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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 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: 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; 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.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison congratulated Councilmember Humphrey and City Manager Rohlfs and greeted them a happy birthday.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors' Report.

Youth Advisors Chang and Cromheecke reported on the 2001-2002 activities of the Youth Advisors and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, 6528 Mt. Tacoma Drive, spoke about traffic visibility in a neighborhood off of Lakewood Drive.

Jean Jamison, Lakewood Coalition, spoke about the State statute on fluoridation of water, the hazards of fluoride, and

the need for educating the public on fluoridation. She asked what the City's position was on fluoridation and expressed concern that the City take a leadership role. She indicated that the City of Edgewood adopted an ordinance on their position relative to fluoridation and urged the City to do the same.

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Sue Mitchell, 10115 Shawn Street, spoke about the personal effects she has experienced with fluoride and expressed her concerns about a ploy for the master race.

Ken Severe, 9644 Bridgeport Way SW, spoke about the qualifications of individuals being considered for appointment to a City Committee or Board and suggested that the Council have more discussion on the reasons for their selection.

Dee Youmans, 4905 Pacific Street, read an article from a New York Health Department study on fluoridation. She asked that the Council support educating the public about fluoridation.

Herb Dayton, Lakewood resident, expressed concern that the process for appointing individuals to the Redevelopment Advisory Board was not fair, when an incumbent appointee had not submitted an application, and that he could not file an application because it was after the filing deadline.

Ken Severe, 9644 Bridgeport Way SW, spoke about imposing a user tax on electricity versus a rate tax. If a user tax cannot be used, he recommended that the electric rate be reduced to 3.5 percent and give citizens a tax break to bring tax revenues in line because of the increase in the utility rate.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 20, 2002.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of May 28, 2002.

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C. Approval of payroll check numbers 104946 to 104969, in the amount of \$218,112.80, for the period May 1-15, 2002.

D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 17960 to 18067, in the amount of \$1,521,471.36, for the period ending May 30, 2002.

E. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 12 and April 8, 2002.

2. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 18, 2002.

Councilmember HUMPHREY requested that THE MAY 28, 2002 MINUTES, UNDER COUNCIL COMMENTS, BE AMENDED TO READ THAT "Councilmember Humphrey COMMENTED ON THE NEW FINANCIAL REPORTING FORMAT THAT HE, Councilmember FINNIGAN AND Finance and Systems Director Kidd HAD BEEN WORKING ON."

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY Councilmember PALMAS.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 279](#) creating a biennial budget for the City of Lakewood from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 279. SECONDED BY Councilmember HUMPHREY.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 280](#) amending the Employee Compensation and Benefits Plan.

Councilmember FINNIGAN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 280. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 281](#) amending the City of Lakewood 2001 budget.

Councilmember RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 281. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Finnigan commented on the Council's Committees and Boards appointment process and following the appointment process. He explained that Mr. Oh did not reapply for consideration on the Redevelopment Advisory Board and that the Council did not discuss the Council's rules on the appointment process or suspend its rules. He expressed concern that the Council will be viewed as acting unfairly.

Councilmember Finnigan moved to remove Mr. Oh from the Redevelopment Advisory Board and APPOINT one of the other slate of candidates. due to the lack of second, the motion died.

Councilmember Palmas suggested that the Council form a subcommittee to review the Council's appointment rules of procedure. Deputy Mayor Thomas, Councilmembers Palmas and Finnigan agreed to serve on the subcommittee to revisit the appointment process and procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs distributed a copy of the design of the City flag incorporating the City seal.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that lifeguard services will be available next weekend at Harry Todd and American Lake parks. Mayor Harrison requested that the Council be emailed the exact dates when the lifeguards will be on duty.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee meeting and projects they are working on. He indicated that he foresees that Keep Lakewood Beautiful will need more coordination with the City Parks and Public Works Departments as they work on more projects.

Councilmember Humphrey asked City Manager Rohlfs to look at the costs for City landscaping maintenance on rights-of-way and at City Hall.

Councilmember Finnigan commented about a citizen complaint in Tillicum and a \$1,400 invoice for moving a tree in Tillicum.

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Councilmember McGovern asked City Manager Rohlfs to report on the status of the Lakewood Towne Center activities. City Manager Rohlfs announced that plans are underway for an August 2, 2002 grand opening. He also announced that the Old Navy store will open next Thursday or Friday with other stores following in June and July.

Councilmember McGovern indicated that she will be asking the Health Department more questions about fluoridation and will also be attending the meetings of the Lakewood Water District.

Councilmember McGovern announced that Partners for Parks tickets for *It's a Dusey* can be purchased on the Partners for Parks website.

Councilmember Palmas asked about the R.C. W. language on Mr. Ken Severe's comments about a user tax. Councilmember Palmas asked if the utility ordinance provides for a standard review date.

Councilmember Palmas indicated that he was asked by the Veterans Memorial Committee to attend a Lakewood Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon on July 3, 2002. He explained that he was not available to attend the luncheon and asked if another Councilmember could attend. Mayor Harrison indicated that he would attend.

Deputy Mayor Thomas congratulated Human Resources and Services Director Young for receiving an award for volunteering on United Way.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for a status report on the State audit exit conference. City Manager Rohlfs reported that the Auditor will be sending a management letter.

Mayor Harrison asked if the Lake Steilacoom letter was mailed. City Manager Rohlfs replied that it was.

Mayor Harrison announced that the City received an Association of Washington Cities (AWC) award on Lakewood's youth programs.

Mayor Harrison asked about the outcome and attendance at the Youth Fair over the weekend.

Mayor Harrison reported on the grand opening of the YMCA Teen Center.

Mayor Harrison commented on the positive June 3, 2002 The News Tribune editorial about the photo infractions.

Councilmember McGovern reported on Police Chief Saunders' prompt response to address some citizen concerns about speeding on Interlaaken Drive, Short Lane and Lake Steilacoom Drive.

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss land acquisition.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m. Mayor Harrison announced the Executive Session will be extended an additional 10 minutes. At 9:25 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced the Executive Session will be extended an additional 10 minutes.

Council reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

Discussion ensued on fluoridation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK