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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, February 26, 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 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey and Jos   Palmas.

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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:**

Presentation by the Tacoma-Pierce County Coalition for the Homeless on homeless issues in Lakewood.

Ms. Helen Myrick, Executive Director of the Greater Pierce County Community Network, spoke about homeless issues in Lakewood and Pierce County. Mr. Bob Rowlands, Chair of the Tacoma-Pierce County Coalition for the homeless, spoke about the objectives of the Coalition. Ms. Janne Hutchins, Lakewood Area Shelter Association Director, spoke about homeless shelters in Lakewood and the need for shelters.

Discussion ensued on the number of families in Pierce County that are homeless. Ms. Myrick indicated that there are 673 homeless families with children and 573 homeless individuals, and that there are more single men than single women that are homeless.

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Further discussion ensued on the impact of homelessness because of the closure of some of Western State Hospital's programs; how the Coalition is handling a loophole where sex offenders are claiming themselves as homeless to avoid registering their residence; and reasons why there is an increase in homeless women and children.

Review of proposed Year 2001 Annual Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed a list of anticipated Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Discussion ensued on what the impacts of the proposed amendments would have on low cost housing; what, if any, would be the impacts the amendments may have on the Comprehensive Plan appeal; and the cost of the application fees for Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Electing representatives to serve on the Zoo/Trek Authority Board.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the list of nominees for Position One and Two of the Zoo/Trek Authority Board.

Councilmember Palmas reported that Councilmember Bird of University Place has 31 percent of the population committed to her; and Lakewood Councilmember Davis has approximately 36 percent of the population committed to her. The Council concurred to vote first for Councilmember Davis and Eatonville Councilmember Murphy. If, during the second round Lakewood lost, the City would support the City of Puyallup candidate, Councilmember Barstow.

#### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 5, 2001 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Electing representatives to serve on the Zoo/Trek Authority Board. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

#### **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs asked Councilmembers for a date to hold a Council Retreat on one date either March 13, 15, 27 or 29. Council agreed to hold the retreat on March 27, 2001, at 5:30 p.m.

Redevelopment/Economic Development Administrator Bock reviewed the results of a survey that were sent to 117 businesses to change the name of the International Business District to Korean Business District. She explained that eighteen surveys were returned. Nine supported the name change and seven did not.

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Discussion ensued on presenting the results of the survey to the Chamber and the Redevelopment Advisory Board.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey indicated that the map on the City's website is cut off on the north side of the city.

Deputy Mayor Thomas indicated that one of the Youth Advisors is out of town; therefore, the Youth Advisors meeting with the legislators will be rescheduled.

Deputy Mayor Thomas distributed informational materials she brought back from Olympia about the State Legislators, how to testify before the legislator, and how bills are drafted to become a law.

Mayor Harrison reported on a meeting he attended to provide testimony before the Pierce County caucus.

Mayor Harrison reported on a February 22, 2001 meeting he attended with Deputy Mayor Thomas to provide testimony at a hearing on DJ's Bar and Grill.

Mayor Harrison commented that the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Business After Hour meeting last week was well attended.

Mayor Harrison noted that he and City Manager Rohlfs attended a meeting with the owners of Wild Waves.

Mayor Harrison commented on the South Tacoma Way Rotary meeting he attended to present information on the theme park.

Mayor Harrison commented on House Bill 2056.

Mayor Harrison asked if the City responded to Mr. Roddaway's letter. Police Chief Saunders indicated that a joint law enforcement and code enforcement meeting will be held to address this matter.

Mayor Harrison asked that a congratulation letter be sent to the Clover Park High School student who received the African-American pageant award.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Lakewood Mall will be hosting a 5th Birthday celebration for the City on February 28, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. He encouraged Councilmembers and citizens to attend.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**