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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 12, 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 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; 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; Public Works Director Bill Larkin; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

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:

Ordinance No. 246 (tabled from the November 6, 2000 Council Agenda - Consent Agenda) - creating Sections 8.76.405 and 8.76.406 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to prohibiting the use of bicycles, scooters or other similar vehicles in a skate park facility in any City park.

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff explained that Ordinance No. 246 was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and that the Board is recommending Council's adoption of the Ordinance. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson Roger Laybourn commented on the public testimony provided at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. He indicated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is recommending the prohibition of bicycles.

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Discussion ensued on the City's liability if bicycles were prohibited; ensuring that the ordinance is enforced if the ordinance is adopted; changing the signs at the park with the new rules and regulations; and imposing other alternative methods for violations such as imposing a fine before confiscation and impoundment of bicycles.

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Amending Section 13.06.150, 13.06.160 and 13.06.170 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to garbage utility rates.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed ordinance relative to an automatic increase of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and directing the City Manager to advise the Council on or before February 1 of each year of the current garbage and recycling rates and the amount of the CPI. It then provides the City Manager authority to implement an increase in rates to take effect on March 1 of the current year.

Discussion ensued on CPI rates for garbage as it relates to the CPI costs for utilities, such as gas and electric; and what the impacts have been relative to mandatory garbage.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County through December 31, 2001.

Amending Section 6.06.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to animal control fees.

Amending the City of Lakewood fee schedule to provide for animal control licensing fees.

City Manager Rohlfs provided background information on the history of The Humane Society agreement for animal control services.

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff reviewed the options for animal control services and fees for licensing.

Discussion ensued on services being provided in Lakewood in 1999 and 2000; understanding the basis for the cost of licensing; how licenses are sold; why Lakewood has a substantially higher rate of animal problems than other surrounding cities such as University Place, Edgewood and Bonney Lake; what is involved in kenneling an animal; how much of The Humane Society's budget consists of donations received by the public; and what the effect of dropping animal licensing fees would be for this year.

Further discussion ensued on lowering the licensing fee structure.

Council recessed at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

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Authorizing a purchasing contract to Aronson Security Group, in the amount of \$51,499.49, plus sales tax, for security equipment for the permanent City Hall; and authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order with Absher Construction, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$50,000, plus sales tax, for the installation of said equipment.

Authorizing a purchase contract to Commercial Sound, Inc., in the amount of \$98,376, plus sales tax, for audio visual equipment for the permanent City Hall; and authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order with Absher Construction, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$50,000, plus sales tax, for the installation of said equipment.

Public Works Director Larkin reviewed the change orders for the security equipment system and the audio-visual system.

Discussion ensued on providing for a hearing impaired system.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 19, 2001 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Ordinance No. 246 (tabled from the November 6, 2000 Council Agenda - Consent Agenda)

Creating Sections 8.76.405 and 8.76.406 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to prohibiting the use of bicycles, scooters or other similar vehicles in a skate park facility in any City park.

2. Amending Section 13.06.150, 13.06.160 and 13.06.170 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to garbage utility

rates. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

3. a) Authorizing the execution of an agreement with The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County through December 31, 2001. - (Motion)

b) Amending Section 6.06.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to animal control fees. - (Ordinance)

c) Amending the City of Lakewood fee schedule to provide for animal control licensing fees. - (Resolution)

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4. Authorizing a purchasing contract to Aronson Security Group, in the amount of \$51,499.49, plus sales tax, for security equipment for the permanent City Hall; and authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order with Absher Construction, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$50,000, plus sales tax, for the installation of said equipment. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

5. Authorizing a purchase contract to Commercial Sound, Inc., in the amount of \$98,376, plus sales tax, for audio visual equipment for the permanent City Hall; and authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order with Absher Construction, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$50,000, plus sales tax, for the installation of said equipment. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

6. Presentation on the *Next Generation* project. - *Mr. Frankie Toves, Next Generation Director, and Mr. Charlie Davis, Executive Director, Lakewood YMCA*

7. Presentation of the ForeverGreen Study Project. - *Mr. Paul E. Miller, Executive Director, Forward Together*

8. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council relative to a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for commercial or industrial development areas designated as Temporary Residential-Urban Overlay and Temporary Residential-Urban/Commercial Overlay zones.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs complimented Community Development Director Bugher and Senior Planner Deborah Johnson on the Growth Management Hearing Board's decision on the Comprehensive Plan appeal.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that three Statutory Warranty Right-of-Way Deeds related to the Bridgeport Way SW sidewalk projects must be approved by the City Council because language that was provided in the deed inadvertently noted that they must be approved by Council. He explained that generally these types of warranty deeds are approved by the City Manager.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Ms. Francoise Dubrulle of L.A.G.M.A. has donated to the City the painting hanging in his office.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the Western State Hospital issue and impacts to the City.

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Councilmember Humphrey asked about the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club claim against the Department of Natural Resources.

Councilmember Thomas thanked General Services Director/City Clerk Bush and Housing Specialist Pat Chubb on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Housing Programs presentation made before the Lake City Neighborhood Association.

Councilmember Davis reported that a Sound Transit update presentation will be scheduled before the Council soon.

Councilmember Richardson asked if the Gravelly Lake Drive SW or Bridgeport Way SW overpasses will be asphalted. Public Works Director Larkin indicated that both overpasses are scheduled for overlay this year.

Councilmember Richardson requested that the cost impacts for enforcement of the prohibition of bicycles in the skatepark be provided to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Thomas complimented the police department for their response to calls.

Deputy Mayor Thomas thanked Mr. Roger Laybourn and Mr. Ted Wier for their efforts to seek input on Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Domestic Violence Task Force and their efforts to deal with Domestic Violence issues. A training meeting is scheduled at the Greater Lakes Mental Health Care.

Mayor Harrison commented on the House Finance Committee meeting and the testimony provided at that meeting.

Mayor Harrison commented on the loss of Mr. Jim Senko's five-year old grandson.

Mayor Harrison asked about the enforcement of a 20 miles per hour sign when children are present and to clarify to the public what the rules of the signs are.

Mayor Harrison reported that all service clubs, Fire and Police Departments attended a meeting on the installation of restrooms at Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Mayor Harrison commented on a survey sent to citizens of Lakewood by Representatives Gigi Talcott and Mike Carrell. He expressed concern about a question on the survey asking whether one would support a theme park using taxpayer resources and that the question was written to invite a "no" answer. He pointed out that the City needs to educate citizens as to how the City will fund the theme park.

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Council asked staff to approach Safeway and encourage them to place a sign at their facility informing the public of their relocation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK