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## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 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.

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Esther Miller by request of Mayor Harrison.

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Mayor Harrison expressed his condolences for the loss of Mr. Harold LeMay.

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Mayor Harrison reminded citizens in the audience to vote on November 7, 2000.

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### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

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### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisor Ridge announced that the public is welcome to attend a Veterans Day assembly on Thursday, November 9, 2000. Youth Advisors Chan and Carr reported that the Key Club and Interact Club have been active. The Interact Club has adopted Waughop Lake. The Key Club has been conducting a walk-a-thon for iodine deficiencies. The Youth Advisors have been talking with clubs to set up booths on anti-drugs and substance abuse. Youth Advisor Ridge also reported that Lakes High School students are working on a campaign to promote the use of safety belts.

Proclamation declaring November 12 - 18, 2000 as American Education Week.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring November 12 - 18, 2000 as American Education Week to Dr. Doris Walker, Superintendent of the Clover Park School District.

Proclamation declaring November 15, 2000 as National Geographic Information System (GIS) Day.

Deputy Mayor Thomas presented a proclamation declaring November 15, 2000 as National Geographic Information System (GIS) Day to Geographic Information Systems Manager Lane DeLarme and Information Technology Specialist II Maria Sevier.

Geographic Information Systems Manager DeLarme then provided an overview of the types of GIS maps created by the Division.

Presentation on CAREER Program and Community Service Programs.

Ms. Helen Morrison, Director of Community Services, First Baptist Church, provided a report on the CAREER Program and Community Service Programs.

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Mayor Harrison announced that the Public Hearing about the skatepark will be considered at this time.

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing relative to prohibiting the use of bicycles, scooters or other similar vehicles in a skate park facility in any City park and other related issues.

Speaking before the Council were:

*Min Lih, Indoor Skatepark at B & I, 8012 South Tacoma Way, spoke about the B & I indoor skatepark, which is shared with skaters, skateboarders and bicycles.*

*Marilyn Russell, 12116 Cochise, spoke in support of the skatepark and asked if the park could be divided for use by the skaters and bikers. She indicated that some of the bikers she spoke to were interested in having a bike trail and asked if the bikers could help raise funds for a trail.*

*Glen Spieth, 5928 Steilacoom, spoke in support of having bikers use the skatepark and to keep the option open for skaters and bikers to use the skatepark until the bikers have a facility or trail for their use.*

*Don Stallman, 3016 North Narrows Drive, spoke against a ban against bikers using the skatepark. He suggested the building of an indoor skatepark. He also expressed concern about the difficulty in maintaining a dirt bike trail.*

The hearing was declared closed.

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### ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 246](#) creating Sections 8.76.405 and 8.76.406 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to prohibiting the use of bicycles, scooters or other similar vehicles in a skate park facility in any City park.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 246 TO APRIL 16, 2001. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane SW, distributed copies of a 1965 article on Thornewood Castle. He then spoke about Lakewood not being prominently displayed on the map in the phone directory.*

*Ley Applegate, 14507 Woodbrook, Tillicum-Woodbrook Neighborhood Association, spoke about traffic safety on 150th Street near Woodbrook Middle School. He recommended that, by building a fence along the parking lot on 150th Street across Woodbrook Middle School and painting a crosswalk at the intersection of 150th Street and Spring Street, it would create safer pedestrian crossings to and from the school.*

*David Boyd, 8826 Lake Steilacoom Point Road, spoke about the proposal for an amusement park.*

*John Arbeeney, 8401 116th Street SW, Lakewood CARES, spoke about a cost benefit analysis for the construction of Lakewood City Hall; leasing and overhead costs; and giving Lakewood voters the ability to vote on the construction of a new City Hall.*

*Pat Finnigan, 11514 Cloverdale Ct., spoke in support of John Arbeeney's comments and encouraged the Council not to support the award of a bid to construct a City Hall.*

*Andie Gernon, Meadow Road SW, spoke in support of the construction of City Hall.*

**C O N S E N T A G E N D A**

- A. Approval of the amended minutes of the City Council meeting of October 2, 2000.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Budget Workshops of October 11, 18, and 26, 2000.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 16, 2000.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of October 23, 2000.
- E. Approval of payroll check numbers 103785 to 103813, in the amount of \$145,748.56, for the period October 1 - 15, 2000.
- F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 12571 to 12710, in the amount of \$387,070.35, for the period ending October 25, 2000.
- G. Approval of claim voucher numbers 12711 to 12746, in the amount of \$130,721.73, for the period ending November 1, 2000.

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H. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

- 1. City Events Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2000 and October 12, 2000.
- 2. Community Development Block Grant Citizen's Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 27, 2000.

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

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**R E G U L A R A G E N D A**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Motion No. 2000-26 appointing individuals to the Citizens' Transportation Review Committee.**

**COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO CONFIRM THE CITIZEN'S TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS OF MARION THOMAS FAST, NEIL FOOTE AND WILLIAM KITTRELL FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS; TERRY TAYLOR AND ERNEST WERNER FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS AND PAUL BOCCHI AND DONALD SMITH FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 2000-27 awarding a bid for the construction of the new Lakewood City Hall.**

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AWARD A BID TO ABSHER CONSTRUCTION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,858,700, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAKEWOOD CITY HALL. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS.**

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**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:**

**AYES: 7 - HUMPHREY, PALMAS, RICHARDSON, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, DAVIS AND MAYOR HARRISON.**

**NAYS: 0**

**THE MOTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

## **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**City Manager Rohlfs reported that three safety traffic grants were awarded for traffic lights at 112th Street and Holden Road; 150th Street and Spring; and the construction of sidewalks on Holden Road between 112th Street to Military Road.**

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Richardson clarified that from public comments made about the theme park, he explained that the hotel/motel taxes are collected from those who use Lakewood's hotels. He indicated that the tax must be used for specific purposes by law. The Hotel/Motel Tax Lodging Committee, made up of two members who collect the tax and two members who use the tax, makes recommendations to the Council on how to expend the taxes collected. The taxes must be used for activities which increase tourism. He indicated that studying the feasibility for a theme park would increase the number of hotel/motel stays in Lakewood, thereby increasing tourism. He clarified that inferences that the hotel/motel tax collected could be used to hire police officers cannot, by law, be used for police.**

**Councilmember Richardson further explained that, a little over a year ago, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the developer stating that the developer would not consider locating a theme park in another city and the City would not consider finding another developer. The City continues to honor due diligence on that developer. He emphasized that no City funds are going to the developer and inferences that City funds are going to the developer is not the case.**

**Councilmember Richardson further indicated that he did not know where the \$100 million project cost came from. He clarified that the project is valued at \$130 million and developers have indicated their intention to invest \$80 million.**

**Mayor Harrison added that Lakewood CARES has alleged in their ad that the Council refused to hire 26 police officers requested by the Police Chief. He clarified that the 26 police officers came from a staff budget request to hire over a three-year period. The City has hired 19 police positions in 2000 and 2001. The implied allegation that the Council refused to hire any police officers is not true.**

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Mayor Harrison indicated that another allegation of Lakewood CARES is that properties will be condemned to free up land for an out-of-state for-profit developer to build an amusement park. He explained that the City has expended a great amount of effort and all of the potentially affected property owners were contacted and have expressed a willingness to sell. He stressed that no City dollars are going to the developer.

Councilmember Palmas reported that 22 streetlight fixtures are burned out and need to be replaced. He indicated that the life expectancy of the fixtures at certain locations seems short and the types and brand of lights being used should be checked.

Mayor Harrison announced that the State Auditor has found no findings in the City's audit.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Clover Park School District's work sessions they conducted about elections and the election process.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Tillicum Craft Show.

Mayor Harrison commented on a complimentary letter from a citizen about the services of the Lakewood Police Department.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss land acquisition.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. At 10:50 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session would be extended for an additional fifteen minutes.

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At 11:05 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session would be extended an additional fifteen minutes. The Council reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**

