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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**January 28, 2002**

**City of Lakewood**

**City Council Chambers**

**6000 Main Street SW**

**Lakewood, WA 98499**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan; Larry Humphrey; Helen McGovern and Doug Richardson.**

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**Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; Assistant City Manager Jeff Butzlaff; Acting City Attorney Mike McKenzie; 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:**

Briefing on the Wards Lake Master Plan.

Parks Manager Dodsworth provided an update on the Wards Lake Master Plan and the planning process.

Discussion ensued on the plans for the property where stormwater runoff is located south of the shopping center; the legal status of the privately owned property; and the use of the lake when traversing into the City-owned portion of the lake.

Parks Manager Dodsworth then reviewed the Master Plan improvements to Wards Lake which includes an 84th Street main entry, demolition of a house and providing for parking, asphalt pathways and trails, and the construction of a restroom.

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Discussion ensued on installing fencing near the fishing pier; working with owners of the property on parking and accessibility impacts; and how public restrooms will be kept clean.

Briefing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments process for 2002.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed amendments for 2002 that City staff initiated. He explained that the proposed amendments are a result of findings originated from the Redevelopment Plan, which includes properties in the Oak Park neighborhood, the residential neighborhood between the Lakewood Towne Center and Bridgeport Way SW, Lakewood Mall Boulevard and 108th Street, several bicycle trails, and the golf and country club property lines on 112th Street. He indicated that amendments will be brought before the Council in the spring with adoption scheduled in the summer. He noted that amendments will be received until February 28, 2002.

Discussion ensued on the proposed deletion of an offsite trail in the Robinson Estate; a notification mechanism for public participation particularly in the Oak Park neighborhood relative to amendments being proposed for that area; and how the City arrived at a population growth of 17,500.

Update on the feasibility of treating Lake Steilacoom.

Public Works Director Larkin indicated that in order to treat Lake Steilacoom, a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is required to be filed. The Department of Ecology must prepare a permit process for receiving NPDES applications and have yet to do so. At best, Public Works Director Larkin indicated that the process could be established by the summer, which would be too late to treat Lake Steilacoom.

Discussion ensued on whether the Department of Ecology could perform testing on Lake Steilacoom and emphasize the City's desire at the federal level to allow for the filing of permits because the Department of Ecology has yet to develop a process; and contacting the State legislature on including noxious and nuisance needs in a draft bill.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 4, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Proclamation recognizing "Team Shred" soccer team. - *Jean Schueler, Coach*

2. *Declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its disposal to public entities and charitable nonprofit organizations or otherwise available under the law. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)*

3. *Awarding a bid for the installation of 12 solar powered flashing lights in six school zones in the vicinity of Hudtloff, Mann and Woodbrook Middle Schools; Clover Park and Lakes High Schools; and Lake Louise and Park Lodge elementary schools. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)*

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4. This is the date set for a hearing before the City Council on the appeal of James and Kathleen Manza and Randall and Deborrah Bennett relative to a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Shoreline Variance to construct a dock system and retaining wall at 12761 Gravelly Lake Drive SW (James and Kathleen Manza; LU010048; LU010082, and LU010049).

There were no comments.

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

City Manager Rohlfs reported that there will be a Lakewood Refuse rate increase of 2.5 percent and landfill pass through increase of 1.672 percent effective March 1, 2002.

City Manager Rohlfs reported on the Pierce County delegation meeting he attended with Councilmember McGovern. He spoke about Western State Hospital impacts with regard to police calls, court and prosecution costs totaling over \$700,000. He then spoke about a proposed legislation to extend a statute to allow for protection of fire service from impacts due to a major institution and explained that a proposed legislation is being introduced to include public safety.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Pierce County Councilmember O'Malley's newsletter on Ft. Steilacoom had some minor discrepancies about the terms of the agreement and funding for improvements.

City Manager Rohlfs asked the Council for approval to combine two .80 FTE positions (one vacant City of Lakewood .80 FTE Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) position and one .80 FTE City of Tacoma position) into one full time equivalent Lakewood position to facilitate the CDBG and HOME housing programs. Council concurred with funding one FTE housing coordinator position funded with CDBG and HOME grants.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Humphrey encouraged City staff to advertise and promote tours of City Hall.**

**Councilmember Humphrey reported on the Cross-Base Highway Ad Hoc Committee meeting.**

**Councilmember Richardson asked about the status of Representative Carrell's 50 percent degradation of Initiative 695 backfill funding legislation.**

**Councilmember Richardson spoke about the need to fund Lakewood transportation projects and also expressed concern about the legislative transportation proposals that do not include Lakewood projects.**

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**Councilmember McGovern commented about the Pierce County delegation and the need to strengthen the Pierce County delegation by working closer together.**

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**Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation.**

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**Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m. At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session will be extended to 10:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 10:00 p.m.**

**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**

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