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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 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, Andie Gernon, Larry Humphrey, Helen McGovern and Doug Richardson.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

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Presentation on the City's Website.

Community Relations Manager Bock introduced Francois Caen, the City's Website Master. She indicated that the new City website will be launched on November 1, 2002. Mr. Caen reported that the City's website address will be www.cityoflakewood.us. Mr. Caen then unveiled the new website.

Discussion ensued about adding activities and opportunities for the youth and Youth Council; cost for maintaining the website; maintaining the Lakewood's Promise site; the ability to track the progress of a permit; how and who will maintain the website content and updates; ability for Councilmembers to provide questions for the survey page; inserting more pictures on the website; adding the Lakewood Historical Society walking tour information; and adding an on-line store before the holidays.

Overview of the Code Enforcement program.

Community Development Director Bugher introduced Code Enforcement Officer Doug Price and Ron Pumphrey and Officer Joe Boyle.

Community Development Director Bugher showed a presentation on the Code Enforcement Division's purpose, authority and process for enforcement.

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Discussion ensued on services of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department; increases in illegal dumping since the mandatory garbage collection; increases in dumping of appliances and yard waste; what constitutes the 700 specialty licenses; what percentage of hoarder homes involve children; and budgeting for code enforcement activities.

Council recessed at 8:37 p.m. and reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Creating Chapter 3.64 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to a Housing Tax Credit Program for multi-family

housing in residential target areas.

Redevelopment/Economic Development Administrator Hannan reviewed the proposed Housing Tax Credit Program for multi-family housing.

Discussion ensued on obtaining photographs of the City of Tacoma's Housing Tax Credit projects; the Oak Grove project and ratio of commercial to residential areas and clarifying that the tax exemption is for the residential portion of the project only; tax exemptions applying to owners rather than developers for condominium projects; comparison of other cities that are of similar size which have a Housing Tax Credit program; concerns with including the Oak Grove area as part of the residential target area; the possibility of suspending the program in the future; providing for affordable and high-end multi-family housing; what the disadvantages are of the program; and what has been the success of the SHAG senior housing project.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2002 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Creating Chapter 3.64 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to a Housing Tax Credit Program for multi-family housing in residential target areas. - (Ordinance Consent Agenda).
- 2. Proclamation declaring November 17-23, 2002 as American Education Week. - *Dr. Doris McEwen Walker, Superintendent, Clover Park School District*
- 3. Proclamation declaring November 20, 2002 as National Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day. - *Geographic Information Systems Manager Lane DeLarme*
- 4. Setting Monday, November 18, 2002, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider uses for the Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)

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- 5. Setting Monday, December 2, 2002, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider vacating a portion of Lakewood Boulevard SW right-of-way located west of Gravelly Lake Drive SW and north of Mount Tacoma Drive SW, as an addition to the properties on the corner of Lakewood Boulevard SW, Lexington Avenue SW, and 95th Street SW. - (Resolution - Consent Agenda)
- 6. Denying claims for damages. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)
- 7. Authorizing an execution of agreement with Cannon Construction, in the amount of \$53,982.64, relative to improvements at Active Park. - (Motion - Consent Agenda)

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the Council's Budget Workshop will be held on October 30, 2002, at 5:30 p.m., at the Lakewood Police Precinct.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember McGovern complimented Redevelopment/Economic Development Administrator Hannan for his work and collaboration on handling an issue with a business near Boo Han Supermarket.

Deputy Mayor Thomas provided an update on the Sound Transit's third quarter report.

Mayor Harrison thanked General Services Director/City Clerk Bush for her work in hosting the Okinawa City visitors last week.

Mayor Harrison encouraged Councilmembers to come prepared to discuss the 2003-2004 budget at Wednesday's October 30, 2002 Budget Workshop.

Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential real estate public lease.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced

that Executive Session will be extended for an additional 5 minutes. At 10:05 p.m., Mayor Harrison announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional 15 minutes. Council reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK

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