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**LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, June 24, 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: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan, Helen McGovern; JosÃ© Palmas and Doug Richardson.**

**Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey.**

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**Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; 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; Parks and Recreation Director Mary Dodsworth and Community Relations Manager Candice Bock.**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County relative to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies amendments.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies. He indicated that the changes involve the elimination of tiering which attempts to stage the urban growth area boundaries, expand the policies relative to joint planning, and adding a new section on environmentally sensitive areas and a new section relative to buildable lands.

Discussion ensued on the City of Tacoma's position relative to the amendments; buildable lands changes; the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) voting process and weight of each vote; defining the reduction of impervious surface areas within individual development sites and how this can be accomplished; joint cost-sharing for joint planning for parks; and preparing a Buildable Lands Capacity Report and its impact on densities for municipalities.

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

Public Works Director Larkin reviewed staff's suggestions in response to the citizens' comments that were presented at the June 17, 2002 public hearing.

Discussion ensued on the replacement cost for the Interlaaken Bridge; liability of installing speed bumps; what the effects would be for emergency vehicle access with the installation of speed bumps; using a photo infraction/radar system in residential streets; using the speed trailer more regularly; when the photo enforcement can be implemented; implementing psychological effects such as double yellow lines where speed bumps were installed to slow vehicular

speeds.

Council asked that staff meet with the Interlaaken neighborhood group and report back with a proposal for improving their traffic concerns.

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Council recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

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Creating a Youth Council to serve as a liaison between youths and the City Council.

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Appointing Jasmine Boyd, G. Victoria Campbell, Jessica Cromheecke, Leanna Darling, Brett G. Horn, Roy Jacobs, Denise Johnson, John Orozco, Cristina Sepe, and Christiana Webb as members of the Youth Council.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reviewed the proposal to create a Youth Council in lieu of Youth Advisors to the Council.

Discussion ensued on broadening youth representation from all schools; providing youths with a way of identifying with the City; changing the Resolution to reflect that the Youth Council be comprised of high school students, who are residents of Lakewood, and that there be at least two representatives from each school in the City. It was the consensus of the Council to provide the Youth Council with City of Lakewood shirts as an identifier.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 1, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County relative to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies amendments. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

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2. Adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program, 2003-2008. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

3. Creating a Youth Council to serve as a liaison between youths and the City Council. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

4. Appointing Jasmine Boyd, G. Victoria Campbell, Jessica Cromheecke, Leanna Darling, Brett G. Horn, Roy Jacobs, Denise Johnson, John Orozco, Cristina Sepe, and Christiana Webb as members of the Youth Council.

5. Recognizing Jimmy G's Casino sponsorship on the 2002 Lakewood Daffodil Float. - *Mr. Gary Murrey, Manager, Jimmy G's Casino*

6. Proclamation declaring July 2002 as National Parks and Recreation Month. - *Mr. Roger Laybourn, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board*

7. Presentation of a Crime-Free Housing Certification for Reeder Property Management. - *Mr. Paul Reeder, President, Reeder Property Management, Inc.*

8. Update on America's Promise. - *Mr. Mark Farr and Mr. William Ramos, America's Promise Representatives*

9. Releasing the reservation of an easement in a vacated portion of a Douglas Street West right-of-way. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)

10. Denying claims for damages. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on July 2, 2002, the Independence Day celebration will be held at City Hall at noon.

City Manager Rohlfs reported that the 108th Street Environmental Impact Statement was released for public review

and comment.

City Manager Rohlf's announced that lighting fireworks is legal beginning on July 3, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., through July 5, 2002, at 11:00 p.m. He indicated that any changes on the fireworks ordinance must be made a year in advance.

City Manager Rohlf's announced that the Pierce County meeting with the Mayors will be held on Friday, June 28, 2002 and that Pierce County Executive Ladenburg will be presenting the County's tax plan.

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City Manager Rohlf's reported that the list provided to the Council on the use of Ft. Steilacoom Park was tentative. He also reported on the meeting he had with the City of University Place and that a meeting is scheduled with Pierce County Councilmember O'Malley.

Deputy Mayor Thomas requested that Pierce College President Michelle Johnson be invited to a Council Study Session to present the Pierce College Plan for Ft. Steilacoom Park.

#### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Finnigan spoke about the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Conference and the sessions he attended. He distributed copies of a story relative to change.

Councilmember Finnigan commented on the Black Hawk helicopter ride over the Yakima Firing Range.

Councilmember Finnigan asked about the status of the City positions in which City employees were called to duty as a result of the September 11 incident.

Councilmember Richardson announced that on July 2, 2002, the Cross-Base Highway Ad Hoc Committee will meet to formulate comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Councilmember Richardson reported that he will not be attending the July 8, 15 and 22 Council meetings.

Councilmember Palmas commented on the Springbrook Neighborhood Association meeting he attended. He reported that the presenter on the sex offender program was not able to attend the meeting and that the presentation was rescheduled to the next meeting.

Councilmember Palmas asked about enforcement of the fireworks ordinance. Councilmember Palmas indicated that he was supportive of eliminating fireworks in Lakewood. He commented that if fireworks should continue, a tax should be imposed on the sale of fireworks to provide for enhanced enforcement.

Councilmember McGovern commented on the AWC Conference and noted that she will provide copies of the Resolutions adopted by AWC.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Lakewood's Promise calendar.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the Outreach Sound Transit meeting on economic development.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Lakewood Youth Program award she received at the AWC Conference.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for a status report on the police sting operation and the properties that were confiscated totaling \$2 million to \$3 million.

Mayor Harrison commented on the unveiling of the historical marker at the old Safeway Building.

Mayor Harrison reported on the Lakewood Tour of Gardens.

Mayor Harrison commented on the chili cook-off.

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**Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss personnel matters.**

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**Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 10:30 p.m. At 10:30 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional 15 minutes. At 10:45 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional 15 minutes. Council reconvened at 11:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**