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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2001**

**City of Lakewood**

**City Council Chambers**

**10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW**

**Lakewood, WA 98499**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Mayor Bill Harrison.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Assistant City Manager Jeff Butzlaff; City Attorney Dan Heid; Community Development Director David Bugher; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Authorizing the expenditure of City funds to abate public nuisances at 8202 and 8204 South Tacoma Way; and authorizing the City Manager to take steps necessary to recover said funds.

City Attorney Hied provided an update on the abatement of public nuisances at 8202 and 8204 South Tacoma Way. He explained that the owner is attempting to clean up the nuisance. He explained that staff is recommending that the abatement proceed as scheduled as an extra precaution.

Discussion ensued on the timeline and process for abatement; whether Connie's Thrift Shop had a business license; and if the City would inspect the building for public safety before a new business occupies that facility.

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**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 4, 2001 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the expenditure of City funds to abate public nuisances at 8202 and 8204 South Tacoma Way; and authorizing the City Manager to take steps necessary to recover said funds. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
2. Proclamation declaring June 14, 2001 as Army Day in the City of Lakewood. - *Captain Keith A. Kreuger, Tacoma Company Commander, and SFC Jonathan Griffin, U.S. Army*
3. Proclamation supporting the Lakewood Police Department/Pierce County Sheriff's Department Open House on June 8, 2001. - *Police Chief Larry Saunders, Lakewood Police Department*
4. *Presentation on Tacoma & Pierce County - Window to Northwest Grandeur. - Mr. John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive*

**5. Recognizing Christina Chan, Rhiannon Carr and Ross Matthew Ridge as Youth Advisors to the City Council for the 2000-2001 school year.**

**6. Appointing individuals to the Redevelopment Advisory Board. - (Memorandum)**

**7. Appointing individuals as Youth Advisors to the City Council for the 2001-2002 school year. - (Motion)**

**8. Review of Network Information Systems (NIS) services. - (City Manager Report)**

There were no comments.

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

City Manager Rohlf reported that information will be provided to the Council on Network Information Systems services by Thursday, May 31, 2001.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Davis commented on the overwhelming public participation at the Ft. Steilacoom Park public forum that she attended last week.

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Councilmember Palmas reported on a meeting he had with Francoise Dubrulle, L.A.G.M.A., General Services Director/City Clerk Bush and Richard Rabisa regarding a possible veteran memorial. He asked for Council's consensus to form an ad hoc committee and convene a meeting with veterans' organizations, veterans and interested citizens to come up with a conceptual design and then ask artists to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design and renderings. He explained that the design would be used as the basis for raising funds for a memorial up to \$250,000. He explained that the memorial would be a representative or abstract design submitted by proposals from artists that will represent all branches of military service.

Councilmembers concurred with the process and requested that a draft RFP incorporating the parameters for a conceptual design be brought before the Council prior to its release.

Councilmember Humphrey thanked Community Development Director Bugher for a meeting with the Gravelly Lake Drive neighborhood on the treatment of Lakewood lakes.

Councilmember Humphrey asked for an update on the census discrepancy.

Councilmember Richardson asked when the zoning code will be brought before the Council.

Councilmember Richardson asked that the Council be provided with an update on the locations of upcoming street construction projects beginning this summer.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the Korean Business Association's letter requesting Council's reconsideration to name the International District, "Korean Town."

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that the Department of Ecology will be holding a meeting on the treatment of lakes on June 1, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the crime free housing meeting she attended to present certificates of completion.

Councilmember Thomas asked for a status report on obtaining lifeguards at the parks. Assistant City Manager Butzlaff reported that starting this weekend, lifeguards will be on board.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 25 minutes to discuss litigation.

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**Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**