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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2001

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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas and Sherri Thomas.

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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; Public Works Director Bill Larkin; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Redevelopment Advisory Board Update.

Mr. Kurt Graff, Chairperson of the Redevelopment Advisory Board, provided an update on the projects being contemplated by the Board. He indicated that the Board will be providing the Council with their recommendations on the theme park soon. He explained that the Board has been discussing how the Six Flags proposal being contemplated in Federal Way may affect the theme park in Lakewood. The Board is also seeking matching grant applications to help businesses make exterior code improvements to their business.

Mr. Graff announced that the Board's third meeting with the Korean business community will be held on January 9, 2001, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lakewood Quality Inn.

Mr. Graff explained that the Board is also working on a business survey.

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Discussion ensued about involving the Korean community; renaming the international business district to Korean business district; and Arthur Andersen's report relative to the theme park.

Review of Bridgeport Way SW and Pacific Highway intersection beautification design alternative.

Mr. Ed Chaffee, Landscape Architect, Chaffee and Associates, provided an overview of four design alternatives for the entrance way at Bridgeport Way SW and Pacific Highway. Public Works Director Larkin indicated that the fourth alternative would cost approximately \$75,000.

Public Works Director Larkin indicated that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee supports alternative #3 at a cost of \$100,000.

Discussion ensued on the funding for the project coming out of the arterial street fund; seeking design recommendations from the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Lion Clubs; the possibility of seeking Sound Transit funds; and the possibility of using hotel/motel tax dollars as a source of funds.

Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Amending and re-establishing Chapter 5.60 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to rental housing complex license and crime free strategies.

Police Chief Saunders reviewed the crime-free strategies being used to address law enforcement problems in higher density residential areas. He then provided an update on the Crime Free Housing Program.

Discussion ensued on what strategies are being used to document before and after the implementation of the crime-free housing prevention program to illustrate the progressiveness of the program; inspection of residential units of the rental housing complexes; reasons for the increase in the number of 9-1-1 calls from Fort Clark Motel after receiving the crime-free housing certification; and apartment property owners supporting military personnel moving into Lakewood apartment units.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce College for leasing office space at the permanent City Hall.

City Manager Rohlf reviewed the proposed five-year lease agreement with Pierce College for leasing approximately 2,500 square feet at the new City Hall building.

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Discussion ensued on including a provision in the lease for the College to pay for any utility surcharges or escalation of utility rates; the number of student parking spaces that will be occupied during City Hall business hours; securing City office spaces when Pierce College is in operation during evening and weekend hours; and including a notification provision to terminate the lease should the City need to utilize the 2,500 square feet being leased.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2001 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending and re-establishing Chapter 5.60 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to rental housing complex license and crime free strategies. - (Ordinance)
 2. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce College for leasing office space at the permanent City Hall. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
 3. Proclamation declaring February 2001 as Black History Month.
 4. Presentation on human services "Bridge to the Island" project and the Business Crime Free Task Force Outreach to the Korean business community. - *Ms. Mandy Ma, My Service Mind*
 5. *Setting Monday, February 5, 2001, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing to extend the moratorium for the licensing and permits of adult entertainment businesses and establishments for an additional six months. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)*
 6. *This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to vacate a portion of San Francisco Avenue right-of-way.*
 7. *Vacating a portion of San Francisco Avenue right-of-way for part of a mini-storage facility (Century 21 Associates, LLC; VAC. 00-002). - (Ordinance - Regular Agenda)*
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months. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

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7. Vacating a portion of San Francisco Avenue right-of-way for part of a mini-storage facility (Century 21 Associates, LLC; VAC. 00-002). - (Ordinance - Regular Agenda)

Discussion ensued on the Ordinance vacating a portion of San Francisco Avenue right-of-way.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

1. Application for vacating a portion of 49th Avenue right-of-way.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed three options for the Council to consider on the applicant's request to vacate a portion of 49th Avenue SW. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a resolution on the Council's agenda to set a hearing date and table the Resolution until the property acquisition issues are clear.

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2. Resolution recognizing that a regional power shortage exists and urging health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, schools, and citizens of Lakewood and Pierce County to minimize energy use and undertake voluntary power conservation measures.

The Council indicated that Governor Gary Locke has made a statement encouraging energy conservation measures. Councilmembers indicated that they did not feel knowledgeable or qualified, at this time, to make a statement about energy usage.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2001. He also announced that the Joint Tacoma-Lakewood Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at noon, at the City of Tacoma.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on January 9, 2001, the International Business meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Quality Inn.

City Manager Rohlfs asked for Council's direction to draft a resolution renaming the International Business District to Korean Business District. He indicated that the Korean business community and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce support the change. The Council directed City staff to have the Redevelopment Advisory Board survey the affected businesses to determine if there was consensus to rename the International Business District to Korean Business District.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the *City Connections* newsletter was mailed to all Lakewood households.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on February 6 and 15, 2001, the Community Development Department will be holding informational meetings for citizens who may be interested in submitting Comprehensive Plan amendments. He also announced that the hearing on the Comprehensive Plan appeal is scheduled for January 22, 2001.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Lowell Anne Butson submitted a letter of resignation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He indicated that the recruitment process for the position will begin soon.

City Manager Rohlfs reported on a recent meeting he attended with Pierce County to discuss joint efforts for making playfield improvements at Ft. Steilacoom Park. He explained that the City and Pierce County will be putting together an agreement on the maintenance of the park.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the meeting held with state legislators, the City's lobbyist, Mayor Harrison, Deputy Mayor Thomas, and he.

Councilmember Humphrey asked if Councilmembers were also invited to the Lowe's City employees grand opening on January 21, 2001.

Councilmember Thomas asked when the school zone and speed traffic light photo enforcement projects will be implemented. Public Works Director Larkin indicated that it will be implemented in early February 2001.

Councilmember Palmas reported on a citizen letter he received from Mr. Henderson about a line of sight problem at 112th Street and Tower Road. He indicated that Mr. Henderson explained that there have been several accidents at that location, which have not been reported and accounted for in the traffic accident counts.

Deputy Mayor Thomas introduced Ms. Ivory Elliott from California.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that the City may want to approach Pierce College to ask what the City can do to assist the College to change their name from Pierce College Ft. Steilacoom campus to Pierce College Lakewood campus.

Mayor Harrison reported that, at the Mayor's Select Committee meeting, the theme park video was shown.

Mayor Harrison reported on a meeting he had with Mr. Thompson who is developing a citizens committee on the theme park.

Mayor Harrison reported that Redevelopment/Economic Development Administrator Bock made a presentation on the theme park to the Lakewood United Group.

Mayor Harrison reported on a general mental health meeting he attended concerning the Governor's budget to close fourteen wards at Western State Hospital. He explained that there is concern that there are no facilities for these people to relocate to.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Pierce County Executive swearing-in ceremony.

Mayor Harrison announced that the City of Lakewood won the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook-Off.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Master Builders Association meeting that he attended.

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Mayor Harrison reported on the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting.

Mayor Harrison commented on the senior entertainment program he attended at the Lakewood Community Theater.

Mayor Harrison reported on a citizen comment he received noting that churches are not listed on the City's web site.

Mayor Harrison commented on The News Tribune article about the Korean community in Federal Way.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a Council Retreat on Saturday, January 27, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK