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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 22, 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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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Legislative Report on the 2002 Session.

Mr. Bob Mack, Lobbyist, provided a final report on the Legislative 2002 session. He reported that Lakewood will receive \$808,000 in Initiative 695 backfill funds; and \$45,000 for mitigation impacts as a result of the Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) units on McNeil Island. He then reported on the State-wide transportation package and the regional transportation package. The State package involves \$7 billion in transportation revenues to be generated by a gasoline tax which will be brought before the voters. Mr. Mack then spoke about the automated traffic enforcement bill that was not able to pass the House this year. He reported on the assumptions of special districts, annexations, and Growth Management Act (GMA) timelines. He noted that Lakewood's Comprehensive Plan update must be filed by December 2004. Mr. Mack then reported on SB5514 dealing with public facility districts.

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Discussion ensued on the transportation State package and which projects will be funded should voters approve the bill, and who will make the decision on these transportation projects. Mayor Harrison requested that meetings be scheduled in late July or early August with the legislature to discuss sales tax equalization prior to the legislative session. Further discussion ensued on the regional transportation bill relative to the Cross Base Highway project.

Update on Community Development and Public Works projects.

Community Development Director Bugher reported on the volume of development activities in Lakewood over the last eighteen months. He reported on office building developments, commercial development, housing and remodeling

projects.

Discussion ensued on the building that burned on South Tacoma Way; status of the concerns raised by the public on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning codes; and the status of the Oak Grove development, Fort Lewis Community Federal Credit Union, Lakewood sixplex condominiums, Steilacoom Square industrial complex, Flett Creek subdivision, and the Walmart Phase I (retail) and Phase II (grocery) development.

Public Works Director Larkin provided an update on projects currently under construction: flashing lights at six school zones; and various sidewalks and beautification projects. He then reviewed projects currently in the design phases.

Discussion ensued on the traffic calming project on Hipkins Road; chip sealing; work of the Transportation Advisory Committee; mitigation impacts of the Walmart project; sidewalks on John Dower Road; fencing at 88th and Custer Roads that is frequently damaged because of accidents; and the status of funding sources for transportation projects.

Parks Manager Dodsworth provided an update on park improvement projects.

Discussion ensued on funding sources for the parks projects; swimming platforms at Harry Todd and American Lake parks; costs for maintaining City parks; the improvements to two barns in Fort Steilacoom Park and citizens utilizing the barns with cooperative support from government entities; and producing a special newsletter on park activities.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 6, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation declaring May 13-17, 2002 as Police Week. - *Police Chief Saunders*

2. Proclamation declaring May 18, 2002 as Armed Forces Day.

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3. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the cooperative agreement with the City of Tacoma to extend the formation of the Tacoma/Lakewood HOME Investment Partnership Act Consortium for Fiscal Years 2003, 2004 and 2005. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

4. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2002 Joint Tacoma/Lakewood Consolidated Annual Action Plan and proposed use of funds, and Fiscal Year 2000 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Amendment. (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

5. Denying claims for damages. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

6. Awarding a bid to Site Development, Inc., in the amount of \$204,082, for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on San Francisco Avenue, Addison Avenue and 127th Street. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

Mayor Harrison announced that there will be no Council meeting on Monday, April 29, 2002.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs requested that there be Council representation at the Tacoma City Council meeting on May 14, 2002 when Tacoma will be considering the extension to the Tacoma/Lakewood HOME Consortium Agreement.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that there will be a grant review of the progress on the Youth Gang Center project and gang research grant.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the Council's agenda packet for the Council's April 24, 2002 Retreat.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Finnigan commented on the Springbrook Neighborhood Association meeting last week.

Councilmember McGovern requested that at the Council's Retreat, the Council revisit the misdemeanor language on the late franchise fee ordinance that was adopted last week.

Councilmember McGovern commented that the traffic calming improvements on Hipkins Road may create a vehicular shortcut using the Lake Steilacoom Drive connection, which may cause traffic impacts.

Councilmember McGovern asked how the Federal Way lawsuit on business signs may impact Lakewood's sign code.

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Councilmember McGovern commented on the Associated Ministries dinner she attended in which David O'Keeffe's effort was recognized for his work with youths.

Councilmember Palmas commented on staff's report in response to Mr. Haugen's concerns about visibility at various intersections.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Pierce County Regional Council meeting she attended.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Daffodil Parade.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Racquet Club estate meeting concerning Cochise Lane sewers.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Police Sheriff's award ceremony last week.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Lakewood Baseball Club Youth Jamboree.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK