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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 8, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey (arrived 7:40 p.m.).

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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; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush; Community Relations Manager Candice Bock and Parks Manager Mary Dodsworth.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of the City Hall Dedication ceremony and open house.

Ms. Sydna Koontz, Project Manager for the City Hall Dedication ceremony, reviewed the City Hall dedication ceremony program schedule, layout of the space and draft invitations to the dedication ceremony. General Services Director/City Clerk Bush distributed the invitation list and requested that any changes to the list be provided to her by October 15, 2001. She also requested Council's input on the content of the time capsule items that were suggested by the City Events Committee by October 15, 2001. Ms. Koontz requested Council's decision on selecting the design and content of the invitation tonight in order to meet printing schedules. She explained that the invitations are scheduled to be mailed on October 20, 2001.

Update on the Veterans Memorial project.

Veterans Memorial Committee Chair Bob Arndt reviewed the purpose of the Veterans Memorial project and the reasons for a memorial. He then reviewed two proposed locations for a veterans memorial which is either in the traffic circle on Main Street or the grassy area on the City Hall grounds.

Mr. Arndt explained that the Veterans Memorial Committee is partnering with AUSA, an IRS 501(c) 3 as the sponsoring organization for the committee to work with as the Committee seeks donations to support funding of the project. He explained that after landscaping is completed, artist designs will be sought. He explained that, citizens will be asked to provide input on the selection of a design.

Discussion ensued on the idea for citizens to purchase bricks or something similar where they can participate and have their names engraved as a way to assist with the memorial fundraising; and finding a way for military organizations to be involved.

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2002 policy statement for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Consolidated

Annual Action Plan.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reviewed the Fiscal Year 2002 policy statement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Consolidated Annual Action Plan. She then reviewed the Fiscal Year 2002 recommended funding criteria and allocations, reprogramming of unexpended Fiscal Year 2000 funds, and the hiring of a .80 FTE home repair coordinator and contracting or hiring a .50 FTE fair housing counselor to provide education and landlord/tenant counseling. Both positions will be funded out of project allocations.

Discussion ensued on the citizens' comments made at the CDBG Citizen Advisory Board public hearing concerning the need for affordable housing for disabled individuals; funding for the housing programs; and proposed staffing.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the Fiscal Year 2002 proposed policies and funding allocations; reprogramming of Fiscal Year 2000 unexpended funds; and hiring of an .80 FTE home repair coordinator and .50 FTE fair housing counselor.

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Amending the goals and objectives for human services.

Human Resources and Services Director Young reviewed the proposed amendments to the human services goals and objectives for the Human Services Collaboration.

Discussion ensued on the differences between the proposed amendments and the original goals.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 15, 2001 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2002 Policy Statement for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Consolidated Annual Action Plan. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
2. Amending the goals and objectives for human services. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
3. Proclamation commemorating Harry E. Lang.
4. Presentation of Lakewood Beautiful Business Awards. - *Community Relations Manager Candice Bock*
5. Presentation on Lakewood Area Shelter Association (LASA) Housing program. - *Ms. Janne Hutchins, Executive Director, Lakewood Area Shelter Association*
6. Presentation on the Youth Summer Mission in Lakewood. - *Mr. David O'Keefe, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministries, St. Frances Cabrini*
7. Appointing members to the Citizen's Transportation Review Committee. - (Motion)
8. Appointing members to the Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Advisory Board. - (Motion)

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reminded the Council of the Budget Workshop on October 10, 2001, at 5:30 p.m., at the Lakewood Police Precinct.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that interviews are scheduled for the Economic Development Administrator position on October 11, 2001.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that interviews for the Ombudsman position is scheduled for October 18, 2001.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the City's per capita share of state revenues and the per capita share for property tax and sales tax in comparison to other cities.

He then reviewed the Initiative 695 impacts to Lakewood.

City Manager Rohlfis then distributed copies of the Association of Washington Cities' proposals for legislative redistricting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Palmas announced that he will be out of town on November 30, 2001 and will not be able to attend the City Hall dedication ceremony. Councilmember Palmas asked if the historic beams that were going to be used at the new City Hall were installed. City Manager Rohlfis indicated that the beams could not be used because of infestation.

Councilmember Palmas asked if the reduction in crime statistics could be publicized.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for a status report on the operation of the Puget Sound Energy Committee and its purpose.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the SeaTac meeting she facilitated to help businesses create incentives to help spur the economy as a result of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

Mayor Harrison commented on the NatureFest event that was held on October 7, 2001.

Mayor Harrison presented the Council with a plaque from the Daffodil Festival for participating in the 2001 parade.

Mayor Harrison announced that there was a TV clip on the St. John Bosco service that was aired on October 7, 2001 in relation to the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

Councilmember Thomas announced that she will not be attending or may be late for the October 10, 2001 Budget Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK