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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 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 and Community Relations Manager Candice Bock.

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 and Community Relations Manager Candice Bock.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2003-2008.

Public Works Director Larkin explained that capital funds for street projects are \$6 million less than last year. He indicated that major changes to the Plan from last year include elimination of improvements on Union Avenue, decrease in street lighting, elimination of improvements on the south side of 100th Street sidewalks between Bridgeport Way SW and Lakeview, decrease of sidewalks in the vicinity of schools, elimination of a traffic signal at Steilacoom Boulevard and Durango and reductions in street tree plantings. He reported that two projects have moved up in priority, which are a left turn off Custer Road to John Dower Road and a traffic light at Motor Avenue and Whitman.

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Discussion ensued on sidewalks in the vicinity of schools, primarily at elementary schools; data that support the reasons for which school sites receive sidewalks; changes to the Six-Year Transportation Plan and the public hearing process; input of the Citizen's Transportation Review Committee into the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan; Clover Park School District's contribution in funding sidewalk projects adjacent to schools; coordination of resurfacing Pacific Highway with Burlington Northern Railroad; providing Lakeview and Lake City Neighborhood Associations an opportunity to review the Plan; informing Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee early about potential limited funding for Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee projects; protecting Sound Transit mitigation funding; utilizing the work crew for landscape maintenance; and funding for the reconstruction of the intersection of Gravelly Lake Drive SW and Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive.

Further discussion ensued on lobbying State legislators for State funding and building a constituency early; and providing the Citizen's Transportation Review Committee with a more active role and working the issues.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Perteet Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the preliminary survey and design improvements on Pacific Highway SW from Bridgeport Way SW to 108th Street SW to provide multi-modal connections between the commuter rail station and the central area of the city.

Public Works Director Larkin explained that the agreement provides for the initial phase of a design (preliminary survey and base map) for improvements on Pacific Highway SW from Bridgeport Way SW to 108th Street SW. He indicated that the funds are being provided by Sound Transit.

Discussion ensued on the Sound Transit funding for this phase and payment of the study if the design site is not approved.

Authorizing the execution of an addendum to the agreement with Hammond Collier Wade Livingstone, in an amount not to exceed \$59,900, for the design of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike lane and lighting on the southeast side of Custer Road between Meadow Road and John Dower Road.

Public Works Director Larkin reviewed the proposed agreement for the design of sidewalks on the southeast side of Custer Road between Meadow Road and John Dower Road.

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ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 17, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Perteet Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the preliminary survey and design improvements on Pacific Highway SW from Bridgeport Way SW to 108th Street SW to provide multi-modal connections between the commuter rail station and the central area of the city. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
2. Authorizing the execution of an addendum to the agreement with Hammond Collier Wade Livingstone, in an amount not to exceed \$59,900, for the design of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike lane and lighting on the southeast side of Custer Road between Meadow Road and John Dower Road. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
3. Proclamation recognizing Anne Heintz and Danielle Morris as the Workforce Training and Education Award Recipients for 2002. - *Ms. Anne Heintz and Ms. Danielle Morris, Alternatives for Individuals High School*
4. Lakewood Veterans Memorial Project Update - *Mr. Bob Arndt, Chair, Lakewood Veterans Memorial Steering Committee*
5. *Citizen's Transportation Review Committee Annual Report. - Mr. Ernest Werner, Committee Member*
6. *This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2003-2008.*

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs reported that staff is working on two contracts with the Department of Social and Health Services for mitigation impacts relative to the McNeil Island facility.

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the lettering for City Hall labeling the building will be installed on the front of the building on June 11, 2002.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that a June 26, 2002 meeting is scheduled with Pierce County and University Place on sewer issues. Councilmember Richardson asked if the sewer permitting issues of the glass company at Lakeview and Steilacoom Boulevard will be discussed.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that a tentative meeting had been set for June 28, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., to meet with

Jean Jamison on fluoridation and because he and City Attorney Horst are unable to reschedule prior commitments, Ms. Jamison is unwilling to change that meeting date.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Finnigan asked if the Lakewood Municipal Code changes that was recently provided to the Council reflected a second reprint of the entire Title 18A. General Services Director/City Clerk Bush indicated that the Title 18A Code changes recently provided were changes to only those sections that were adopted a couple of weeks ago.

Councilmember Finnigan questioned the public hearing on the Walmart project and potential appeals.

Councilmember Palmas commented about the decline of crime statistics in April and noted that there was a 25 percent increase in thefts from vehicles and an increase in mail/identity theft. He asked that an article be placed in *City Connections* to warn citizens about the thefts.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the information relative to the increase in sales use tax since 1997.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the .25 percent surcharge on top of the City's 6 percent tax on phone charges, which is collected by the State.

Mayor Harrison commented that pursuant to the utility tax ordinance, the utility tax must be reviewed in 2003. He asked if the Council desired to discuss the tax prior to 2003. Councilmember Richardson asked that the review be done in conjunction with the 2003 budget process.

Councilmember McGovern commented on the vast number of volunteers recognized at the volunteer recognition breakfast and noted that City staff should also be recognized for their volunteer efforts. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that City staff could also be recognized for their volunteer efforts in some way too. Mayor Harrison expressed his thanks to Executive Assistant Charleen Jacobs for her efforts in organizing the volunteer breakfast.

Councilmember McGovern asked if there would be better attendance if the breakfast was held on a Saturday. Deputy Mayor Thomas suggested that there be a different way to recognize the volunteers, especially for those who serve for many years, such as a pin or something besides a certificate, to recognize longevity.

Councilmember McGovern reported that citizens have asked her why traffic is being slowed down on Bridgeport Way SW, and noted that if it is because of the Lochburn school zone, that a sign be posted.

Councilmember McGovern asked for a status report on City Manager Rohlfs' meeting with Jimmy G's about their gambling taxes.

Councilmember McGovern asked for a status report on the Lakeview Light and Power franchise negotiations.

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Councilmember Humphrey commented on the volunteer breakfast and suggested that the list of volunteers be publicized.

Councilmember Richardson commented on the Ft. Steilacoom Park Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 8, 2002. He indicated that 460 people participated in the event.

Councilmember Finnigan suggested that the Council begin looking and making adjustments to the 2002 budget now in anticipation of the revenue shortfall in 2003.

Councilmember Richardson suggested that as the Council reviews the biennial budget, the anticipated shortfalls in revenue and expenditures be reviewed in total and that staff resources be spent on the preparation of the biennial budget instead of reviewing what has already been approved for 2002. He explained that if changes are made in the 2002 budget now, they may have implications for 2003 and longer and he preferred to look at the upcoming budget in total.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked about an abandoned house on Kline Street as noted in the Lakeview Neighborhood Association minutes.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that she was in the process of conducting interviews for the next school year's Youth Advisors to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked Councilmembers to allow the Youth Advisors to shadow interested Councilmembers as an educational experience.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that there are 26 students using the Intel Center, which the City has partnered with Pierce College and others.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked if the City receives taxes from Discount World.

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for clarification on the Council's subcommittee's role for reviewing the appointments process for appointing citizens to City Committees and Boards.

Mayor Harrison commented on the McChord Air Force Base change of command event he attended.

Mayor Harrison asked about the status of the adult bookstore on 100th Street and South Tacoma Way.

Mayor Harrison asked for Council's participation at the Fred Oldfield Western Heritage Center on June 26, 2002, 6:00 p.m., at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, and to bring a pot of chili.

Mayor Harrison commented on a conflict with a meeting University Place was setting up on September 11, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., due to an Association Ministries gathering being organized that same time.

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Mayor Harrison asked for clarification on the AT&T customer audit report.

Councilmember Humphrey requested that the financial reports note the reasons for any significant variances.

Mayor Harrison expressed concern about Lakewood Police being videotaped on the COPS program.

Mayor Harrison commented on the informative Mayor's Select Committee meeting he attended.

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

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK