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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 10, 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 8:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas.

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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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Update on the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families.

Mr. Scott Hedlund, Chair of the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families introduced Ms. Jane Boyajian, Ms. Andie Gernon and Mr. Dan Comsia to present a bi-annual report of the Commission and its goals.

Ms. Andie Gernon spoke about the vision and mission of the Commission.

Mr. Dan Comsia, Vice-Chair, Commission spoke about the goals of the Commission.

Mr. Hedlund then reviewed the efforts of the Commission in the juvenile diversion program and the healthy communities program.

Ms. Jackson, Center for Dispute Resolution, spoke about best practices for children and families, supporting collaborative efforts and promoting leadership development among youths.

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Approving the amendments to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff provided an overview of the existing Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Parks Manager Brewster reviewed the sources and use of revenues for City parks for 2000-2006.

Discussion ensued on financing \$245,000 in 2000 and the cost for maintaining Ft. Steilacoom Park; why natural open

space/greenery are considered as parks; status of the Ft. Steilacoom Park agreement; September 19, 2000 zoo tax measure; if Flett Creek Trail would run through the Robin Hood Estates; and creating a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as soon as possible.

Amending Section 8.60.220 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to noise prevention watercraft regulations.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed changes to the watercraft regulations relative to noise created by watercraft motor-powered vessels.

Discussion ensued on hydrofoil vessels; if American Lake Improvement Club had reviewed the proposed ordinance; how practice sessions on the lake will be controlled; when and where practice sessions can be held; and who authorized races on the lake.

Authorizing the City Manager to exercise discretion in land use decisions to promote compatibility with the Comprehensive Plan.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to exercise discretion to ensure land use decisions are compatible with the Comprehensive Plan until the new zoning codes are adopted.

Discussion of gambling moratorium options.

City Attorney Heid indicated that the State Gambling Commission does not recognize the gambling moratoriums imposed by the City. He reviewed the alternatives the City could impose on regulating gambling activities.

Discussion ensued on restaurants and gambling activities; status of what type of facilities and activities that were grandfathered by the Gambling Commission; and the option of meeting with Gambling Commission representatives to review their position and to ask for clarification.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 17, 2000 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending Section 8.60.220 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to noise prevention watercraft regulations. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

2. Authorizing the City Manager to exercise discretion in land use decisions to promote compatibility with the Comprehensive Plan. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

3. Proclamation declaring August 1, 2000 as National Night Out. - *Mike and Sharon Kanter, Lakewood Police Volunteers and Joy Browne, Safe Streets Mobilizer*

4. Presentation of a certificate of completion of all three phases of crime-free housing. - *Mr. Ken Jones, Owner of Los Robles Apartments*

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

6. Setting Monday, August 21, 2000, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed extension of a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for adult entertainment businesses. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

7. Appointing Youth Advisors to the City Council for the 2000-2001 school year.

There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that an ordinance will be brought before the Council next week on the reduction of landfill rates.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that MDK Investments is actively pursuing the purchase of the Lakewood Mall.

City Manager Rohlf's announced that there will be no Study Session on Monday, July 24, 2000. City Council will hold a retreat that same day.

City Manager Rohlf's reported on three citizen responses received about testing the lagoon at Lake Steilacoom. Two were negative and one was positive. The cost for testing is \$4,000. City Manager Rohlf's asked for Council's direction on how to proceed. Council concurred with proceeding with testing of the lagoon.

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City Manager Rohlf's asked if Council desired to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and how the Council wishes to proceed with the amendments to the Parks Plan. Council concurred with proceeding with the creation of a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Council directed staff to recall the Ad Hoc Committee on the Parks Board to review and make recommendations on the amendments to the Plan.

City Manager Rohlf's reviewed a claim for damage against the City for a \$1,448.64 building permit fee and asked that the claimant be given a partial reimbursement for \$579.46. Council concurred with providing for a partial reimbursement to the claimant.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented on Cameron "Mac" McKinnon's "birthday" celebration with 160 people honoring him and how Mr. McKinnon was a very active participant in the Lakewood community, especially at Tillicum.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on the reason for the delay of the demolition of the new City Hall project.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on security aides and lifeguards for the parks.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Councilmember Davis reported on a Zoo Park proposal meeting she attended and noted that a resolution will be brought before the Council asking for support of the zoo tax.

Councilmember Thomas asked for City staff's response to the Christ Lutheran letter relative to the sign code.

Councilmember Richardson announced that he will not be attending the July 17, 2000 Council meeting.

Councilmember Palmas reported on complaints he received about fireworks.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Hipkins Road hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 6:00 p.m., at Idlewild School.

Mayor Harrison reported that a cell tower is being erected on Phillips Road and asked if there was not a moratorium on cell towers. City Attorney Heid indicated that certain types of cell towers were authorized. Mayor Harrison asked for a list and location of all cell towers since the ordinance for cell towers was approved.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

Approved by the Lakewood City Council July 17, 2000