.**
 - 2. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Board meeting minutes of April 13, 2000.**

F. Motion No. 2000-10

Setting Monday, June 19, 2000, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the City of Lakewood's proposed 2000 Budget Amendments.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion No. 2000-11 approving Level II human services funding for the Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Center Emergency Services Program in the amount of \$14,400; Communities In Schools Weed and Seed Emergency Services in the amount of \$10,000 and Weed and Seed Youth Services in the amount of \$10,000; Metropolitan Development Council Woodbrook LEADS, Grandchild Project, in the amount of \$7,262 and Community Development Block Grant human services gaps in the amount of \$15,338; and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements for said programs.

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Reopening of the City of Lakewood 2000 Budget.

City Manager Rohlf distributed copies of the proposed 2000 Budget amendments. He reviewed the amount of revenues generated from the utility tax which has funded areas of police and streets. He noted that the utility tax funded thirteen police officers. He then reviewed the proposed Initiative 695 revenue restoration funding of projects through December 31, 2000.

Discussion ensued on additional criminal justice revenues; Redevelopment Advisory Board's recommendations to work on expediting the sewer permitting process; Convention and Visitor Bureau and Lakewood Chamber of Commerce contracts; timing of bringing on additional police officers; and receiving public input for committing funds for hiring additional police officers.

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Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the draft Interlocal Agreement on Ft. Steilacoom Park. He then asked that a letter be prepared to the Deputy County Executive acknowledging receipt of the County's letter.

Mayor Harrison asked for Council's position on whether Springbrook Park should be opened prior to the installation of traffic signal at San Francisco Avenue or after the signal installation.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO OPEN SPRINGBROOK PARK ON AUGUST 1, 2000, IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FOR CRIME. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the drowning at American Lake.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the location of the skatepark at Kiwanis Park.

City Manager Rohlfs provided an update on the acquisition of property for Wards Lake Park.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the Pierce Transit proposal to acquire additional property. Councilmember Humphrey reported that Pierce Transit is acquiring a property across 96th Street for employee parking.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis asked if Councilmembers will be coordinating attendance at the *National Night Out*.

Councilmember Davis volunteered to be the City's representative at the Communities In Schools award ceremony by request of Elli Falk, Clover Park School District Board.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on the amendments to the sign code. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Chamber has reviewed the sign code, which will go before the Planning Advisory Board next.

Councilmember Humphrey asked about pursuing available funding from the Central Economic Development District.

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Councilmember Humphrey reported on the Gravelly Lake Drive SW/Steilacoom Boulevard intersection design alternatives meeting.

Councilmember Thomas announced that the KMart Race Against Drugs event will be held at KMart on June 17, 2000.

Councilmember Richardson complimented the Lakewood Police Department for responding to the Mann Middle School incident.

Councilmember Richardson clarified that the cost for the City Hall building is \$9 million.

Councilmember Palmas complimented the work done by the Lakewood Incorporation Committee on April 19, 2000. He requested that some of the items brought up by the Incorporation Committee be discussed at a Council retreat. He also requested that the Council discuss the City's lake issues at the retreat.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for an update on Pierce Transit's response to install lighting.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on General Colin Powell's report on America's Promise, particularly with regard to Lakewood. Deputy Mayor Thomas encouraged Councilmembers volunteering efforts to commit to Lakewood's Promise.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the Airwar College she attended in Montgomery, Alabama and the memorial wall that was created in memory of the veterans.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the weeds and lifeguards at American Lake Gardens.

Mayor Harrison reported on a meeting he attended with doctors and dentists at St. Clare Hospital.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Greater Lakes Mental Health Care meeting he attended.

Mayor Harrison reported on the American Lake Improvement Club meeting he attended. The topics of discussion were noise on the lake and the Camp Murray boat launch area.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Pierce County Veterans Advisory Committee Mountain View memorial he attended.

Mayor Harrison noted that he attended the Tacoma Urban League's meeting.

Mayor Harrison indicated that he attended the Lakewood CARES meeting over the weekend.

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Mayor Harrison announced that he will be attending a meeting with the Department of Ecology.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked Maria Sevier, GIS staff, for her help.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation, labor relations and personnel.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened at 10:40 p.m.

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City Manager Rohlfs distributed materials from Attorney Joe Quinn to the Council.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK