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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 19, 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 7:02 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 and Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the City Council Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 5:30 p.m., at the Windermere Real Estate Office on 100th Street.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation on the *Next Generation* project.

Mr. Frank Toves, YMCA *Next Generation* Director, spoke about the *Next Generation* project geared towards youths; volunteers as partners and the networking of community businesses, schools and other youth clubs. He expressed appreciation to the Collaboration and to the City of Lakewood for providing funds for this program.

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Presentation of the *ForeverGreen* Study Project.

Mr. Paul Miller, Executive Director of ForeverGreen Study, a project of Forward Together, provided some background information and work plan to the Council, which outlines the ForeverGreen Council's concerns on the quality of life in the key areas of transportation, water quality, and parks and recreation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Parley Applegate, 14507 Woodbrook Drive, President of Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association, thanked City staff and the Council for all their efforts in the positive changes made in the Tillicum area such as the sidewalk improvements and the crime free housing program. He also thanked Redevelopment/Economic Development

Administrator Bock for working together with them on planning Military Appreciation Week, scheduled for May 1, 2001, at 9:00 A.M.

Steve Gano, 11919 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, on behalf of his 8-year old son, expressed concern regarding the prohibition of scooters at the Lakewood skatepark and requested the Council to amend the Ordinance allow for scooters in the skatepark.

Ron Cronk, Lakewood CARES representative, 5714 - 79th Street W, spoke about the public meeting held by two 28th District U.S. representatives last Saturday. A majority of those present were in support of the theme park proposal and expressed concern that there has been a lack of representative government in Lakewood. In reference to the amended House Bill 2144, he strongly suggested that there be a public vote to address the issue of whether the majority of Lakewood citizens desire the theme park.

Sally Saunders, Lakewood First Lions, 12904 65th Avenue Ct SW, provided background information regarding all the work that was put into raising money and getting input from middle and high schools regarding building the Lakewood skatepark.

J. B. Layne, 9911 - 116th Street SW, expressed disapproval over the City approving a building permit on a house being built at the corner of Military Road and Holden Road, which has an area the size of a postage stamp.' He suggested that City staff inspect the area before giving out building permits.

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Judy Harrison, 9632 Oak Lane SW, expressed deep disbelief and anger over the Governor Gary Locke's proposal to allow dangerous sex offenders from McNeil Island to commute to Lakewood area for work, schooling, etc. She indicated that she had family members who have been victims of sexual assaults and will do anything she can to halt this proposal.

Sue Badertscher, 8123 Veterans Drive SW, spoke about all the work that has been done for the past years to get the Lakewood skatepark where it is now. She recommended that bicyclists begin raising funds so they have a place to ride their bicycles.

Jeff Graves, 8710 Lochburn Lane SW, spoke about his disapproval on bicycles in the skatepark.

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

(2) A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 5, 2001.

(7) B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 12, 2001.

(13) C. Approval of payroll check numbers 104081 to 104113, in the amount of \$194,653.29 for the period February 16 - 28, 2001.

(17) D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 13845 to 13929, in the amount of \$221,499.26, for the period ending March 7, 2001.

(34) E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Lakewood Sister Cities Association meeting minutes of February 8, 2001.

2. City Events Committee meeting minutes of February 15, 2001.

(41) F. Ordinance No. 246 (tabled from November 6, 2000 Council 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.

(47) G. Ordinance No. 259

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

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(61) H. Motion No. 2001-05

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.

(65) I. Motion No. 2001-06

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.

MAYOR HARRISON ANNOUNCED THAT ITEM F, ORDINANCE NO. 246, WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ITEM NOS. A-E AND G-H OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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.

Speaking before the Council were:

None.

The hearing was declared closed.

Council recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

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ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 246](#) (tabled from November 6, 2000 Council 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.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 246. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS.

COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 246 DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BAN ON SCOOTERS UNTIL MAY 1, 2001. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 246 WAS DECLARED PASSED.

[Ordinance No. 260](#) amending Sections 6.02.070, 6.02.085, 6.06.030 and 6.06.040 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to animal control fees.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 260. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 2001-11](#) amending the City of Lakewood fee schedule to provide for animal control licensing fees.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2001-11. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion No. 2001-07 authorizing the execution of an agreement with The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County through December 31, 2001.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO TABLE MOTION 2001-07 TO THE APRIL 2, 2001 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

Council recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:43 p.m.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Charleen Jacobs was hired as the City Manager's Executive Assistant. Ms. Jacobs comes from the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office and will start work on March 30, 2001.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the 2001 Lakewood budget has been printed and will be available at the Lakewood and Tillicum libraries.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Redevelopment/Economic Development Administrator Bock has preliminary information that Lakewood has been chosen by Warner Brothers to film a TV series at the Lake Steilacoom area.

City Manager Rohlfs provided some clarification that one of the reasons why McNeil Island was chosen as the site for housing sexual offenders because the State needed to comply with a federal court order. He explained that there are several state institutions located in Lakewood, such as Clover Park Technical College, Pierce College, and Western State Hospital, which already impact the community. City Manager Rohlfs asked Police Chief Saunders to explain what the current public safety budget impacts are and possible impacts of the McNeil Island sexual offenders program.

Police Chief Saunders provided information on the costs of police services for monitoring 255 sex offenders in Lakewood; the number of times that police responds to Western State Hospital grounds on 911 calls; and responses to calls made by Greater Lake Mental Health care clients.

Discussion ensued on the great efforts and service that the Lakewood Police Department provides regularly; that this data should be provided to our state legislators; that there is a need to seek mitigation on tax burdens resulting on the McNeil Island's release of sex offenders; and the impacts of the reduction of beds at Western State Hospital and release of patients into the community.

Further discussion ensued on the release program for the sex offenders from McNeil Island; its history; possible

impacts to the society; and the Council's plan to join with Pierce County and surrounding cities to draft a letter to the legislators addressing their concerns.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey requested Police Chief Saunders to talk about Pierce Transit's prompt response and support to the police department. Police Chief Saunders commented on how Pierce Transit provided buses when the police department needed to evacuate and relocate citizens in various emergency situation.

Councilmember Palmas wanted to recognize Community Development Director Bugher and his staff regarding the 100-foot tall cell towers on Phillips Road and Steilacoom Boulevard, which was painted an olive color to blend more aesthetically than the aluminum color of other cell towers.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the groundbreaking ceremony she attended at Pierce College for a much-needed technical center.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony she attended last Saturday at a new video shop.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the Human Services Collaboration received a Greater Pierce County Community Network grant and acquired software to set up a volunteer database to track volunteer information and volunteer hours.

Mayor Harrison spoke about the conference he attended about building citizen commitment.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Lakeview Safety meeting.

Mayor Harrison spoke about his meeting with Mr. Elmer Arndt regarding mobile home parks, and suggested that Mr. Arndt participate in the Human Services Collaboration meetings.

Mayor Harrison reported on his meeting with the school Superintendent Doris Walker to begin discussions on developing joint goals with the school district.

Mayor Harrison commented on his meeting with the Pierce County Criminal Justice Task Force.

Mayor Harrison requested City Manager Rohlfs to respond to the letter sent to Senators Rosa Franklin and Shirley Winsley from an interested citizen.

Mayor Harrison requested that the Lakewood Police Department investigate the Madera Gardens petition about the barking dogs complaints.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK