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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 4, 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 (telephone conference call); 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 Mr. Heinz Haskins by request of Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison congratulated Councilmember Richardson on his promotion to Colonel in the reserve unit he serves.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will consider the "Proclamations and Presentations" portion of the Agenda at this time.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors' Report.

Mayor Harrison announced that there will be no Youth Advisors' Report tonight.

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Proclamation declaring December 2000 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring December 2000 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month to Deputy Gene Allen and Ms. Sheri Badger, Pierce County Task Force on Alcohol and Driving.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Paul Pastor, Pierce County Sheriff, spoke in support of the Ordinance No. 253 to readopt the utility tax in an effort to continue to provide revenues for public safety.

Jim Senko, 10919 101st Avenue SW, spoke about the many positive things that have happened in the City of Lakewood since its incorporation.

Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane, spoke in support of a veteran memorial. He reported that arrangements have been made for the Council and City staff to tour Thornewood Castle on December 13, 2000, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Linda Smith, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 253.

Bill Kittrell, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of the new City Hall.

J.B. Layne, 9911 116th Street, spoke about the City Hall groundbreaking ceremony. He spoke against readopting the utility tax.

Clarke Feskerud, Lakewood resident, asked if the City was going to provide matching funds for the Pierce County's \$300,000 budget allocation for Ft. Steilacoom Park. He asked about the signs at city entrances and the theme park.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will consider Ordinance No. 253 at this time.

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REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 253](#) review of utility tax rate and consideration of amending Chapter 3.52 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to a tax on utility businesses.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 253 TO INCLUDE A ½ PERCENT REDUCTION IN GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITY TAXES TO 5½ PERCENT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY.

Councilmember Richardson moved to table Ordinance No. 253. Seconded by Councilmember thomas. roll call vote was taken as follows:

AYES: 2 - RICHARDSON, THOMAS.

NAYS: 5 - HUMPHREY, PALMAS, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, DAVIS AND MAYOR HARRISON.

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the motion to table failed.

Councilmember palmas moved to amend ordinance no. 253, by deleting items g, h, i and j of section 3.52.050. seconded by Councilmember thomas. voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Richardson moved to amend ORDINANCE NO. 253 TO REFLECT A 5 percent TAX for gas and electric only IN section 3.52.050, items d and e. seconded by Councilmember thomas. voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.

roll call vote was taken on Ordinance no. 253 AS AMENDED TO REFLECT A 5 percent gas and electric utilities only IN ITEMS D AND E OF SECTION 3.52.050 and removing items g, h, i and j of section 3.52.050.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 - HUMPHREY, PALMAS, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, DAVIS AND MAYOR HARRISON.

NAYS: 2 - RICHARDSON, THOMAS.

THE AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 253 WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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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 20, 2000.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of November 27, 2000.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of November 27, 2000.

D. Approval of payroll check numbers 103849 to 103878, in the amount of \$157,400.12, for the period November 1 - 15, 2000.

E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 12851 to 12862 and claim voucher numbers 12915 to 12958, in the amount of \$123,228.68, for the period ending November 29, 2000.

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

1. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of

October 9, 2000.

2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 19, 2000.

3. Citizen's Transportation Review Committee meeting minutes of November 28, 2000.

G. [Ordinance No. 251](#)

Creating Chapter 2.48 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the protection and preservation of landmarks in Lakewood; creating a Landmarks and Heritage Agency and options; establishing procedures for designation and preservation of landmarks; and providing for enforcement and prescribing penalties for violation.

H. [Ordinance No. 252](#)

Amending Chapter 2.16 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the Municipal Court.

I. [Resolution No. 2000-32](#)

Setting Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the vacation of a portion of San Francisco Avenue right-of-way for an existing mini-storage facility (Century 21 Associates).

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

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Council recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs called on Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAC) Chairperson Roger Laybourn.

PRAC Chairperson Roger Laybourn reported that the Board is recommending that the City secure matching funds to implement improvements to the existing sports fields at Ft. Steilacoom Park. The Board is also recommending that a public forum be hosted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to receive citizen input on the upgrade. The Board is also recommending that a Master Plan be developed for the entire park by May 31, 2001. Chairperson

Laybourn noted that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agrees with the County's proposal for the County serve as the lead agency and that the County and City work together in pursuit of grant funds.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2000-32 awarding a bid for the construction of storm water drainage improvements at Loch and Linwood Lanes.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AWARD A BID TO HARLOW CONSTRUCTION CO. INC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$129,456, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT LOCH AND LINWOOD LANES. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the draft *City Connections* newsletter. He noted that the newsletter is scheduled to be distributed by the end of December.

City Manager Rohlfs presented five-year service employee certificates to City Attorney Heid and Finance and Systems Director Kidd.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Richardson announced that he will not be attending the December 11, 2000 City Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that she, Councilmembers Palmas and Thomas will be out of town the rest of this week.

Mayor Harrison reported on a luncheon meeting he had with Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg.

Mayor Harrison complimented the City Events Committee and staff for hosting the Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration event.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Lakes High School football game and the Lakes High School Choir performance.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Lakewood Community Orchestra performance on December 3, 2000.

Councilmember Richardson commented on the U.S. National Rowing convention he attended.

Councilmember Richardson commented on a news article on Lakewood's property tax comparison for the last two years.

Councilmember Richardson announced that no taxes or City monies are going to the theme park developers.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK