

2001 10 22 Budget Workshop

LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

Monday, October 22, 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 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas 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; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush; Community Relations Manager Candice Bock and Parks Manager Mary Dodsworth.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

2002 Budget

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the 2002 budget operating revenues of \$22,084,870 versus expenditures of \$22,920,590 with a net operating loss of \$835,720. He reviewed the impact to the General Fund when hiring two police officers with the COP grant. He then reviewed the changes to the preliminary budget from discussions at the October 10 and 17, 2001 Budget Workshops.

Discussion ensued on the \$65,970 transfer to the Municipal CIP Fund for the Safeway remodeling; \$20,000 for historical preservation; and animal control services.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the arterial street fund with and without the utility tax.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the options for animal control services.

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Discussion ensued on providing animal control services in-house and proactive licensing; enforcing the leash laws and having an unleashed area.

Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Parks Manager Dodsworth distributed information about the maintenance of Seeley Park; about security in the parks; and phone access in the parks. Discussion ensued on providing security guards at city parks and phones in the parks.

Community Relations Manager Bock reviewed the cost estimates for publishing five newsletters a year versus six newsletters a year.

Discussion ensued on using hotel/motel tax for publishing some of the newsletters.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the suggested 2002 legislative lobbying issues including payment in lieu of taxes for state facilities in Lakewood; mitigation funding for impacts resulting from McNeil Island, LRA; sales tax equalization funding; photo enforcement programs; and transportation funding.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the staff positions requested by departments and positions recommended by the City Manager.

Discussion ensued on the number of positions funded by grants versus the General Fund.

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

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the hotel/motel funding requests from the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, in the amount of \$40,000; from the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau, in the amount of \$36,000; and from Lakewold Gardens, in the amount of \$35,320. He explained that the Lodging Tax Advisory Board is recommending \$40,000 for the Chamber, \$25,000 for Visitor and Convention Bureau and \$35,000 for Lakewold Gardens.

Discussion ensued on whether Lakewold Gardens is proposing to partner with others to better market tourism into Lakewood. It was the consensus of the Council to accept the Lodging Tax Advisory Board's funding recommendation.

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Discussion ensued on funding an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Legal Department; and providing mechanisms for neighborhood groups to submit proposals for a City project using General Funds.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the recommended changes in position classifications, merit modifier, range adjustments and merit increases.

Other

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK