

2000 06 19 Regular Meeting

LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 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 Excused: 1 - Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas (arrived at 7:05 p.m.).

Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; 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 a Boy Scout from Troop 53 by request of Mayor Harrison.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE COUNCIL RULES TO MOVE TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS PORTION OF THE AGENDA AT THIS TIME. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Palmas arrived at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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

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Speaking before the Council were:

Peter Slowiaczek, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Council for considering to fund the Chamber of Commerce tourism contract. He then spoke about the hotel/motel tax, filming in Lakewood and funding more police officers.

Ruthie Reinert, Tacoma-Pierce County Convention and Visitor Bureau, thanked Council for considering to fund the Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Parley Applegate, 14507 Woodbrook Drive, spoke in support of the 2000 budget amendments and hiring additional police officers.

Joy Browne, Safe Streets Campaign, spoke in support of funding additional police officers to reduce crime and the need to spend funds on safety.

Steve Bisson, Lakewood resident, President Police Guild, spoke in support of law enforcement and to dedicate more officers to Lakewood.

Walt Kelcy, 112th Street, spoke in support of the public safety budget.

Teresa Byard, Communities In Schools, spoke in support of the police budget and the need to have more police presence at Springbrook Park.

Dan Comsia, Communities In Schools, spoke in support of the police budget and the Weed and Seed program.

Ken Jones, Springbrook Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of community policing and the police budget.

Tracey Kahlo, 7102 98th Street, expressed support for the proposed 2000 Budget Amendments.

Paul Pastor, Pierce County Sheriff's Department, spoke in support of staffing additional police officers and not to postpone the hiring of officers.

Eileen Bisson, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of the proposed 2000 budget amendments.

Harold Allen, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of hiring additional police officers and to make public safety the number one priority.

Dennis Carnahan, 8601 Spruce Street, spoke in support of hiring additional police officers and thanked Police Chief Saunders for his support. He asked Council to support the Police Department.

The hearing was declared closed.

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

Speaking before the Council were:

There were no public comments.

The hearing was declared closed.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, 6528 Mt. Tahoma Drive, spoke about using a different approach to apprehend drunk drivers. He suggested every bar call 9-1-1 whenever there is an assault.

Steve Seacrist, Puget Sound Energy, spoke about filing a claim against the City and filing a declaratory agreement to the Washington Utility Commission on condemning the Puget Sound Energy's boundaries. He also expressed concern about not providing a public hearing on this matter.

John Arbeeny, 8407 116th Street SW, expressed concern about a hostile takeover of Puget Sound Energy through eminent domain and the exercise of political power.

Lisa Shanahan, 9613 Lake Steilacoom Drive, spoke against the Puget Sound Energy takeover and the \$5.7 million estimate to acquire Puget Sound Energy being underestimated.

Sue Mitchell, 10115 Sharon Street, spoke in support of the police budget.

Pat Finnegan, 11514 Cloverdale Ct., Lakewood CARES, spoke about not funding 26 additional police officers requested a year ago and funding City Hall instead. He spoke about not adequately funding public safety; and urged funding 26 additional officers now instead of funding a new City Hall.

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George Riedel, 4913 109th Street SW, expressed concern about the housing concerns of rental property managers and complimented the actions of Police Chief Saunders for holding a meeting with property managers to discuss and work out issues with the Police Department.

Bill Stewart, 4915 109th Street SW, spoke in support of hiring additional police officers instead of funding a new City Hall.

Iver Haugen, Lakewood resident, expressed his support to the Council for their efforts to be public servants. He commented on the difficult issues that the Council must wrestle with.

Clark Fuskerud, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of hiring additional police officers and placing them in schools versus allocating funds for the City's entrance sign.

Dee Youmans, 4905 Pacific Street, spoke about filing a petition to the City Council about the lack of service provided to Lakewood citizens who are customers of Puget Sound Energy. She explained that the Council was responding to help the citizens of Lakewood.

Gary Cooper, 100th Street SW, spoke about Puget Sound Energy's innovative efforts as a utility company. He expressed concern about the City taking a private entity and giving it to a public entity. He asked Council to review all the data before taking action.

Todd Smith, Lakewood resident, expressed concern that Council is misinformed about the needs of the citizens and how the Council makes its decisions in a vacuum. He commented that the administration of Lakewood should be replaced.

David Anderson, 14506 Portland Avenue, commended the Council for funding the lifeguard program. He commented on the closing of the Korean Women's Association youth programs, and indicated there consequently would be no Safe Streets in the Springbrook area.

Les Skelly, Happy Days Diner, spoke in support of funding additional police officers. He then spoke about the condemnation of Puget Sound Energy.

Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:57 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 June 5, 2000.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 12, 2000.

C. Approval of payroll check numbers 103491 to 103516 in the amount of \$169,768.52, for the period May 16-31,2000.

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D. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Board meeting minutes of May 11, 2000.
2. City Events Ad-Hoc Committee meeting minutes of May 18, 2000.

E. [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.

F. [Resolution No. 2000-18](#)

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

G. [Motion No. 2000-12](#)

Awarding a bid to R. W. Rhine, Inc., in the amount of \$133,060, for the demolition of buildings for the permanent City Hall.

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

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

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 233](#) 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.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 233. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 233 TO THE JULY 10, 2000 COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 1 - HUMPHREY.

NAYS: 6 - DAVIS, PALMAS, RICHARDSON, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, THOMAS AND MAYOR HARRISON.

THE MOTION FAILED.

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ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 233 RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 6 - DAVIS, PALMAS, RICHARDSON, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, THOMAS AND MAYOR HARRISON.

NAYS: 1 - HUMPHREY.

ORDINANCE NO. 233 WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

[Ordinance No. 234](#) adopting the City of Lakewood 2000 Budget Amendments.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 234. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS.

Councilmember Richardson requested a recess.

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Council recessed at 10:00 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

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ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 7 - DAVIS, HUMPHREY, PALMAS, RICHARDSON, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, THOMAS AND MAYOR HARRISON.

NAYS: 0

ORDINANCE NO. 234 WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 2000-19](#) 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.

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DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-19. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Resolution No. 2000-20](#) adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2001-2006.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-20. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Richardson directed staff to prepare a Resolution to consider placing an advisory ballot on the September 19, 2000 election to the voters for the hiring of an additional ten police officers with the utility tax. It was the consensus of the Council to not proceed with the preparation of a Resolution for an advisory ballot.

Motion No. 2000-13 awarding a bid to Harlow Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$262,461, for the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Bridgeport Way SW and San Francisco Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO AWARD A BID TO HARLOW CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$262,461, for the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Bridgeport Way SW and San Francisco Avenue. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis complimented the staff for producing the "City Connections" newsletter.

Councilmember Humphrey suggested that a letter be sent to The News Tribune for the article on "A dangerous park? Not if the parents are around."

Councilmember Humphrey reported that the triangle at Bridgeport Way and at Gravelly Lake Drive and 112th Street are in need of weeding.

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Councilmember Thomas reported on the KMart Race Against Drugs event. She announced that \$4,500 was raised for Safe Streets for anti-drugs and anti-gang activities.

Councilmember Richardson commented that, as the chair of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, the hotel/motel tax dollars can only be used for tourist related activities.

Councilmember Palmas reported on the Pierce County Regional Council's efforts to create a Committee on the zoo tax. He indicated that the Council will be approached to become involved in this effort.

Deputy Mayor Thomas complimented staff for the City's newsletter. Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested that the tax rate information presented in the budget amendments be included in the next newsletter.

Mayor Harrison complimented Councilmember Thomas for her efforts to help with the KMart Race Against Drugs.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Pierce College's garden tour at Lakewold Gardens.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that she will not be attending the June 26, 2000 meeting.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss pending litigation.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 11:05 p.m. and reconvened at 11:25 p.m. At 11:25 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced Executive Session would be extended an additional 30 minutes. Council reconvened at 11:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

Approved by the Lakewood City Council July 17, 2000