

2000 12 18 Regular Meeting

LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 18, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Absent: 2 - Councilmembers Larry Humphrey (arrived at 6:55 p.m.) and Doug Richardson (arrived at 6:01 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.

Councilmember Richardson arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Council will suspend the Council Rules to consider Resolution No. 2000-34 at this time.

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REGULAR AGENDA

Appointments

Resolution No. 2000-34 confirming the appointment of Municipal Court Judges and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for said services through December 31, 2001.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-34 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF ERNEST HELLER AND RONALD HESLOP AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES - 6 - DAVIS, PALMAS, RICHARDSON, THOMAS, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, MAYOR HARRISON

NAYS - 0

ABSENT - 1- HUMPHREY.

[Resolution No. 2000-34](#) was declared adopted.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush performed the Judges' Oath of Office for Ernest Heller and Ronald Heslop.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring January 15, 2001 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mayor Harrison read a proclamation declaring January 15, 2001 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 254](#) amending the 2000 City of Lakewood Budget relative to parks related grants.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 254. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Presentation on teen pregnancy rates in Lakewood compared to Pierce County.

Ms. Deb Cook, Regional Coordinator, St. Francis Hospital, provided a report on the *You and Me Babe* program. She then presented statistics of the number of teen pregnancies in Lakewood compared to Pierce County and the reasons for teen pregnancies.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 4, 2000.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of December 11, 2000.

C. Approval of payroll check numbers 103883 to 103916, in the amount of \$188,008.40, for the period November 16 - 30, 2000.

D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 12964 to 13020, in the amount of \$208,675.18, for the period ending December 6, 2000.

E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 13024 to 13211, in the amount of \$119,292.76, for the period ending December 13, 2000.

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

1. Lakewood Sister Cities Association meeting minutes of November 9, 2000.

2. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 21, 2000.

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

G. [Resolution No. 2000-33](#)

Establishing a schedule for amending the Comprehensive Plan for 2001.

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H. [Motion No. 2000-33](#)

Awarding a bid to Harlow Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$95,995, for the construction of storm water drainage improvements at Hipkins Road.

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

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that there is a tentatively scheduled Joint Study Session with the Tacoma City Council on January 9, 2001, at noon, at Tacoma City Hall, 733 Market Street, in Room 16.

City Manager Rohlfs introduced Resolution No. 2000-35.

[Resolution No. 2000-35](#) establishing a moratorium for six months relative to the receipt of applications and issuance of permits for certain land use and higher density short plats, long plats/subdivisions and planned development districts and setting Monday, February 5, 2001, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing regarding said moratorium.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-35. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Review of Hipkins Road traffic calming improvements.

Engineering Manager Larkin provided an overview of several traffic calming improvement alternatives on Hipkins Road. He reported that the Citizen's Transportation Review Committee supports staff's recommendation for said improvements.

Councilmember Humphrey arrived at 6:55 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Jean Jamison, Lakewood CARES, spoke about the professionalism of City staff. She then spoke about Councilmembers interest in special interest groups; the theme park and citizens right to vote on the theme park.

Sue Mitchell, Lakewood resident, presented a hypothetical situation of the City helping a developer to bring a business to the City to employ 3,000 people for a short time.

Martin Lobdell, 9124 Hipkins Road, spoke about supporting traffic calming improvements on Hipkins Road. He

presented a petition signed by 75 residents supporting the improvements.

Rich Tokarzewski, 9711 Hipkins Road, spoke about the speeding on Hipkins Road and supported traffic calming improvements on Hipkins. He explained that reducing the speed limits on Hipkins Road has not been effective.

Bill Kittrell, 7814 Emerald Drive, spoke about the Citizen's Transportation Review Committee's recommendation of supporting City staff's recommendation on the proposed improvements on Hipkins Road.

REGULAR AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Attorney Heid reported that City Manager Rohlf's will be on vacation and will leave a phone number where he can be reached.

City Attorney Heid distributed information on the theme park.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Palmas announced that Mrs. Youmans has volunteered to monitor streetlight outages in the Lakeview and Southgate areas.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested that, in the material from the Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee, the City review the accomplishments and improvements made on City streets; what improvements are planned; and linking street maintenance and other activities together. She recommended that the Citizen's Transportation Review Committee review the material and provide recommendations.

Mayor Harrison asked the Council to provide any comments they may have on the *City Connection* newsletter to staff.

Mayor Harrison reported on a ribbon ceremony he attended at the police department.

Councilmember Richardson spoke about his optimism for the city in 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK