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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, November 13, 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: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

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.

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:**

Adopting the 2001 funding allocations for human services and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements for said services.

Human Resources and Services Director Young introduced Co-Chair Andie Gernon of the Human Services Steering Committee who reviewed the background and history of Lakewood's Promise. Ms. Gernon explained that Level I funding recommendations propose to meet the mission and objectives of Lakewood's Promise and Level II funding recommendations propose to meet emergency housing and shelter needs.

Discussion ensued on housing as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan, domestic violence areas in Lakewood, drug crime densities and methamphetamine laboratory (meth labs) incident densities; emergency/transitional shelter services and hiring a grant writer.

Co-Chair Gernon then reviewed the programs being recommended for Level I and Level II fundings.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will consider the proposed ordinance relative to the consumption of alcoholic beverage in City parks at this time.

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Amending Sections 8.76.050 and 8.76.540 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in City parks.

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff reviewed the proposed ordinance relative to the sale, possession and consumption of

alcoholic beverages in City parks and described alternatives to the ordinance.

Discussion ensued on the definition of "building;" liability issues for the City; permitting profit and nonprofits to apply for a special use permit; developing a list of advantages and disadvantages for each alternative; providing for an ordinance to allow the Commencement Bay Rowing Club to apply for a one-time permit for an upcoming event on November 30, 2000.

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Mayor Harrison wished Councilmember Palmas a happy birthday and members of the audience sang "happy birthday."

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Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

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Overview of the 1999 City of Lakewood Financial Condition Report.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed the 1999 City of Lakewood Financial Condition Report. He then reviewed the General Fund fund balance at the beginning of 1999 and ending of 1999.

Discussion ensued on interest rates; the limited long term debt which was the purchase of a van the City has since paid; and changing the property tax statements to separate the City's tax from the Emergency Medical Services tax.

Creating Sections 9.26.010 and 9.26.020 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to offenses of custodial sexual misconduct in the second degree.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance to meet specific needs, particularly with Western State Hospital, when criminal violations occur in a custodial-type facility.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 20, 2000 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Adopting the 2001 funding allocations for human services and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements for said services. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
2. Amending Sections 8.76.050 and 8.76.540 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in City parks. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
3. Creating Sections 9.26.010 and 9.26.020 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to offenses of custodial sexual misconduct in the second degree. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
4. Safe Streets Award to the Lakewood Police Department on *National Night Out* Community Participation. - Ms. Priscilla Lisicich, Executive Director, and Ms. Joy Browne, Volunteer Coordinator, Safe Streets Campaign
5. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2001 City of Lakewood Budget and mill levy rate.
6. Declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its disposal to public entities and charitable nonprofit organizations. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
7. Denying and approving certain claims for damages. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
8. Adopting the 2001 City of Lakewood Budget. - (Ordinance)
9. Establishing the 2001 ad valorem property tax levy. - (Ordinance)

There were no comments.

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on Friday, December 1, 2000, the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Colonial Center.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a memo on personnel changes to the 2001 budget.

City Manager Rohlfs then distributed copies of the judicial selection process for municipal judge.

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Discussion ensued on the possibility of hiring two judges; and the possibility of having all Councilmembers participate in the interview process.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Thomas reported that the Lakes High School football team will be going to quarter finals. The semifinals and finals will be played at the Tacoma Dome.

Councilmember Humphrey asked when the City Hall construction contract will be executed. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the contract should be executed prior to or at the same time as the Notice to Proceed which is scheduled for December 1, 2000. Groundbreaking is scheduled for December 4, 2000, from noon to 1:30 p.m. He requested that the City Hall Advisory Board, Executive Committee of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, City Committees and Boards, and other supporters participate in the groundbreaking ceremony.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he will not be attending the November 20, 2000 Council meeting.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an update on the citizen complaint concerning a declining neighborhood. Police Chief Saunders reported on several vandalism arrests in that neighborhood and the emphasis of police patrolling in that neighborhood.

Councilmember Davis reported that she and Councilmember Humphrey prepared a draft recommendation on the formation of Council Committees. She asked that Council consider their proposal at the Council's December 11, 2000 Study Session.

Councilmember Palmas reported on a citizen complaint about the manner in which a search warrant was conducted. Police Chief Saunders reported on the resistance of the tenant because Police and Fire wanted to investigate a complaint about an odor that appeared to be of a flammable nature. Police Chief Saunders indicated that the investigation resulted in finding a meth lab.

Mayor Harrison commented on the opening of a Windermere office at the old Lakewood Chop House.

Mayor Harrison announced that Pierce County will no longer be charging parking fees at Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Mayor Harrison asked if Council desired to cancel the Council meetings during the week of December 25, 2000 and January 1, 2001. Council concurred with canceling these meetings.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the ribbon cutting at Nails Plus.

Manager Harrison indicated that Main Street opened on Saturday, November 11, 2000.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on a citizen who contacted her, offering to donate some plants for the new City Hall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**