

# 2001 06 04 Regular Mtg

## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 4, 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 7:01 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Present: 1 - Councilmember Ann Kirk Davis

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.

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt. Griffin by request of Mayor Harrison.

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Mayor Harrison recognized the birthdays of Councilmembers Humphrey and City Manager Rohlfs and members of the audience sang "Happy Birthday."

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### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

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### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring June 14, 2001 as Army Day in the City of Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring June 14, 2001 as Army Day in the City of Lakewood to Captain Keith Kreuger, Tacoma Company Commander and SFC Jonathan Griffin, U.S. Army.

Proclamation supporting the Lakewood Police Department/Pierce County Sheriff's Department Open House on June 8, 2001.

Deputy Mayor Thomas presented a proclamation supporting the Lakewood Police Department/Pierce County Sheriff's Department Open House on June 8, 2001 to Police Chief Saunders.

Presentation on Tacoma & Pierce County - Window to Northwest Grandeur.

Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg presented the Council with copies of the Tacoma and Pierce County - Window to Northwest Grandeur book.

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

Mayor Harrison presented certificates of appreciation to Youth Advisors Ridge and Chan for their services as Youth Advisors to the City Council for the 2000-2001 school year.

Youth Advisors Ridge and Chan thanked the Council for the opportunity to represent the youths of Lakewood.

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Council recessed at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Colleen Henry, former Councilmember, Winthrop, WA, spoke about the improvements in Lakewood and how proud she is of Lakewood.*

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*Parley Applegate, Tillicum Neighborhood Association, expressed concern about getting lifeguards at Harry Todd Park.*

*Jim Senko, 10914 101st Avenue SW, suggested that the camellia, the official city flower, be planted on the new City Hall grounds.*

*Glen Spieth, Lakewood Historical Society, expressed his disappointment with the City's contract with the Lakewood Historical Society relative to insurance requirements of the Society.*

*John Arbeeny, 9019 Lake Steilacoom Drive, spoke in opposition of the theme park agreement with the Great Northwest. He indicated that the City does not have the 150 acres required for the theme park. He expressed concerns about shoreline setbacks along the creek and the cost of the project. He also expressed concern about the purchase and sale agreements and questioned the political support of Tacoma and other jurisdictions. He suggested that the financial budget for the park be reviewed.*

*Christy Kernon, 8636 Onyx Drive, spoke about placing stickers at businesses who comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.*

*Pad Finnegan, 11514 Cloverdale Ct. SW, presented a petition in opposition of the theme park until citizens had an opportunity to vote on the park. He again asked if the Council would put this matter before a public vote.*

*Chris Clifford, Renton, WA, spoke about how the theme park will spur businesses and complement other amenities as the Point Defiance Zoo and Northwest Trek.*

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 21, 2001.

B. Approval of payroll check numbers 104265 to 104294, in the amount of \$167,538.47, for the period May 1 - 15, 2001.

C. Approval of claim voucher numbers 14631 to 14772, in the amount of \$646,341.35, for the period ending May 31, 2001.

D. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Planning Advisory Board Public Hearing minutes of January 10, 2001.
2. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 24 and February 7, 2001.
3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 24, 2001.
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Ft. Steilacoom Park public forum minutes of April 24, 2001.

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**E. [Resolution No. 2001-21](#)**

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.

**COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

Motion No. 2001-18 confirming the appointment of Louis Imhof and Gary Martindale to the Redevelopment Advisory Board.

**COUNCILMEMBER HUMPHREY MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS IMHOF AND GARY MARTINDALE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion No. 2001-19 considering the preliminary agreement with Great Northwest Development relative to the proposed theme park.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a draft agreement on the proposed theme park and reviewed the developer's obligations and a proposed investment scenario.

Discussion ensued on the Environmental Impact Statement; who is responsible for the cost of the Environmental Impact Statement; and the status of the House Bill on partial funding of the theme park.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON THE THEME PARK. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

Review of Network Information Systems (NIS) Services.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the option of contracting versus hiring an employee for information systems services.

Discussion ensued on reviewing the need for NIS services and the magnitude of the problem to provide an adequate

level of service at a more realistic workload.

Councilmember Humphrey commented on a Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting he attended with Lyle Quasim to discuss the Pierce County sewer permit process.

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the Pierce County Sheriff's Awards ceremony in which eighteen awards were presented to Lakewood officers.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee meeting he attended.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the Sampaguita Society banquet and the Lakes High School prom.

Councilmember Thomas asked for an update on the Cross Base Highway.

Councilmember Thomas asked how citizens can provide input on the Six-Year Transportation Plan. City Manager Rohlfs explained the process and announced that the Council's Public Hearing on the Plan is scheduled for June 18, 2001.

Councilmember Richardson asked for an explanation on the enforcement of the school zone flashing lights.

Councilmember Palmas asked that the City look into conserving electric power by turning off streetlights.

Councilmember Palmas reported that five finalists have been interviewed for the Law Enforcement Support Agency's executive director.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Palmas commented on Lakeview Light and Power billing the City a five percent utility tax and how that same tax comes back to the City.

Councilmember Palmas asked for an update on the Farwest Drive entry sign.

Councilmember Palmas asked if a landscape architect can provide a recommendation for a potential site for a veteran memorial.

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Councilmember Palmas asked if it is the City's responsibility for fixing phones at City parks.

Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that appointments for the 2001-2002 Youth Advisors will come before the Council when sufficient applications are filed.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Police awards ceremony.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Memorial Day service at Mountain View Homes.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Public Work Trust Fund meeting he attended.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Department of Ecology meeting he and Deputy Mayor Thomas attended with regard to the treatment of Lake Steilacoom and emphasized that, according to the Department of Ecology, copper will never be used in the lake.

Mayor Harrison asked that Council be kept informed on the status of providing lifeguards at City parks.

Mayor Harrison asked that the landscape architect meet with Keep Lakewood Beautiful on the landscape design at City Hall.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the issues of the Historical Society after City Manager Rohlfs meets with Mr. Glen Spieth.

Mayor Harrison asked what energy conservation measures will be used at the new City Hall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**