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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 12, 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 Larry Humphrey; Jos   Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis (arrived at 7:50 p.m.).

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Assistant City Manager Jeff Butzlaff; 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 and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Proclamation declaring June 14, 2000 as Army Day in the City of Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring June 14, 2000 as Army Day in the City of Lakewood to U.S. Army Captain Keith Kreuger, Tacoma Company Commander.

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Mayor Harrison wished Councilmember Sherri Thomas a happy birthday. Council and members of the audience sang "happy birthday."

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City Manager Rohlfs introduced Assistant City Manager Jeff Butzlaff and his wife Mary. City Manager Rohlfs then introduced Tami Davis, Management Analyst, in the Assistant City Manager's office.

Update on City Hall.

Mr. Lee Merritt, Merritt+Pardini, displayed graphic designs of the exterior design of City Hall. Engineering Manager Larkin provided an update on the cost for City Hall.

Discussion ensued on the type of glass that will be used on the building, location of a fountain pool and a veterans'

memorial at the City Hall site.

Calling for a September 19, 2000, special election of qualified Lakewood electors of a proposition ratifying and authorizing the City to acquire the Puget Sound Energy electric distribution system located within the corporate limits of Lakewood, at an estimated cost of \$5.7 million; approving the language of the ballot title and explanatory statement for the Official Local Voters' Pamphlet; and appointing persons to serve on the committees to draft the voter pamphlet statements for and against the proposed proposition.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed resolution calling for a September 19, 2000 election for acquiring the Puget Sound Energy electric distribution system. He noted that Mr. Gary Nomensen of Puget Sound Energy has requested that consideration be given to appoint him to write a voter's pamphlet statement against the proposition.

Discussion ensued on clarifying in the Explanatory Statement that all Lakewood voters served by the three electric providers have the opportunity to vote on this proposition. Discussion ensued on whether the ballot required a simple majority and what the reasonable cost for acquisition would be since the ballot title provides for an estimate only.

Adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2001-2006.

Engineering Manager Larkin reviewed the proposed projects in the 2001-2006 Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program.

Councilmember Davis arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Discussion ensued on funding levels; Hipkins Road and Idlewild project; Custer Road; Pacific Street from Cronin to 47th Avenue SW and Motor Vehicle Excise Tax projects.

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Engineering Manager Larkin indicated that the sidewalk project on Gravelly Lake Drive from 112th Street to Bridgeport Way SW should be removed from the list.

Discussion ensued on street lights; improvements on Nyanza to better access Interstate 5; street sweeping; Interlaaken Drive; traffic calming improvements; Onyx Drive sidewalk/bicycle path/trail on the east side of Onyx Drive from Garnet Lane to Coral Lane; Bridgeport Way improvements from San Francisco Avenue to Interstate 5; traffic signal at Union Avenue and Berkeley Street and distribution of street improvements throughout the city.

Council recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

Reopening of City of Lakewood 2000 budget.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the proposed 2000 budget amendments.

Discussion ensued on the \$19,240 shortfall of the cumulative revenue; utility tax funding street improvements; obligating funds for the 2001 budget by funding some of the programs in the 2000 restorations; possibility of placing certain future obligations on the ballot for voter approval; how to incorporate tax reductions and tax savings and potential of using the restored reserves of approximately \$300,000 prior to 2002.

More discussion ensued on what programs and positions to fund in the proposed budget. City Manager Rohlfs commented that six items were not part of the original 2000 Budget review which were the grant accounting staff, housing match, two traffic police officers, Community Development staff, Community Development Block Grant part-time housing staff and three police positions.

Discussion ensued on an advisory ballot for voters and communicating the proposed budget amendments to the citizenry in a simplistic manner.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 19, 2000, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Calling for a September 19, 2000, special election of qualified Lakewood electors of a proposition ratifying and authorizing the City to acquire the Puget Sound Energy electric distribution system located within the corporate limits of Lakewood, at an estimated cost of \$5.7 million; approving the language of the ballot title and explanatory statement for the Official Local Voters' Pamphlet; and appointing persons to serve on the committees to draft the voter pamphlet statements for and against the proposed proposition. - (Resolution)

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2. Adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2001-2006. (Resolution)

3. Recognizing Grace Lim, Melanie Gallasch and Robin Bautista as Youth Advisors to the City Council for the 1999-2000 school year.

4. Ordinance No. 232 (tabled from May 15, 2000 meeting) creating Chapter 2.24 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the establishment of a Keep Lakewood Beautiful Advisory Board. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

5. Amending the City of Lakewood Fee Schedule relative to non-resident parking fees at Harry Todd Community Park and American Lake North Park. - (Resolution-Consent Agenda)

6. Awarding a bid to R. W. Rhine, Inc., in the amount of \$133,060, for the demolition of buildings for the permanent City Hall. - (Motion-Consent Agenda)

7. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2001-2006.

8. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the City of Lakewood's proposed 2000 Budget Amendments.

9. Appointing Youth Advisors to the City Council for the 2000-2001 school year. - (Motion)

10. Calling for a September 19, 2000, special election of qualified Lakewood electors of a proposition ratifying and authorizing the City to acquire the Puget Sound Energy electric distribution system located within the corporate limits of Lakewood, at an estimated cost of \$5.7 million. - (Ordinance)

11. Adopting the City of Lakewood 2000 Budget Amendments. - (Ordinance)

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

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

City Manager Rohlfs announced that there will be no Council meeting on July 3, 2000.

City Connections, the City's newsletter, will be mailed to Lakewood households on Monday, June 19, 2000.

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City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a letter addressed to Pierce County Deputy Executive on Ft. Steilacoom Park.

City Manager Rohlfs explained that the staff will be bringing forth the Parks Master Plan in July as the City develops the Capital Facilities Plan.

City Manager Rohlfs asked if the Council desired to create a Transportation Committee.

City Manager Rohlfs responded to Council's earlier questions on lease costs for Pierce College to lease space at the new City Hall. He then distributed copies of the proposed lease costs.

Councilmember Davis commented on the Communities In Schools meeting she attended.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked where the economic development leakage documents were distributed.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss the review of contract performance and litigation.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 11:15 p.m. and reconvened at 11:55 p.m. At 11:55 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session will be extended for an additional fifteen minutes. The Council reconvened at 12:10 a.m. on June 13, 2000.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m. on June 13, 2000

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK