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## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 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 7:01 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 Rohlfs (arrived at 8:00 p.m.); Acting City Manager Alice Bush; City Attorney Heidi Horst; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Public Works Director Bill Larkin; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Parks and Recreation Director Mary Dodsworth and Community Relations Manager Candice Bock.

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### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Bush reported that the Cross-Base Highway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) public comment period through July 31, 2002. She indicated that Pierce County will be holding two open houses on the DEIS. The first hearing will be held on June 25, 2002 at the Spanaway Junior High School Library, and on June 27, 2002, the second hearing will be held at the Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Center.

Acting City Manager Bush also announced that the City will be holding an Independence Day celebration at City Hall on July 2, 2002, from noon to 2:00 p.m.

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### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Anne Heintz and Danielle Morris as the Workforce Training and Education Award Recipients for 2002.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation recognizing Danielle Morris and Anne Heintz as the Workforce Training and Education Award Recipients for 2002 to Ms. Danielle Morris and Ms. Robin Greenleaf, Principal for Alternatives for Individuals High School, on behalf of Ms. Anne Heintz.

## Lakewood Veterans Memorial Project Update.

Mr. Bob Arndt, Chair, Lakewood Veterans Memorial Committee, presented display models of the three finalists for a Lakewood Veterans Memorial. He explained that four public meetings will be held on June 21 and 28, July 12 and 19 to receive public input on the designs. He indicated that the Committee has raised \$7,700 out of a goal of \$80,000. Mr. Arndt then described each of the models and their proposed cost.

## Citizen's Transportation Review Committee Annual Report.

Mr. Ernest Werner, Citizen's Transportation Review Committee member, reviewed the role of the Committee pursuant to Ordinance No. 243 and the membership of the Committee. He then reviewed the Committee's work in reviewing the Six-Year Transportation Plan, Cross-Base Highway and regional transit plans.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, 6528 Mt. Tacoma Drive, spoke about sidewalks on 104th Street and Idlewild. He commented about growing trees creating fields of visibility problems. He commented on the recent traffic accident on South Tacoma Way. He then spoke about the lack of lighting because of the shadows casted by trees. He then spoke about laptop computers in police vehicles creating a visibility hazard for police officers.*

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*Parley Applegate, Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association, spoke about the Association holding block watches in the neighborhood; the garden planted by youths at the Tillicum Community Center; forming a youth desk to interface with the police; holding an August 24, 2002 Military Appreciation Day event; planning for a skate park; working with the new Tillicum Community Service Officer; and holding a picnic at the Woodbrook Safe Haven.*

*Glen Spieth, 5928 Steilacoom Boulevard, announced that the first historical marker will be installed on June 18, 2002, at 6:30 p.m., at the old Safeway Building. He also announced that on that same day, at 7:00 p.m., the Lakewood Historical Society will hold a meeting to discuss the Old Speedway. He explained that other historical markers are planned for the Flett House, Tacoma Speedway, the airport hangar across Clover Park Technical College, Thornewood Castle, Byrd School and the Heath Farm.*

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*Maury Peerenboom, 8709 58th Avenue SW, announced that he is celebrating his sixth anniversary as a Lakewood resident on June 20, 2002. He then spoke about his donation for the Veterans Memorial. He then sang a song about the Lakewood Station.*

*John Kurmel, 14312 West Thorne Lane SW, Lakeview Neighborhood Association, reported on the activities of the Association; their work on obtaining a gang-free grant; participating in crime-free multi-housing program with the neighborhood Community Service Officer and the plans for a Lakeview Neighborhood Association celebration on National Night Out.*

## CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 3, 2002.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 10, 2002.
- C. Approval of payroll check numbers 104970 to 105005, in the amount of \$281,751.93, for the period May 16-31, 2002.
- D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 18068 to 18123, in the amount of \$397,221.16, for the period ending June 6, 2002.
- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 18124 to 18229, in the amount of \$1,542,658.06, for the period ending June 13, 2002.
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 26, 2002.
  - 2. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Board meeting minutes of May 16, 2002.

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**G. Motion No. 2002-15**

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.

**H. Motion No. 2002-16**

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.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY Councilmember McGovern. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2003-2008.

Speaking before the Council were:

*Dennis Laurengall, 9201 104th Street SW, spoke about vehicular speeding on 104th Street and Butte Drive, and asked for the installation of speed bumps on 104th Street and a traffic circle later. He spoke in support of closing Interlaaken Drive.*

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*Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane, spoke about the need for sewers in Tillicum and that it did not make sense to put in sidewalks on Union Avenue and then have them torn out.*

*Parley Applegate, Lakewood resident, asked the Council to reconsider including the \$2.4 million Union Avenue project in the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan.*

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*Adam Worden, 8409 Orchard Street SW, spoke about modifications that can be made in the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan to fund the Union Avenue sidewalks project and suggested that changes be made in funding for beautification projects and applying for Transportation Improvement Board grants.*

*John Kurmel, 14312 West Thorne Lane SW, spoke about the need for sidewalks on Union Avenue.*

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*Glen Spieth, 5928 Steilacoom Boulevard, spoke about the need for walkway areas on the south side of Steilacoom Boulevard, east and west of the Bridgeport Way SW intersection.*

*Deanna Axel, 11804 Interlaaken Drive, Interlaaken Drive neighborhood, expressed concern about vehicle speeders on Interlaaken Drive and the safety issues relative to visibility. She asked the Council to consider installing a four-way stop at 112th and Interlaaken Drive and install roundabouts at 112th and Interlaaken Drive and 107th and Interlaaken Drive.*

*Sam Granberg, 7201 Interlaaken Drive, expressed concern about safety at Holly Hedge and Interlaaken Bridge. He indicated that in 60 days, there were five accidents. He expressed concern that there will be a fatality at 7201 and 7202 Interlaaken Drive. He also expressed concern about traffic visibility at Whitman and Motor Avenue and suggested that the ATM machine at Ft. Lewis Credit Union be removed. He asked for the City's help to address these safety issues. He suggested that the Interlaaken Bridge be closed except during rush hours, and traffic controls be installed at 7202 Interlaaken Drive and at the bridge.*

*Cynthia Winder, Lake Steilacoom Drive, expressed concern about traffic volumes and speeds on Lake Steilacoom Drive. She requested that calming measures be included in the Six-Year Transportation Plan and that there be a citizen process for review and funding for mitigation measures. She requested that photo enforcement be included in residential areas.*

*Kevin Corbin, Interlaaken Drive, spoke about closing Interlaaken Bridge during non-peak times.*

*Monique Cartwriter, 9104 104th Street, spoke about speeding concerns on 104th Street and installing speed bumps and roundabouts. She asked for the City's support in funding.*

*Ken Enslow, 7144 Interlaaken Drive, asked about the traffic counts on Interlaaken Drive and the numerous accidents on Interlaaken Drive.*

*S. Reagan, 7140 Interlaaken Drive, spoke about several traffic accidents on Interlaaken Drive.*

*There being no further testimony, the hearing was declared closed.*

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Councilmember Palmas reported that the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) is requesting that the City consider some PCRC amendments.*

*City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the PCRC amendments will be on next week's Council agenda.*

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

*None.*

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

*Councilmember Humphrey expressed concern about the parking notices being issued by the Lakewood Towne Center to those parking at the Pierce Transit bus station. He indicated that there are no warning notices posted. He asked that the City respond to a citizen's letter he received about this.*

*Councilmember Finnigan reported on the neighborhood association meetings he attended.*

*Councilmember Richardson reported on the Cross Base Highway meeting he attended. He indicated that the Cross-Base Highway Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting on July 2, 2002 to develop comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.*

*Councilmember Richardson suggested that a Councilmember attend the Lakeview Neighborhood Association meeting on June 26, 2002 where the Department of Corrections will be making a presentation on sex offenders.*

*Councilmember McGovern reported on the McNeil Island Committee meeting she attended and the Father's Day event held there.*

*Councilmember Palmas commented on the possibilities of sewerage Tillicum by connecting sewer from Gravelly Lake Drive SW to Tillicum, from the new connector with Cross Base Highway.*

*Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that two additional Youth Advisor candidates will be interviewed on June 18, 2002. She requested that the Council consider a change in forming a Youth Council with eight to ten youths instead of two or three Youth Advisors.*

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*Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that she will be attending the Association of Washington Cities conference to receive the Lakewood Youth award.*

*Deputy Mayor Thomas announced that on June 19, 2002, Sound Transit will hold a training session for individuals interested in public works positions with Sound Transit.*

*Mayor Harrison commented on the Coffee with the Mayor meeting.*

*Mayor Harrison asked that short-term solutions and options brought up tonight be discussed at next week's study session.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.*

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**

