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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, May 13, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 4 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Larry Humphrey and JosÃ© Palmas.

Councilmember Excused: 3 - Councilmembers Pad Finnigan; Helen McGovern and 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 and Community Relations Manager Candice Bock.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A video on "Lakewood My Home Town" was viewed by Council and members of the audience.

Amending various sections in Chapters 18A.02, 18A.20, 18A.30, 18A.50, 18A.70, and 18A.90 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to land use and development.

Community Development Director Bugher and Principal Planner Catron reviewed the proposed changes to the land use and development regulations.

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Discussion ensued on the locations for vehicle salvage yards and the rationale for moving these types of uses from one area to another. Discussion also ensued on the definition of row houses, multifamily dwellings and community design standards; the public notification process that was used; and presenting the recommended changes affecting businesses to the Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Awarding a contract to U.S. Bank for the City of Lakewood's banking service needs.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed the process for the procurement of a bank to provide the City's banking service needs.

Discussion ensued on what the cost for the City would be for changing banks; what the effects are with direct deposits; and what notification process was used to solicit proposals.

Mayor Harrison congratulated Esther Miller on her birthday and members of the audience sang "Happy Birthday." Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Amending Section 8.24.020 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to junk vehicles and storage of vehicles.

City Attorney Horst reviewed the proposed changes to the junk vehicle ordinance amending the definition of junk vehicle in order for enforcement to take place.

Amending the fee schedule to provide for rental fees for the use of City Hall facilities.

Public Works Director Larkin reviewed the policies providing for the use of City Hall facilities and a fee schedule for use of City Hall space.

Discussion ensued on non-operating hours; the rationale for a reciprocity list and deleting the list; eliminating a damage deposit requirement; and adding a policy on the prohibition of hate groups and political lobbying.

Reaffirming the standards and guidelines used in the development and maintenance of transportation facilities in the City of Lakewood.

City Attorney Horst reviewed the proposed Resolution confirming the standards and guidelines for roadway safety design standards as adopted by Ordinance and codified in Section 12.03.070.

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Discussion ensued on referencing the codified section of the Ordinance in the Resolution versus listing the names of the safety design standards in the Resolution.

Status report on the Walmart project.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposal for the construction of a Walmart facility north of 75th Street W. He explained that the project consists of a 149,726 square-foot building and a 68,640 square-foot grocery and gasoline service station. The initial phase provides for 820 parking spaces and the subsequent development would add another 302 parking spaces.

Discussion ensued on traffic impacts; signage; and providing for an attractive entrance to the city on Bridgeport Way SW.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 20, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending various sections in Chapters 18A.02, 18A.20, 18A.30, 18A.50, 18A.70, and 18A.90 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to land use and development. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
2. Awarding a contract to U.S. Bank for the City of Lakewood's banking service needs. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
3. Amending Section 8.24.020 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to junk vehicles and storage of vehicles. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
4. Amending the fee schedule to provide for rental fees for the use of City Hall facilities. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
5. Reaffirming the standards and guidelines used in the development and maintenance of transportation facilities in the City of Lakewood. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

6. Presentation on Lakewood Tour of Gardens. - Ms. Cherry Tinker, Pierce College Foundation

7. Proclamation declaring May 22, 2002 as Relatives Raising Children Day. - Ms. Edith Owen, Coordinator, Pierce County Relatives Raising Children

8. Proclamation declaring the month of June 2002 as Hire-A-Veteran Month. - Mr. Sal Cantu, Pierce County Job Services Center

9. Proclamation declaring June 1, 2002 as the First Annual Kids' Safety Fair Day. - Police Chief Saunders

10. Appointing individuals to the Redevelopment Advisory Board. - (Motion)

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There were no comments.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Pierce County Council will meet in the Council Chambers on May 14, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. He indicated that Parks Advisory Board members Roger Laybourn and Ted Wier will be providing public comments on Ft. Steilacoom Park. He added that Charlie Maxwell, Partners for Parks, and Steilacoom Mayor Ron Lucas will also be providing comments.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of two nominations submitted to the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) for the Municipal Achievement Awards. The nominations submitted were for the Lakewood Towne Center economic development partnership project and the youth programs in Lakewood project.

City Manager Rohlfs noted that in the Council Chambers hallway, maps on land use, zoning, budget and the City's organizational chart are on display for citizens' information.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Harrison complimented the Police Department on the crime statistics and Lakewood's reduction in crime. He asked that the information be publicized.

Mayor Harrison complimented the efforts of staff for organizing the Independence Day celebration.

Mayor Harrison asked about the recruitment efforts for lifeguards and recommended that staff ensure that they start on the job by Memorial Day.

Mayor Harrison thanked staff for organizing the summer concerts series and requested that the event be widely publicized through the Lakewood Chambers. He suggested that posters be made.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

