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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 25, 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: 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 Rohlf; 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:

Granting Lakeview Light and Power a twenty-year nonexclusive franchise to provide an electric light and power system in designated public rights-of-way in the City of Lakewood.

City Attorney Horst summarized the proposed 20-year nonexclusive franchise with Lakeview Light and Power to provide an electric light and power system in Lakewood.

Discussion ensued on comparisons with the Tacoma Public Utilities franchise agreement; reasons why it took longer to enter into a franchise agreement with Lakeview; billing for a blanket amount for City costs and if this was a challenge during negotiations; what franchise fees were paid to Pierce County when Lakeview was with the County; asking Lakeview to properly identify and label the Lakeview street light poles to report street light outages; and the status of Lakeview Light and Power Board's acceptance of the language in the franchise ordinance.

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Mr. Russell, Lakeview Light and Power Board member indicated that the Board has not reviewed the ordinance and will be considering this ordinance at their April meeting.

Mr. George Van Arsdall, Board President, Lakeview Light and Power, indicated that the full Board has not reviewed the franchise agreement and there are some areas yet to be fully agreed upon. He explained that the Board has not taken action on this matter.

Creating Chapter 3.21 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the collection of franchise fees.

City Attorney Horst reviewed the proposed ordinance on the collection of late franchise fees and penalty percentages.

Discussion ensued on the percentage assessed for lateness and excessive penalties; and conducting a survey of other municipalities on what fees they impose.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 1, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Creating Chapter 3.21 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the collection of franchise fees. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 2. Setting Monday, April 15, 2002, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider granting Lakeview Light and Power a twenty-year nonexclusive franchise to provide an electric light and power system in designated public rights-of-way in the City of Lakewood. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)**

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported on the Pierce County Council meeting he attended today concerning discussions of funding for Fort Steilacoom Park. He reported that Fort Steilacoom Park was not in the County's 20-year Capital Facilities budget.

Pierce County Councilmember Pat O'Malley commented on the allocation of the zoo tax monies as it relates to Fort Steilacoom Park. He noted that Lakewood could apply for funding from the second excise tax generating \$4 million. Seventy-five percent (75%) or \$3 million has been pledged to roads, and \$1 million would be left for parks, which Lakewood could apply for. He indicated that after 2002, no maintenance or operating funds is budgeted for Fort Steilacoom Park with Lakewood assuming ownership. He suggested that Lakewood consider partnering with Pierce County to continue maintenance and operation of the park with the County maintaining ownership of the park. He suggested that the Council draft a letter on its position prior to the County Council's meeting to be held in Lakewood on May 14.

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Mayor Harrison requested that a letter be prepared for Council's discussion at the April 8, 2002 Council Study Session.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Sound Transit agreement is continuing to move forward.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that a proposal will be forthcoming from the Fire District to build a fire station at Harry Todd Park that will require Comprehensive Plan and zoning code changes.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Finnigan complimented City staff for staff's response to citizens comments and questions as noted in the citizens correspondence log noting.

Councilmember Finnigan spoke about finding a solution to a citizen's concern about a sewer problem at Cochise Lane. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that through Pierce County's help, the City will assist the citizen to work with the County to address the citizen's problem.

Councilmember Palmas reported on the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA) meeting he attended.

Councilmember McGovern recommended that the City look at the website of the cities of Kent and Federal Way as a model to follow.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the meeting he had with City staff and the Water District.

Mayor Harrison reported on a Clover Park School District meeting he attended to discuss why citizens did not vote for the school bond levy.

Mayor Harrison commented on a Clover Park School District survey and comments received relative to the use of the Community Service officer by the school district.

Mayor Harrison reported on a proposed transportation plan that will be on the November ballot.

Mayor Harrison reported that there will be a Daffodil Float this year and princesses can be selected next year;

however, there must be a committed sponsor to build and construct a float in order for the high schools to continue having high school princesses representation.

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on what is being done on 83rd Street.

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Mayor Harrison reported on a meeting with the Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club. The Club agreed to have lawyers on both sides meet to discuss options for the treatment of Lake Steilacoom.

Mayor Harrison announced that the filming kickoff of My Home Town will be held on April 2, 2002, at noon, at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK