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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 28, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan, Larry Humphrey; Helen McGovern; JosÃ© Palmas and Doug Richardson.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas (arrived at 8:05 p.m.)

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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 Parks Manager Mary Dodsworth.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Briefing on fluoridation.

Dr. Federico Cruz-Uribe, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Director, reviewed the effects of health issues without fluoridation, and the legal jurisdiction of the health department relative to imminent danger to public health. He then reviewed the cost for basic water fluoridation amounting to \$8,000 - \$13,000 per source for equipment and installation. For Lakewood, he indicated that the cost would be between \$216,000 - \$351,000. He added that the Washington Dental Service and the Health Department have committed \$6,000 per source for Lakewood. He noted that the Board unanimously approved the fluoridation of water in Pierce County.

Discussion ensued on the effects of fluoridation on young children versus adults; how much fluoride is absorbed through the drinking of water; educating the public about fluoridation; and the effects of fluorosis in communities with fluoridation.

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Mr. Randy Black, Lakewood Water District Manager, reported that the Water District has 31 wells in Lakewood. He explained that the Water District expressed concerns to the Health Department about the imposition of mandated regulations. Of the 1,400 surveys the District received on fluoridation, as of May 17, 2002, Mr. Black reported that 981 were against fluoridation. He indicated that on May 21, 2002, the Water District Board approved placing the matter before the District voters on the fall primary ballot in the hopes that the Health Department would honor the vote of the people.

Discussion ensued on the effects of fluoridation; if fluoridation would change the pH level of the water supply; if there was a way to provide fluoridated and non-fluoridated water; and how fluoridation was approved at Ft. Lewis, McChord

Air Force Base, Tacoma, Fircrest and other cities and not provided for in other Pierce County cities.

Mr. Jeff Green, Citizens for Safe Drinking Water, spoke about the effects of ingesting fluoride. He displayed various food products and vegetables that already contain fluoride. He explained that there are many ways to ingest without adding fluoride to drinking water. He asked the Council to consider an Ordinance that provides for any substance added to the water supply be approved by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration and that the substance, at maximum use levels, must contain no contaminants at concentrations that exceed the U.S. Maximum Contaminant level goals or the Washington Public Health goals, whichever is more protective.

Deputy Mayor Thomas arrived at 8:05 p.m.

Discussion ensued on the levels of fluoride in vegetables and products; how the wording of the voters' ballot will be phrased and providing educational forums for the public; and the R.C.W. mandates regarding authority on fluoridation between the Water District and the Health Department.

Council recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Creating a biennial budget for the City of Lakewood from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed the proposed Ordinance to provide for a biennial budget effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004.

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Discussion ensued on what the staff impacts would be for implementing and maintaining a biennial budget; how often the CAFERS and financial reporting would need to be published; as a result of saving staff time, would there be a cumulative savings in an FTE; and the effects of a biennial budget on the outsourcing of contracts such as police services and streets/road maintenance.

Amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan.

Human Resources and Services Director Young reviewed the proposed changes to the Employee Compensation Plan for the Parks Manager, Clerical Assistant and Animal Control Officer positions.

Discussion ensued on the Parks Director functions and salary comparisons to other cities; and the possibilities of using volunteers for animal control services.

Amending the City of Lakewood 2001 budget.

Finance and Systems Director Kidd reviewed the actual revenues and expenditures in 2001 and the net effect adjustment of the fund balance.

Discussion ensued on the fund balance.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 3, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Creating a biennial budget for the City of Lakewood from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 2. Amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**
- 3. Amending the City of Lakewood 2001 budget. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)**

Councilmember Finnigan requested that Item Nos. 1-3 be placed on the Regular Agenda.

It was the consensus of the Council to place Item Nos. 1-3 on the June 3, 2002 Regular Agenda.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf announced that the Kids Safety Fair will be held on June 1, 2002, at 10:00 A.M.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Harrison commented on the Lakewood Historical Society meeting he attended at Park Lodge Elementary

Mayor Harrison reminded the Council of the Council Informational Meeting, at 5:00 p.m., on May 30, 2002, at St. Clare Hospital, to discuss Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Mayor Harrison asked that a congratulatory letter be sent to the Clover Park High School track star.

Councilmember Richardson reported on the Mountain View Memorial Day Ceremony he attended.

Councilmember Richardson questioned the letter from the Department of Ecology on the lake treatment permitting process.

Councilmember Richardson spoke about the Crime Free Multi-Housing graduation ceremony he attended.

Councilmember Richardson commented about sprinkling for Type 5 construction that was discussed at the Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting and to schedule this matter for discussion at a Study Session.

Councilmember McGovern commented on the *City Talk* session she conducted representing the Council.

Councilmember McGovern suggested that the work crew wash City vehicles.

Councilmember McGovern noted that she reported five street light outages.

Amended Councilmember Humphrey commented on the new financial reporting format 06/03/02 that he, Councilmember Finnigan and Finance and Systems Director Kidd had been working on.

Councilmember Humphrey requested that the Council review the Lake Steilacoom letter before it is sent.

Deputy Mayor Thomas apologized for arriving late to the Council meeting due to another speaking engagement she had to attend.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Discussion ensued on Lake Steilacoom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK