# LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 7, 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 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** 

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey and José Palmas.

Councilmembers Excused: 2 - Councilmembers Doug Richardson and Sherri 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 and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

**FLAG SALUTE** 

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER** 

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** 

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisor Ridge reported that the Youth Advisors are considering the topics of drug use and teen pregnancy to focus on.

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Police Recognition Awards.

Police Chief Saunders presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mike and Sharron Kanter for their contribution and outstanding efforts in organizing *National Night Out*. He then presented a Lakewood Police Volunteer of the Year Award to Tom Martin, a citizen volunteer and head of the Lakewood Crime Analyst unit. He also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Assistant Police Sheriff Eileen Bisson on behalf of the Pierce County Search and Rescue team. He then recognized Deputy Karin Lofing-Newman, Deputy Russell Martin, Deputy Les Button, and Traffic Officer Eugene Allen (Washington wide Task Force Award winner for DUI-arrest in 1999) on their excellent proactive operations. He also presented letters of commendation to Detective Sgt. Andy Estes and Deputy Mark Berry for their *Weed and Seed* efforts. He also recognized Deputies Dan Wulick, Brian Anderson and Chris Rather, for their outstanding efforts on a

domestic violence situation; Deputy Joe McDonald for a Medal of Valor he received and Deputy Mike Noel for a lifesaving medal award. Chief Saunders then presented Assistant Police Sheriff Eileen Bisson with a Pierce County Sheriff's Department Medal of Merit as Interim Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief of Lakewood from January 1997 to December 1999.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

Larry Else, 9816-128th Street SW, spoke about a rental property in Lakewood that needs assistance with life safety issues. He spoke about a conversation he had with legal counsel about properties at 9116 A, B, and C and 9123 128th Street.

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Dave Fogg, 11204 Lake Steilacoom Drive, expressed concern about theft and vandalism at the properties on 128th Street.

Frank Turpin, 9116 127th Street, provided background information and history about the properties on 128th Street and the vandalism that have taken place there.

*Mr. and Mrs. John Greiner, 12709 DeFloer Lane SW, spoke about the foul language spoken by tenants at the 128th Street rental properties and the suspicious activities occurring at these units.* 

Hans Marx, 9018 Dolly Madison, spoke about an incident where a truck ran through the yard of a rental property. He then spoke about his driveway being used as a thoroughfare.

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Dee Youmans, 4905 Pacific Street SW, spoke about a Lakeview crime watch meeting where issues were discussed on the unfair utility tax; publicizing residential codes and ordinances such as garage sales; mandatory garbage requirements and cleanups; and implementing a youth curfew.

Robert Kepka, 12623 Bridgeport Way SW, expressed concern about code enforcement and the building permit process.

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*Carrie Bridgeforth, 7221 Steilacoom Boulevard, expressed concern about police protection in Lakewood and how reporting non-emergency crimes was an arduous task. She added that the police phone system was not providing an effective line of communication with a "live" person. She commended Chief Saunders for his assistance.* 

*Carl Feskerud, spoke about the 6 percent utility tax and ticketing speeders on Hipkins Road prior to making improvements to Hipkins Road.* 

Brian Greer, Lakewood resident, spoke about banning above water exhaust devices on boats on American Lake and suggested changing the ordinance language to address the issue of eliminating jet skiers.

Christy Kernon, Onyx Drive, volunteer of Police Radar Unit and Disabled Parking Enforcement, spoke about citizens' complaints about the speeding on major arterial streets and noted that it takes four people to radar speeders. She encouraged citizens to serve as volunteers to get involved and help their community.

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Council recessed at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

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# CONSENTAGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 17, 2000.

B. Approval of payroll check numbers 103570 to 103598, in the amount of \$146,293.63 for the period July 1-15, 2000.

C. Approval of claim voucher numbers 11777 to 11949, in the amount of \$1,484,308.70, for the period ending July 26, 2000.

D. Approval of claim voucher number 11950, in the amount of \$435.21, for the period ending July 27, 2000.

E. Approval of claim voucher number 900020, in the amount of \$1,215.54, for the period ending July 28, 2000.

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

# REGULARAGENDA

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion No. 2000-16 appointing individuals to the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Advisory Board.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF RICK KIRK, SALLY LARSEN, MICHAEL MCGOVERN, SHIRLEY PETERSEN, RICHARD RABISA, LISA SHANAHAN AND BARBARA WINTERBOTTOM TO THE KEEP LAKEWOOD ADVISORY BOARD. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 242 amending Section 8.76.110 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to liability insurance requirements for use of city parks.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 242. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2000-23 amending the name and charge of the City of Lakewood Events Ad Hoc Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-23. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution No. 2000-24 expressing support for the September 19, 2000, ballot measure for the local option zoo and parks sales tax.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-24. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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### NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2000-17 amending the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

## DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey complimented Community Development Director Bugher's response to the Sound Transit Environmental Impact Statement.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on City Hall. City Manager Rohlfs reported that the demolition of the City Hall site will begin soon.

Councilmember Humphrey asked staff to prepare a status report on what can be done at 128th Street.

Councilmember Davis complimented Redevelopment Administrator Candice Bock for her assistance with Lowe's Hardware.

Councilmember Palmas reported on a letter from Mr. Winons about poison hemlock in Fort Steilacoom Park and asked that the County be notified of the concerns.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the Design Team subcommittee of Sound Transit will be meeting soon.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented about an increasing number of large trucks parked in City rights-of-way.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on a celebration she attended in honor of Ms. Virginia Taylor, long-time activist of Tacoma and Lakewood. She and Councilmember Palmas represented the Council at that celebration.

Mayor Harrison reported that the American Lakes Improvement Club and interested boaters requested that the boating ordinance be brought before the Council in the Fall.

Mayor Harrison complimented Redevelopment Administrator Candice Bock for her presentation on retail leakages.

Mayor Harrison congratulated Councilmember Humphrey for being elected as Vice President of the Pierce Transit Board.

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Mayor Harrison asked for an update about the situation at the rental property on 128th Street and encouraged that some effort be made to address the situation there.

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

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK