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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, March 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 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan; Larry Humphrey; Helen McGovern and JosÃ© Palmas.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Assistant City Manager Jeff Butzlaff; City Attorney Heidi Horst; 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:**

**Presentation on the Cross-Base Highway.**

Mr. Tom Ballard, Pierce County Engineer, provided a history of the Cross Base Highway project and identified the constraints when preparing the Draft and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). He explained that the EIS process is expected to be completed by late 2002.

Discussion ensued on the County's prioritization for completing this project; plans for providing services in the Woodbrook area; comments from citizen participation and input on this project; traffic impacts on Gravelly Lake Drive SW and Nyanza Road; the location of sound barriers and options for the type of barriers that will be used; how much right-of-way taking will affect homeowners; the location of the highway on the one-lane roadway near the railroad; and initiating discussions with the Fire Department for emergency access on the one-lane one-way traffic.

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**Amending Chapters 1.36 and 18A.02 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to removing the City Council from certain zoning and land use appeals and reconsiderations.**

City Attorney Horst reviewed the proposed ordinance changes to remove the Council from certain zoning and land use appeals and reconsiderations following the Planning Advisory Board review of changes to Title 18A.

Discussion ensued on reasons for removing the Council from its quasi-judicial role.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Ordinance will be coming before the Council for action in a few weeks after the Planning Advisory Board's review of changes to Title 18A.

Update on an interim agreement with Sound Transit.

City Manager Rohlfs provided an overview of the Sound Transit interim agreement and reasons why a formal agreement regarding the construction of the Sounder Transit can not be accomplished as soon as Lakewood desires.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the proposed sidewalks to be completed on Bridgeport Way SW from Pacific Highway to sidewalks on 108th Street. He explained that the interim agreement provides for \$1.7 million of Sounder Transit funds to be used for improvements on 108th Street from Lakeview Drive to Pacific Highway South.

Discussion ensued on saving funds by not making rail improvements south of Lakewood to Camp Murray; Weyerhaeuser providing funding for the station in Dupont; having an overpass pedestrian crossing from the station; and reasons to justify improving 108th Street at this time.

#### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 18, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Amending Chapters 1.36 and 18A.02 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to removing the City Council from certain zoning and land use appeals and reconsiderations. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

2. Progress report on the Gang-Free Communities Grant. - *Ms. Kendra Hughes, Project Coordinator*

(24) 3. Awarding a bid to Fox Island Construction, in the amount of \$51,205.50, for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and improvements at the intersection of Ardmore Drive and Meadow Road. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

(28) 4. Appointing individuals to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. - (Motion)

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Mayor Harrison reported that Item No. 1 will not be coming before the Council on March 18, 2002.

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

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Senator Shirley Winsley has attempted to include Lakewood in allocating \$1 million backfill dollars in the Senate's budget. He commented that Senator Winsley also allocated funding in the Senate budget for impacts from the McNeil Island Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) mitigation.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of a mailer that will be distributed to Oak Park residents about the recent moratorium.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Planning Advisory Board has received and approved requests for rezoning changes at Washington Boulevard and Vernon.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that America's Promise has asked Lakewood to be used as a model agency on how Lakewood delivers service to youths. The model is proposed to be used throughout the country.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Humphrey commented on a citizen letter suggesting that the Washington State Patrol take over the police response calls to Western State Hospital.

Councilmember Humphrey suggested that Councilmembers contact the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA) Board directly to encourage the Board to create a voting seat for Lakewood.

Councilmember Humphrey announced that there will be a developers meeting held by the Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Councilmember Finnigan asked if the Redevelopment Advisory Board preferred Councilmembers not to attend the meeting. Community Relations Manager Bock indicated that Councilmembers may attend the meetings.

Councilmember McGovern asked for an update on potential sites for a Springbrook Community Center. She suggested that staff work with Mr. Ted Wier and Mrs. Dunn about a potential site.

Mayor Harrison showed a video on traffic hazards.

Mayor Harrison commented on the *Coffee with the Mayor's* meeting.

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**Mayor Harrison reported that there are vacancies on the State Law and Justice Commission if Councilmembers were interested in applying.**

**Mayor Harrison commented on an information sheet relative to the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor and Convention Bureau request for \$65,000.**

**Mayor Harrison expressed concern about no garbage service being provided at the Garden Park and Creekside Apartments due to nonpayment.**

**Mayor Harrison spoke about a citizen letter to enforce the city's animal control ordinance to remove animal excrements and requested staff to respond to the citizen's request.**

**Mayor Harrison indicated that a letter was sent to Pierce County Councilmember Harold Moss about the zoo tax and none of the tax dollars were allocated for Ft. Steilacoom Park.**

**Mayor Harrison asked for an update to correct deficiencies at City Hall and modifications with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas commented that the student leaders who helped with providing testimony on the seat belt law were sent thank you letters.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**