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**LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, June 26, 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; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

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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.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Briefing on Lake Steilacoom treatment.

Engineering Manager Larkin provided an update for the treatment of weed and algae and the cost of the treatment.

Discussion ensued on the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club's position on the treatment of the lake; cost for treating only the weeds; the definition of *waters of the state*; cost for testing the lake; testing and treating only the lagoon of the lake and, if successful, treating the rest of the lake; and the City's obligation for treating the lake and the caution of duty.

It was the consensus of the Council to seek the recommendation of the property owners on the lagoon for conducting an experiment in the lagoon to test the effectiveness of the chemicals before treatment of the entire lake and also inform the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club of the City's action to seek recommendations of the lagoon property owners.

Further discussion ensued on the use of the Surface Water Management fund of \$625,000; and the Endangered Species Act.

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Briefing on Retail Market Analysis.

Mr. Jim Hebert, Hebert Research, Inc., provided an overview of the Retail Market survey of Lakewood residents to find out where they do their shopping for home improvement products, apparel, groceries, jewelry, sporting goods, computers and software, home electronics, major appliances, miscellaneous small appliances and furniture, and drug store products. He then reviewed the reasons why shoppers shop outside Lakewood.

Discussion ensued on the changes the Lakewood Mall could have on the retail economy and the amount of retail linkages occurring in the City and reasons for the linkages.

Mr. Hebert then reviewed the secondary research report using data from Claritas, Inc.

Discussion ensued on the impacts of multi-family housing and apartments; total spending by Lakewood residents in comparison to Federal Way and Internet shopping.

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Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

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Awarding a bid to Harlow Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$287,226, for the construction of sidewalks and bike lane on the south side of Custer Road from John Dower Road to Bridgeport Way.

Engineering Manager Larkin provided an overview of the Harlow Construction Co., Inc., bid for the construction of sidewalks and bike lane on the south side of Custer Road from John Dower Road to Bridgeport Way.

Discussion ensued on funding the sidewalk construction.

Items Tentatively Scheduled for the July 10, 2000 City Council Special Meeting:

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 10, 2000 CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION:

1. Update on City Hall.
2. Update on the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families - *Mr. Scott Hedlund, Chair, Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families*
3. Presentation of a certificate of completion of all three phases of crime-free housing. - *Mr. Ken Jones, Owner of Los Robles Apartments*
4. *Amending the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. - (Motion)*
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5. Discussion of a gambling moratorium.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf announced that the Harlow Construction bid and a personnel policy will be on the Council Agenda for the July 10, 2000 Special Council Meeting.

City Manager Rohlf reported that no appeal was filed on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a schedule and sign-up sheet for the *Paint Lakewood Beautiful* project.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that a tentative Council Retreat is scheduled for July 22, 2000. Several Councilmembers indicated that July 22 or 29, 2000 was not a convenient date. Staff will be contacting Councilmembers to schedule a convenient date to hold the retreat.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the weeds have been removed from American Lake at Harry Todd Park.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that it is unlikely that the City will be able to have lifeguards hired by this weekend, July 1 and 2, 2000. He reported that the City will continue the hiring process of lifeguards and coordinate with the school district to provide the City with the lifeguards that they have secured.

City Manager Rohlfs suggested that the City provide for security aides at the park and not hire parking lot attendants this summer. He suggested there be no charge for parking but to have the security aides put up barricades if the park becomes overcrowded.

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##### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas reported that several citizens have indicated to her that camping at Harry Todd Park did occur and that the park was being limited for the use of the campers only.

Councilmember Thomas commented on some of the rules imposed by the City, which discourages citizens to use the parks, such as obtaining insurance for family reunions.

Councilmember Humphrey announced that Pierce Transit will be holding several meetings in the County for area residents where services were reduced or eliminated because of Initiative 695.

Councilmember Davis asked for an update on a letter from Mr. Penrose about a dumpster.

Councilmember Davis commented on the Sound Transit Environmental Impact Statement.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Association of Washington Cities conference he attended.

Mayor Harrison noted that there was a Korean War ceremony at Ft. Lewis and an air show at McChord Air Force Base over the weekend.

Mayor Harrison announced that Colonel Johns of McChord Air Force Base will be leaving McChord.

Mayor Harrison expressed concern about the overgrown weeds on the traffic islands at Steilacoom Boulevard, 100th Street and the traffic circle at 59th Avenue. He asked that whenever traffic islands are constructed, that they be maintained.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss pending litigation.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

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##### ADJOURNMENT

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

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**

**Approved by the Lakewood City Council July 17, 2000**