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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2003

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan, Andie Gernon, Larry Humphrey and Helen McGovern.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember Richardson (arrived at 7:08 p.m.).

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that the International Government Financial Office awarded the City a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for 2001. He congratulated the Finance Department for this prestigious award.

Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Harrison deviated from the agenda to consider the City Events Committee report, followed by the Lakewood Historical Society Report, Proclamations, Clover Park School District Report and the Tacoma Public Utilities Presentation.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

City Events Committee Annual Report.

City Events Committee member Mary Moss provided an overview of the mission and activities of the City Events Committee. She explained that the events the Committee is recommending for funding in 2003 include the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday celebration, International Festival, Lakewood Garden Tour and NatureFest.

Discussion ensued on efforts being made for a Daffodil Float.

Lakewood Historical Society Report.

Mr. Glen Spieth, President of the Lakewood Historical Society, provided a historical review of Lakewood, and reviewed

the mission of the Society and projects the Society is working on. He added that these include the placement of historical markers, developing a history book, saving relics and helping to identify and designate historic buildings.

Mr. Walter Neary, Chair, Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board, complimented the efforts of the Lakewood Historical Society and Mr. Spieth.

Discussion ensued on the Byrd School site.

Council recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Proclamation declaring January 21, 2003 as Kiwanis Appreciation Day.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring January 21, 2003 as Kiwanis Appreciation Day to Mr. Roger Laybourn, Chair, Clover Park Kiwanis Club.

Clover Park School District Board Report.

Clover Park School District Board member Connie Coleman-Lacadie reported that efforts are being made to have a Daffodil Float in the parade. She reported that the Clover Park School District will be providing insurance and a place for decorating the float.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie thanked the Council for passing a Resolution supporting the School District's February 4, 2003 bond levy.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie read an excerpt of a forthcoming letter to the Council on the School District's position relative to gambling and zoning in Lakewood.

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Ms. Coleman-Lacadie reported on a Clover Park School District sponsored event called "Discovery Learning 2003 Showcase".

Report on the Tacoma Power electric rate adjustment process.

Mr. Steve Klein, Superintendent of Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), reviewed the electrical rate setting process and public comment opportunities. He explained that the new rates will become effective on March 31, 2003.

Discussion ensued on commercial uses; the difference in rates among communities serviced by TPU; and the difference in rates between industrial, commercial and residential customers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Richard Stockdale, 11806 96th Avenue SW, spoke about the sound system in the Council Chambers and the lack of clarity at last week's Study Session. He complimented the clarity of the sound system tonight.

David Bemis, 17652 SE 196th Drive, introduced himself as the new operator of a casino facility opening in Lakewood in May 2003.

Linda Smith, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, spoke about supporting the Memorandum of Agreement with Puget Sound Energy.

Kerry Hills, 8913 Dolly Madison Street, spoke in favor of taking a tough stand on casinos and finding solutions rather than taking an easy way out and try to please everyone.

Tineke Geringer, 10513 90th Avenue SW, read an article about problems caused by gambling. She then read two

quotes by Councilmembers in a January 8, 2003 The News Tribune article.

Ken Severe, 9644 Bridgeport Way SW, expressed concern about the discussion at last week's Study Session relative to casinos being a legitimate business. He expressed concern about City staff expending funds for an out-of-town staff retreat. He also expressed concern that customers were being held accountable to monitor the work of Puget Sound Energy's contractors for removing tree vegetation as he understood the Memorandum of Agreement with Puget Sound Energy.

Gary Nomensen, 3130 South 38th Street, Tacoma, spoke about the work on the development of the Puget Sound Energy Memorandum of Agreement and expressed support for the agreement. He then thanked members of the citizens committee who worked on the development of the agreement.

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Larry Geringer, 10513 90th Avenue SW, expressed concern about the social impacts caused by gambling and that, in the future, a committee should be formed to work on solutions to issues. He noted that he has been in contact with Representative Mike Carrell and Senator Shirley Winsley about this issue and they have indicated that they were not made informed of the City's position on gambling. He commented on the types of social problems that are caused by gambling and how it hurts the economy.

Clyde Brown, 6313 78th Street SW, spoke about his discussion with Mr. Fleischer, an attorney of the State Gambling Commission, who indicated that it is possible to have a ban that does not take effect a number of years from now, but you cannot grandfather existing businesses. He suggested that the City investigate this option.

Tim Combes, 12424 Vine Maple Drive SW, spoke about the moral damages caused by gambling.

Council recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 16, 2002.**
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 6, 2003.**
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of January 13, 2003.**
- D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 20490 to 20562, in the amount of \$560,746.14, for the period ending January 8, 2003.**
- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 20563 to 20640, in the amount of \$384,039.40, for the period ending January 15, 2003.**
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**
 - 1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen's Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 25 and December 18, 2002.**
 - 2. Lakewood Sister Cities Board meeting minutes of December 12, 2002.**
- G. [Ordinance No. 298](#)**

Creating Sections 1.36.021 and 1.36.091 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to hearings and appeals on Local Improvement Districts.

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H. [Ordinance No. 299](#)

Amending Section 6.04.091 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to animal control noise nuisances.

I. [Ordinance No. 300](#)

Amending Sections 5.00.000; 5.02.050; 5.02.090; 5.02.110; 5.02.180; 5.02.190; 5.02.210; 5.12.000; 5.12.010; 5.12.020; 5.12.025; 5.12.050; 5.12.210; 5.28.040; 5.35.130; 5.35.240; 5.37.220; 5.40.020; 5.40.200; 5.48.050; 5.52.020; 5.52.030; 5.52.040; 5.52.060; 5.52.070; 5.52.100; 5.52.105; 5.52.110; 5.52.130; 5.52.140; and 5.52.150 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to business licenses.

J. [Ordinance No. 301](#)

Establishing a six-month moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for escort service businesses, and setting Monday, February 3, 2003, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on said moratorium.

K. [Resolution No. 2003-01](#)

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Puget Sound Energy relative to electrical service issues.

Councilmember Finnigan requested that Item No. J, Ordinance No. 301, be taken off the Consent Agenda and moved to the Regular Agenda.

Councilmember McGovern MOVED TO ADOPT ITEM NOS. A-I AND K OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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Councilmember Richardson MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 301. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing to consider a moratorium on the filing of adult entertainment licenses.

There being no testimony, the hearing was declared closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued)

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Janet Yeatman, Lakewood resident, spoke about the negative stigma of Lakewood and what the perceptions of Lakewood are by families living outside of Lakewood. She expressed concern that gambling will give Lakewood a negative perception.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

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City Manager Rohlfs reminded the Council to provide their comments to the Mayor relative to appointments on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Keep Lakewood Beautiful Advisory Board.

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of the draft *City Connections* newsletter for Council's review.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Humphrey commented on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful work party at a triangle across Active Park.

Councilmember Richardson noted that he anticipates receiving his military orders soon to authorize his request for a leave of absence.

Councilmember Richardson suggested that the Council discuss any adjustments to revenues and/or taxes in relation to the budget at the Council's Retreat.

Councilmember Gernon suggested that when citizens express an interest in applying for certain positions on Committees and Boards, they also apply for positions on other Boards that may be available.

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Councilmember Gernon asked about Lakewood being aired on COPS and the perception it sets. She asked if Lakewood will again be aired in the future.

Deputy Mayor Thomas complimented the sidewalks improvements on 108th Street and Holden Road.

Deputy Mayor Thomas complimented the Finance Department for receiving a Certificate of Excellence in financial reporting.

Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the youths' efforts to make improvements in a City park.

Mayor Harrison commented on a [The News Tribune](#) article about an apartment complex filing a discrimination suit against the apartment owners. He asked if the City should have an office for the City to handle discrimination matters.

Mayor Harrison announced that the Massing of the Colors will be held on February 16, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., at the Soldier's Field House.

Mayor Harrison commented on the efforts being made to revitalize the efforts of the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) and encouraged Councilmembers to attend the general assembly of the PCRC.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK