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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 14, 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 8:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan, Larry Humphrey; Andie Gernon; Helen McGovern and Doug Richardson.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

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Amending Chapter 15.54 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the design and construction of five story wood frame buildings.

Community Development Director Bugher reviewed the proposed ordinance for the design and construction of five-story wood frame buildings.

Discussion ensued on the Fire Department's support of the ordinance and how the proposed ordinance will benefit the city.

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2003 Policy Statement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush reviewed the proposed FY 2003 Policy Statement and funding allocations for physical improvement, housing programs and public service projects for the Tillicum Community Center and Fair Housing counseling. She explained that staff is recommending that the Major Home Repair program limits be increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000 and that the Housing Rehabilitation Program limits be increased from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Discussion ensued on the reasons for reduced Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and the U.S. Census data; and obtaining data from Clover Park School District to see if the free school lunch program data is consistent with the U.S. Census poverty data. Council concurred with the changes to the Major and Housing Rehabilitation Programs.

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Review of Surface Water Management rate analysis.

Public Works Director Larkin reviewed the Surface Water Management (SWM) utility revenues and expenditures of the utility fund.

Public Works Director Larkin explained that it is staff's recommendation to decrease the SWM fees by \$5 per parcel

and eliminate the \$15 capital improvement surcharge effective January 1, 2003.

Discussion ensued on the rate structure; accounting for depreciation of the utility system; using SWM funds to finance the Lake Steilacoom phosphorus problems and to not decrease rates to fund a chemical treatment plan for Lake Steilacoom; and where would funding to operate and maintain a treatment facility come from.

Requesting the Pierce County Council to enact an annual resource conservation fee of \$5 per parcel for a period of six years.

Public Works Director Larkin reviewed the proposed resolution requesting the Pierce County Council to enact an annual resource conservation fee of \$5 per parcel for a period of six years. He explained that should the Council determined it is in the City's best interest to have a conservation fee, an ordinance modifying the SWM utility fee will be brought before the Council.

Discussion ensued on citizens concerns about the SWM utility fees.

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County relative to the transfer of Surface Water Management funds of approximately \$2.3 million to the City of Lakewood.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the proposed agreement with Pierce County to transfer the \$2.3 million Surface Water Management funds (excluding \$500,000 for a litigation issue) to the City.

Discussion ensued on whether the \$500,000 litigation could be covered by insurance.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 21, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending Chapter 15.54 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the design and construction of five story wood frame buildings. - (Ordinance - Consent Agenda)
2. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2003 Policy Statement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Consolidated Annual Action Plan. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

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3. Requesting the Pierce County Council to enact an annual resource conservation fee of \$5 per parcel for a period of six years. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County relative to the transfer of Surface Water Management funds of approximately \$2.3 million to the City of Lakewood. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
5. Proclamation recognizing November 2002 as the 25th Anniversary of the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program. - *Mr. Sal Cantu, National Coordinator, WorkSource Pierce*
6. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Board Annual Report. - *Dr. Pat Cavendish, Chair, Lakewood Sister Cities Association*
7. Endorsing the National League of Cities Hometown Security Day efforts. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
8. Setting Monday, November 18, 2002, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2003-2004 City of Lakewood Budget and the mill levy rate. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
9. Appointing individuals to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen's Advisory Board. - (Motion)
10. Appointing individuals to the Lodging Tax Advisory Board. - (Motion)
11. Appointing individuals to the Citizen's Transportation Review Committee. - (Motion)
12. Awarding a bid for the removal of existing traffic signal improvements and construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks and other improvements necessary for the closure of Wildaire Road SW at Wildaire Court SW. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlf's announced that Pierce County Council Committee will meet regarding Ft. Steilacoom Park on Wednesday, October 16, 2002, at 9:00 a.m.

City Manager Rohlf's announced that the Council Budget Workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m., on October 16, 2002, at Lakewood Police Precinct.

City Manager Rohlf's asked for Council's concurrence that the City participate in a Countywide law enforcement revenue survey. He indicated that the City would pay a portion of that survey on a prorated basis, in the amount of \$1,900. Council concurred with participating in the survey.

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City Manager Rohlf's distributed a draft letter to the Department of Social Health Services relative to compensation for police services provided to Western State Hospital.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Finnigan asked for clarification on an informational bullet item relative to sex offenders and noticing Level II and III offenders on the City website.

Councilmember Finnigan spoke about improvements at Active Park.

Councilmember Humphrey reported on the Pierce Transit Board's approval of their union contract and issues relative to medical insurance costs. He noted that Pierce Transit employees are paying for a greater portion of medical premiums and suggested that City Manager Rohlf's obtain a copy of that contract.

Councilmember McGovern asked if Lakewood will still have a seat on the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA) Board.

Councilmember McGovern reported on the McNeil Island Board skills seminar meeting she attended.

Councilmember Gernon reported on the Church of Promise supporting Lakewood's Promise.

Deputy Mayor Thomas congratulated Councilmember Gernon for her appointment on the City Council.

Deputy Mayor Thomas spoke about a joint retreat with the Clover Park School District Board on November 23, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Harrison reported on the meeting he attended with THE NEWS TRIBUNE Editorial Board on October 9, 2002.

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

Mayor Harrison asked for an update on the City Hall improvements relative to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK