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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 7, 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; Larry Humphrey; Helen McGovern and Doug Richardson.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by JosÃ© Palmas by request of Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that a Council Budget Workshop will be held on October 9, 2002, at 5:00 p.m., at the Lakewood Police Precinct.

City Manager Rohlfs reminded Councilmembers to provide comments to the Mayor on appointments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen's Advisory Board, the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee and the Lodging Tax Advisory Board.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Council Report.

Youth Council Member Campbell spoke about projects of the Youth Council, including beautifying the grounds of the Boys and Girls Club, adopting a yard at Communities In Schools, and conducting youth forums and surveys.

Proclamation recognizing Jessica Cromheecke as First Runner-Up of the Miss Teen of America Scholarship pageant.

Deputy Mayor Thomas presented a proclamation recognizing Jessica Cromheecke as First Runner-Up of the Miss Teen of America Scholarship pageant.

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Proclamation declaring October 6 - 12, 2002 as Fire Prevention Week.

Councilmember McGovern presented a proclamation declaring October 6 - 12, 2002 as Fire Prevention Week to Ms. Hallie McCurdy, Prevention Specialist, Lakewood Fire District.

Update on Lakewood's Promise - National Pilot Demonstration Site for America's Promise.

Ms. Emily Talley, America's Promise, introduced the America's Promise team and provided an update on their work with the pilot program.

Proclamation extending appreciation to JosÃ© Palmas for dedicated service to the Lakewood City Council and citizens of Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation extending appreciation to JosÃ© Palmas for dedicated service to the Lakewood City Council and citizens of Lakewood. Mayor Harrison then presented JosÃ© Palmas with a plaque for honorary service.

Members of the Council expressed their appreciation to JosÃ© Palmas.

Council recessed at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Larry Else, 9702 Veterans Drive, American Lake Improvement Club, read letters to the Police Department and Parks Department on marine patrol support and park services at American Lake North Park.

Donald Mullikin, 10222 Villa Lane SW, reported that the Lakeview Neighborhood Association has received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane, spoke about the veterans memorial brick fundraising project; the Thornewood Castle fundraising project; and the news article on gated communities.

Mandy Ma, 11016 Bridgeport Way SW, spoke in support of John Arbeeney's nomination to the City Council.

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Bob Gee, 122115 Interlaaken Drive, presented copies of a petition to the Lakewood Water District of the neighborhood's desire for the District to not expand their activities onto the property between Gravelly Lake Drive and Interlaaken Drive.

Marcia Wilkowski, 5716 - 51st Avenue Ct., spoke in support of the Walmart project.

Gary Nomensen, 3130 South 38th Street, announced that Puget Sound Energy requested a 12½ percent reduction in natural gas wherein Lakewood residents will receive a 28 percent reduction from a year ago.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 16, 2002.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of September 23, 2002.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 23, 2002.

D. Approval of payroll check numbers 105223 to 105250, in the amount of \$222,645.82, for the period September 1-15, 2002.

E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 19299 to 19365, in the amount of \$1,201,330.94, for the period ending September 17, 2002.

F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 19366 to 19408, in the amount of \$133,394.15, for the period ending September 25, 2002.

G. Approval of claim voucher numbers 19409 to 19506, in the amount of \$866,056.71, for the period ending October 2,

2002.

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

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 25 and July 23, 2002.
2. Planning Advisory Board Study Session minutes of July 31, 2002.
3. Planning Advisory Board Public Hearing minutes of August 14, 2002.
4. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of July 9 and August 20, 2002.
5. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 15, 2002.
6. City Events Committee meeting minutes of August 22, 2002.

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7. Community Development Block Grant Citizen's Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 28 and September 18, 2002.

I. [Ordinance No. 284](#)

Amending Sections 18A.50.550, 18A.50.710, 18A.50.720, 18A.50.740, 18A.50.750, 18A.50.760, 18A.50.780 and 18A.50.790 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to a housing incentives program.

J. [Motion No. 2002-39](#)

Awarding a bid to R. W. Scott Construction Company, in the amount of \$1,268,195.10, for the construction of sidewalk improvements on Bridgeport Way SW from 112th Street to 59th Avenue SW.

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 on designating proposed residential target areas relative to a Housing Tax Credit Program for multi-family housing.

Speaking before the Council were:

Raymond Gardner, 10917 Lagoon Lane, spoke about the \$60 million Oak Grove project and that the developer would receive a tax exemption of \$4.3 million if the housing tax credit program was passed, which would benefit middle to upper income families. He explained that the project would not assist elderly senior citizens. He spoke against providing tax exemptions for private developers.

Kevin Foley, 1910 - 64th Avenue W, spoke in support of the housing tax credit program and how it complements the Comprehensive Plan.

Donald Mullikin, 10222 Villa Lane SW, requested that the Council place this program before the vote of the people.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of proposed candidates for filling the unexpired term of Lakewood City Council Position No. 4 and selecting

finalists for interview.

Mayor Harrison explained the voting process for selecting finalists. Discussion ensued on reviewing the candidate qualifications in Executive Session.

Councilmembers individually reviewed the packet of applications on Council candidates.

Councilmembers first voted by ballot for their top three candidates. The ballot votes were read aloud. Those candidates receiving at least two votes moved to the next round of votes.

The end results of the first round were: Andie Gernon - 4; Heinz Haskins - 2; Walter Neary - 2; and John Simpson - 3.

The second round of voting resulted with three finalists being Andie Gernon - 4; Walter Neary - 6; and John Simpson - 6.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Thomas asked for Council's input on scheduling a joint meeting with the Clover Park School District Board for either November 22 or 23, 2002.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf reported that he received correspondence from Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg that there are Surface Water Management (SWM) funds, in the amount of approximately \$2.8 million, that was held for regional projects. He indicated that County wants to maintain approximately \$500,000 for litigation matters that occurred prior to the City's incorporation. He added that the remaining funds would be transferred to the Lakewood's SWM fund.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey indicated that he had no changes to the *City Connections* newsletter.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Advisory Board meeting he attended. He noted that there will be a planting at Ardmore and Meadow Lane.

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Councilmember Finnigan suggested that the *City Connections* newsletter be used as a tool to survey citizens on their budget preference.

Councilmember Finnigan questioned the gambling moratorium legislation and asked what progress has been made with regard to social impacts as a result of gambling. He suggested that City staff call the State Gambling Commission hotline to find out how many Lakewood residents have used the hotline.

Councilmember Richardson suggested that each Councilmember submit an interview question to the Mayor. He suggested that each Council candidate be asked the same questions.

Mayor Harrison asked that Councilmembers give him one interview question.

Councilmember McGovern commented on the Lakeview Neighborhood Association meeting she attended.

Councilmember McGovern reported about the positive comments she received from citizens on Code Enforcement. She questioned what was being done on a salvage yard expansion eye sore.

Councilmember McGovern reported on the Partners in Parks' next event.

Councilmember McGovern announced that the County Council's public hearing on funding for Ft. Steilacoom Park

will be held on October 16, 2002, at 9:00 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the Western State Hospital memorial service she attended for the mentally ill on September 29, 2002.

Deputy Mayor Thomas reported on the grand opening of the Pierce College Technology Center on October 3, 2002.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce meeting he attended.

Mayor Harrison commented on the NatureFest event he attended over the weekend.

Mayor Harrison reported on the news article relative to fluoridation of water. He reported that the Water District plan to place this item before a vote of the people.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK