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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 11, 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan; Helen McGovern and Jos   Palmas.

Councilmember Absent; 2 - Councilmembers Larry Humphrey and Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Assistant City Manager Jeff Butzlaff; Acting City Attorney Mike McKenzie; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush and Community Relations Manager Candice Bock.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Deliberation 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).

Councilmember Palmas disclosed that he did not personally know any of the parties relative to this appeal.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes as a quasi-judicial body.

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Council recessed at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m. At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional 15 minutes. At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional 15 minutes. Council reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Council directed City staff to bring a resolution on the appeal before the Council at the February 19, 2002 Council meeting for Council consideration.

Legislative Update.

Mr. Robert Mack, lobbyist, reviewed legislative matters on the Growth Management Buildable Lands, municipal revenues, transportation, and Municipal Court.

He explained that the projected State revenues will be in next week. He indicated that the Senate will be preparing supplemental budgets and may make greater cuts for agencies than recommended by Governor Locke. The Gambling Tax issue is somewhat dead. He indicated that SB 6633 is about a Pierce County proposal to add a 1/10th of 1 percent tax for criminal justice; SB 6593, House version, is a King County bill authorizing a 1 percent utility tax for incorporated and unincorporated areas; and SB 6679 is a bill that would provide emergency relief for counties to help rural counties in Eastern and Southwest Washington. He indicated that the Association of Washington Cities has given conditional support.

Mr. Mack indicated that Representative Mike Carrell is trying to get a hearing scheduled with regard to the sales tax equalization bill he introduced; two bills, HB 2840 and SB 6729 on Western State Hospital were introduced and hearings were held; and SB 6729 is still in the Committee.

With regard to growth management, two critical area bills will push the timeline back. He stated that SB 6841 was passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House. He spoke about the buildable lands bill requiring a wetland inventory which passed and is now in the House Appropriation Committee. For Lakewood, he explained that this would give the City up to July 2004 to update the critical areas growth management bill.

He announced that the Automated Traffic Enforcement (HB 1118) has moved out of Committee.

On transportation, he indicated that the Sound Transit bill on utility is bottlenecked and that the House passed a regional package so that counties and cities would split 30 percent: each would get 15 percent on the revenues collected.

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He reported that the bill on Municipal Court judges with over 50,000 population becoming an elected position, passed out of Committee and would take effect after the contract period of existing judges.

Mr. Mack reported that there has been discussion about the validity of Lakewood's request for reimbursement on the impacts of the McNeil Island Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) unit.

Presentation on the Clover Park School District bond levy.

Mr. Joe Tyo, Clover Park School District Administrator for District Operations, presented the School District's proposed \$120 million bond levy for supporting infrastructure funding for school facilities.

Discussion ensued on Oakwood Elementary School; the appropriate locations for elementary and middle schools; the number of portable buildings; the District's basis for student enrollment projections; and the condition of Clover Park School District buses.

Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

Overview of the 2000 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd provided an overview of the 2000 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Discussion ensued on various components of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; the unfunded mandates; the \$31 million short-term cash revenues; and the fixed assets for land acquisition for parks.

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

1. Proclamation recognizing "Team Shred" soccer team. - *Ms. Jeri Schueler, Coach*
2. United Way Silver Award Presentation. - *Ms. LaTasha Wortham, Account Executive, United Way of Pierce County*
3. *Setting Monday, February 25, 2002, as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the extension of the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for residential development, other than for single-family residential use in the Oak Park area. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)*

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4. Extending the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for residential development, other than for single family residential use in the Oak Park area for an additional six months. - (Resolution - to be considered at February 25, 2002 Special Council Meeting)

5. Electing a Position One representative to serve on the Zoo/Trek Authority Board. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

Mayor Harrison noted that the Council will hold a Special Council meeting on February 25, 2002 to conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution on the Oak Park moratorium extension.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf provided an update on discrepancies found concerning the number of housing units in various census blocks against the numbers provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. He explained that if the City is successful on its appeal, that the City's adjustment would increase the U.S. Census population by approximately 981 units.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Finnigan commented on the Western State Hospital forensic grand opening he attended.

Councilmember Finnigan commented on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) banquet he attended.

Mayor Harrison asked for Council's feedback on supporting the Lakewood Historical Society quilt project. Council concurred with the project.

Mayor Harrison commented on the legislative redistricting.

Mayor Harrison reported on the 112th Street senior housing project presentation that was provided to members of the Lakewood United last week.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the letters to Merritt+Pardini concerning the City's courtroom.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK