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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 9, 2001

7:00 p.m.

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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis.

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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:

Adopting the Year 2000 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County to coordinate the implementation of said Plan.

Public Works Director Larkin reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan set forth by Pierce County. The Plan provides for the City's participation in implementing the goals, policies, recommendations, and disposal methods set forth in the Plan.

Discussion ensued on recycling of organic materials and surcharge for solid waste.

Amending the 2001 Budget and changes to the Employee Classification and Pay Plan.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the proposed amendments to the 2001 Budget, as follows:

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1) \$300,000 of Capital Funds match for Steilacoom Park.

2) \$175,000 transfer of *Weed and Seed* grant funds from the General Fund to the Grants Fund, with no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

3) \$20,000 animal license fee revenues added to the General Fund.

4) \$10,000 probation fees added to the General Fund.

Discussion ensued on the feasibility of contracting for probation services with other jurisdictions such as City of

Puyallup, City of Tacoma, and Pierce County who are established in providing probation services versus creating an in-house position.

5) Adding a Citizen Ombudsman position.

Discussion ensued on the role and responsibilities of a Citizen Ombudsman.

6) Creating a Community Relations Manager position focusing on public information responsibilities.

Discussion ensued on emphasizing communication responsibilities to the job description.

Discussion ensued on adding a job classification for animal control officer only and not fund such a position now.

7) Amending the classification compensation for Network Information Systems (NIS) Manager from Range 48 to Range 54, to address market conditions.

Discussion ensued on contracting for NIS services; reasons for using Novell instead of NT; and comparing the cost of contracting for NIS service versus providing the service in-house.

8) Separating the Engineering Technician position into Engineering Technician I and Engineering Technician II.

9) Creating a Building Maintenance Mechanic position.

10) Budgeting \$40,000 for public arts and a Veteran Memorial.

Discussion ensued on selling bricks at the new City Hall where citizens could have their names engraved on them.

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

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Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$68,380 for 2001, and \$71,800 for 2002, for the maintenance of Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff reviewed the proposed agreement with Pierce County for the shared maintenance of Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Discussion ensued on historical and cultural improvements at the park and that the agreement makes no specific financial commitment for preservation and/or restoration; definition of direct and indirect overhead costs; providing a mechanism for reviewing fee structures for use of the park; informing Pierce College about the improvements proposed at the park; impacts to the care keeper residing at the park; and tracking the legislative Bill about historical preservation of the Ft. Steilacoom Park barns.

Authorizing the City Manager to execute an addendum to the agreement with Merritt+Pardini, in an amount not to exceed \$200,405, for the design and construction of the permanent City Hall.

Public Works Director Larkin reviewed the addendum to the agreement with Merritt+Pardini.

Discussion ensued on the budgeted design and construction management fees.

Requesting the Governor and Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to reconsider proposals to reduce the number of beds at Western State Hospital allocated to Pierce County patients and charge Pierce County for patients in excess of this allocation.

City Attorney Heid reviewed the proposed resolution to limit the number of beds at Western State Hospital allocated for Pierce County patients.

Discussion ensued on the burden placed on the City; investigating whether Western State Hospital is the largest mental institution west of the Mississippi; and including police crime statistics on fact sheet about Western State

Hospital, other state facilities and agencies.

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

1. Amending the 2001 Budget and changes to the Employee Classification and Pay Plan. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$68,380 for 2001, and \$71,800 for 2002, for the maintenance of Ft. Steilacoom Park. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

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3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an addendum to the agreement with Merritt+Pardini, in an amount not to exceed \$200,405, for the design and construction of the permanent City Hall. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
4. Requesting the Governor and Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to reconsider proposals to reduce the number of beds at Western State Hospital allocated to Pierce County patients and charge Pierce County for patients in excess of this allocation. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
5. Adopting the Year 2000 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County to coordinate the implementation of said Plan. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
6. Proclamation declaring April 22 - 28, 2001 as National Volunteer Week.
7. Presentation on the Parent Connections program. - *Ms. Mary Bohn, Greater Lakes Mental HealthCare*
8. Presentation on the Neighborhood Emergency Respite Shelter. - *Ms. Anita Kent, Good Samaritan Outreach Services*
9. *Presentation of Lakewood Beautiful Business Awards. - Redevelopment/Economic Development Administrator Bock*
10. *Adopting the Fiscal Year 2001 Tacoma-Lakewood Consolidated Annual Action Plan. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)*
11. *Motion No. 2001-07 (Continued from the April 2, 2001 Council meeting)*

Authorizing the consideration of an agreement with The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County for animal control services.

12. *Awarding a bid to Ceccanti, Inc., in the amount of \$328,217.50, for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the north side of 88th Street and the east side of 34th Avenue, in the vicinity of Oakwood Elementary School. (Motion - Consent Agenda)*

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the proposed animal control contract is approximately \$121,000 and that an agreement will be brought before the Council next week.

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City Manager Rohlfs announced that a Special Council meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2001 to award a bid for the red light photo infraction project.

Public Works Director Larkin reported that test results for Lake Steilacoom indicated that the algae concentrations are extremely high and it is highly unlikely that the Department of Ecology will issue a permit to treat the lake.

Discussion ensued on notifying the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club of the results of the testing and status of the City's efforts.

City Manager Rohlfs provided an update on the Redevelopment Plan workshop meetings.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Thomas suggested that all the Lake Steilacoom residents and Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club be notified about the test results before an algae bloom and the status of the permit to treat.

Councilmember Thomas distributed yellow ribbons as a symbol to recognize the men in China.

Councilmember Thomas reported on the meeting with Pierce County officials on the sexual predator facility at McNeil Island.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on the Super Smoke Shop petition and asked if the City can send a strong letter expressing the City's concerns.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the *Forward Together* meeting on the ForeverGreen project.

Councilmember Palmas indicated that a street light needs to be installed at 87th and Onyx.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an update on the purchase and sale agreements for properties for the theme park. City Manager Rohlf indicated that six of the seven agreements have been executed.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the barbecue for the Lakewood Police Department and asked that a thank you letter be sent to the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the restaurant.

Mayor Harrison reported that the barbecue for the police department raised over \$2,000 for the police.

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Mayor Harrison commented on the Greater Lakes Mental Health Center comments about the wisdom of overbuilding their facility, because the Center quickly grew into the extra space.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau figures.

Mayor Harrison commented on the *City Connections* newsletter.

Mayor Harrison asked for a response to be provided to Senator Shirley Winsley's inquiry of a citizen requesting bicycles/pedestrian facilities on Phillips Road.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

