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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 18, 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: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan; Larry Humphrey; Helen McGovern; JosÃ© Palmas and Doug Richardson.

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.

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D.J. DeMarce by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Progress report on the Gang-Free Communities Grant.

Ms. Kendra Hughes, Project Coordinator, provided an update on the Gang-Free communities grant and the suppression efforts being undertaken to reduce the number of gangs.

Discussion ensued on the timing of the grant; interviews with suspected gang members; and the survey being conducted.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Anna Marie Ware, 9606 Seeley Lake Drive, expressed appreciation for the news bulletin about the Oak Park neighborhood zoning.

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fatal accidents in 1999 and several in 2001. He reported that there are 27 blind corners in Lakewood and described what constitutes a blind corner. He asked that an ordinance be adopted to stop vegetation plantings that create blind corners.

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C O N S E N T A G E N D A

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Retreat of February 23, 2002.**
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 4, 2002.**
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 11, 2002.**
- D. Approval of payroll check numbers 104786 to 104820, in the amount of \$253,226.16, for the period February 16 - 28, 2002.**
- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 17156 to 17307, in the amount of \$593,866.66, for the period ending March 13, 2002.**
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**
 - 1. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of December 12, 2001.**
 - 2. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Board meeting minutes of February 7, 2002.**
 - 3. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes February 12, 2002.**

G. Motion No. 2002-07

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Mayor Harrison amended the March 4, 2002 minutes to reflect that for Ordinance No. 274, Councilmember Finnigan voted nay.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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R E G U L A R A G E N D A

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COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF NANCY DILWORTH, KAREN VARY AND DEANNA ROBINSON TO SERVE ON THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a draft letter to Governor Locke requesting that he not veto the Initiative 695 backfill bill in which Lakewood could potentially receive \$800,000 in revenues.

City Manager Rohlfs provided an update on the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerns at City Hall. He explained that 13 of the 22 ADA requirements have been completed to code. Three of the nine items will be completed in a week and the remaining items will be completed by April 2002.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that Joe Hannan was offered the position of Economic Development Administrator to start in three weeks.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey announced that the Pierce County Council will meet in the Lakewood City Council Chambers on May 14, 2002.

Councilmember Humphrey noted that the County is supporting Ft. Steilacoom Park in its budget.

Councilmember Finnigan reported that there are several items from the retreat that will need to be followed-up.

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Councilmember Richardson noted that the Cross-Base Highway Ad Hoc Committee will meet on March 19, 2002, at 4:30 p.m.

Councilmember Richardson noted that there was graffiti tagging on the new veterinary office on Bridgeport Way.

Councilmember Palmas reported that in discussions with the Pierce County Sheriff, he indicated that if Tacoma pulls out of the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA), it could have an impact on Lakewood's desire to have a voting seat.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the Human Services Collaboration review of goals and strategies. She also indicated that Lakewood has been asked to be considered as a model agency for America's Promise.

Mayor Harrison reported that starting next year, the Clover Park School District Lakes and Clover Park High Schools may not be able to participate in the selection of Daffodil princesses if there is no Daffodil Float.

Mayor Harrison asked that the letter on salmon runs be sent to Pierce County Executive Ladenburg.

Amended Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on a talk she provided to

04/01/02 the Young Korean Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK