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## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 20, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (conference call 9:00 p.m.).

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 Mayor Harrison.

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Mayor Harrison called on Police Chief Saunders to provide a report on a shooting that took place today.

Police Chief Saunders called on Assistant Police Chief Adamson who reported on the shooting at McDonald's on 100th Street.

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### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs called on Police Chief Saunders who introduced Sgt. John Solheim assigned to the Traffic Division, Lt. Ed Smith in patrol, and Mike Dickson, Community Service Officer.

Mayor Harrison and Police Chief Saunders presented a meritorious citizen award to Mr. James T. Cassen for assisting police officers on an assault.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Safe Streets Award to the Lakewood Police Department on *National Night Out* Community Participation.

Ms. Priscilla Lisicich and Ms. Joy Browne, Safe Street Campaign, presented a Safe Streets Award to Police Chief Larry Saunders for his leadership and participation in National Night Out. Police Chief Saunders and Ms. Lisicich presented Mike and Sharron Kanter an award for their leadership in involving citizens to participate in National Night Out.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, 6520 Mt. Tacoma Drive SW, spoke about engineering and designing roads to provide safe visibility and taking into consideration the speed of vehicles traveling on roads.*

*Rodney McLean, P.O. Box 4599, Tacoma, Lakewood property owner on Durango Street, asked about the status of a franchise agreement on 112th Street and Steele Street with regard to installing a sewer line.*

*Sharon Nelson, 7415 100th Avenue SW, encouraged the Council to find matching funds for Ft. Steilacoom Park.*

*Parley Applegate, Tillicum Neighborhood Association, reported that the fence around the parking lot at Woodbrook Middle School will be installed by the end of the year. He then spoke about ongoing traffic congestion at Buckley and Union Avenue. He reported on solutions for improving traffic flow until a traffic light at Buckley and Union is installed.*

*Glen Spieth, 5928 Steilacoom Boulevard, spoke in support of the City Hall and theme park projects.*

*J.B. Layne, 9911 116th Street SW, asked if the contract for the construction of City Hall provides for a liquidated damage provision.*

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*Esther Miller, 14511 Woodbrook Drive, reiterated the Mayor's concerns to youths and citizens to keep the Lakewood skate park clean and be considerate of neighboring residents. She spoke about citizens taking responsibility for picking up after themselves.*

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

**A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 6, 2000.**

**B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of November 13, 2000.**

**C. Approval of payroll check numbers 103814 to 103848, in the amount of \$184,560.32, for the period October 16 - 31, 2000.**

**D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 12747 to 12795, in the amount of \$1,197,996.77, for the period ending November 8, 2000.**

**E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 12796 to 12850, in the amount of \$914,590.32, for the period ending November 15, 2000.**

**F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**

**1. Lakewood Sister Cities Association meeting minutes of September 14, 2000.**

**G. [Ordinance No. 247](#)**

**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.**

**H. [Ordinance No. 248](#)**

**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.**

**I. [Resolution No. 2000-30](#)**

Declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its disposal to public entities and charitable nonprofit organizations.

**J. Motion No. 2000-28**

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

**K. Motion No. 2000-29**

Denying and approving certain claims for damages.

Councilmember Palmas noted that claim vouchers, Item Nos. D and E, have not been signed. Mayor Harrison asked the Voucher Committee members to sign these items during the Council's recess.

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**COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO ADOPT ITEMS A-C AND F-K OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2001 City of Lakewood Budget and mill levy rate.

Speaking before the Council were:

*J.B. Layne, 9911 116th Street SW, spoke about using the contingency fund for providing City matching dollars for Pierce County's budget allocation of \$300,000 for Ft. Steilacoom Park. He questioned the City's revenues with regard to grants; and suggested looking at innovative ways for funding public safety.*

*Edward Zhao, 11003 Addison, asked about the cost for traffic video cameras and forming a neighborhood association to help deter criminal activity.*

*Pat O'Malley, Pierce County Council, spoke about the Pierce County Council budget amendment to dedicate \$300,000 as matching funds for improvements to existing play fields at Ft. Steilacoom Park.*

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Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

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**COUNCIL APPROVED THE CLAIM VOUCHERS UNDER ITEMS D AND E OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ORDINANCES**

**[Ordinance No. 249](#) establishing the 2001 ad valorem property tax levy.**

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 249. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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At 9:00 p.m., Councilmember Richardson joined in the Council meeting via telephone conference call.

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[Ordinance No. 250](#) adopting the 2001 City of Lakewood Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 250. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 2000-31](#) designating The News Tribune as the official newspaper for the City of Lakewood effective November 30, 2000.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-31. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2000-30 awarding a bid to Looker & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$61,957, for the construction of intersection modifications at Gravelly Lake Drive SW and 112th Street SW.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO AWARD A BID TO LOOKER & ASSOCIATES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,957, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS AT GRAVELLY LAKE DRIVE SW AND 112TH STREET SW. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf distributed copies of a draft letter to the Bonneville Power Administration to allocate power appropriately to keep power rates for Lakewood residents affordable.

City Manager Rohlf announced that fifteen packets have been mailed to potential applicants and five packets have been handed out. He noted that the location for the Municipal Judge position interviews will be held at the Clover Park Student Services Center.

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#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Davis asked for an update on what was discussed at the Ft. Lewis housing privatization public meeting.

Community Development Director Bugher reported that the discussion centered on the lack of infrastructure for servicing the additional housing units.

Councilmember Davis announced that she will be out of town and will not be able to attend the November 27 and December 4, 2000 meetings.

Councilmember Thomas announced that Lakes High School will be playing in the football semi-finals at 2:00 p.m. on November 24, 2000, at the Tacoma Dome.

Councilmember Thomas announced that the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an auction on December 7, 2000, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She added that this would be a great opportunity to touch base with the business community.

Councilmember Palmas reported on his streetlight patrol activities and suggested that the contracts with the City's utility service providers include a provision for routine patrolling for streetlight outages or make it a City program to enforce.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she has been working with the Human Services Collaboration and the faith community outreach on trying to get presents for the children of the prisoners at McNeil Island.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the Holiday Tree Lighting celebration will be held on December 1, 2000.

Councilmembers concurred with sending the letter to Bonneville Power Administration, which was distributed to Council earlier.

Mayor Harrison commented on the letters received from the two military bases turning down the City's proposal to annex the two military bases.

Mayor Harrison commented that, with the closing of the Lakewood Journal, the community's sports teams will not be getting the recognition and publicity of their activities. He requested that a thank you letter be sent to the Lakewood Journal for their service.

Mayor Harrison commented on the multi-free housing meeting he attended.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Fourth Annual Korean Women's Association swearing-in ceremony he attended.

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Councilmembers Palmas and Thomas expressed an interest in serving on the Municipal Court Judge interview panel.

Councilmembers Humphrey, Davis, Thomas, Richardson and Mayor Harrison expressed an interest in attending a meeting with the legislative delegation.

Mayor Harrison asked City Manager Rohlfs to review how Initiative 722 could impact the City's budget.

City Manager Rohlfs provided an overview of the impacts of Initiative 722 and the alternatives for continuing Lakewood's revenue stream through an injunction or readoption of the utility tax. He also noted that the City could opt to do nothing.

Mayor Harrison directed staff to place the Initiative 722 impacts and alternatives on the Council's agenda of November 27, 2000 and be provided an update on the street projects as it relates to street grants that have been awarded.

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

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:20 p.m. At 11:05 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session would be extended for an additional ten minutes. The Council reconvened at 11:15 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**