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**LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, September 25, 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; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

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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:**

Tabletop Discussion of Emergency Policies and Procedures.

Ms. Karen Ferreira, Pierce County Emergency Management Coordinator, facilitated a tabletop emergency management exercise in which Mt. Rainier has erupted and lahar has been detected.

Discussion ensued on how the Council would address the replacement of a department head that is directly impacted by the lahar; using contingency funds for emergency supplies to support the feeding and sheltering of evacuees; using existing facilities instead of open space areas to minimize environmental impacts; City staff and Councilmembers interacting with residents; the City Manager coordinating the escort of the vice president tour of the impacted areas; how to respond to logistics for a resettlement community and contacting the Ft. Lewis liaison for assistance and participation in an emergency disaster.

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Proposal for Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed schedule for Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Discussion ensued on the timing for amending the Comprehensive Plan to coincide with the building/construction season.

Community Development Director Bugher indicated that the Comprehensive Plan can be amended once through

December 31, 2000 and, thereafter, once a year.

Community Development Director Bugher then reviewed a draft ordinance on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Discussion ensued on the effects of Ft. Lewis housing privatization; and what impacts the appeals on Comprehensive Plan will have on the amendments.

Review of Lakewood Skatepark guidelines.

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff provided an update on the Lakewood Skatepark and reviewed the proposed skatepark guidelines for the use of the skatepark.

Discussion ensued on requiring the use of protective equipment versus recommending such use; and adding language such as "skate at your own risk." City Attorney Heid explained that the language should be to recommend care and not allude that the skatepark is dangerous. Discussion ensued on placing a phone nearby for emergency situations; collaborating with interested skateboard youths about the guidelines; involving the Youth Advisors; polling skaters in the future to determine where the skaters are coming from; discussing the issue of lighting with the neighborhood; and involving the service clubs who were instrumental in the skatepark.

#### ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 2, 2000 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation declaring the month of October 2000, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. - *Ms. Karen Burgess, Domestic Violence Advocate*
2. Proclamation declaring the month of October 2000, as Head Injury Awareness Month.
3. Proclamation declaring the month of October 2000, as Disability Employment Awareness Month. - *Mr. Toby Olson, Executive Secretary, Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment*

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City Council Study Session Minutes -3- September 25, 2000. Proclamation declaring the week of October 1-7, 2000, as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

5. Proclamation declaring the week of October 8-14, 2000, as Fire Prevention Week. - *Fire Marshal Ken Brouillette, Lakewood Fire Department*
6. Setting Monday, November 20, 2000, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2001 City of Lakewood Budget and the mill levy rate. - *(Motion - Consent Agenda)*
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There were no comments.

#### BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that three budget workshops have been scheduled for October 11, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Sheriff's Precinct; on October 18, 2000, at 5:00 p.m., at the Pierce Transit Training Center; and on October 26, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Sheriff's Precinct.

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas reported that Springbrook Park is being well used; however, a portion of the chain linked fence that borders an area of the park is being cut to gain easy access when retrieving balls that were thrown over the fence.

Councilmember Thomas asked for an update on the abatement of the Clapp property. City Attorney Heid indicated that it is in court, and that Community Development staff is preparing the cost estimate for the City Attorney to take to court.

Councilmember Davis announced that she will be out of town on Monday, October 2, 2000.

Councilmember Palmas reported that the Pierce County Regional Council has amended the projected year 2017 population changes for Lakewood from 93,200 to 76,200, which will now go before County Council.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that *Celebrate Lakewood* will be on October 6, 2000, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Lakewood Mall. The Lakewood Journal is preparing a Volunteer Wall of Honor which will have names of 6,000 volunteers printed on it.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the signing of the privatization of housing on Ft. Lewis she attended.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that on September 26, 2000, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a reception to honor Colonel Paul Selva, Commander of McChord Air Force Base.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters and land acquisition.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m., Executive Session was extended an additional 30 minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**