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## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 3, 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 7:02 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Simpson by request of Mayor Harrison.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### Youth Council Report.

The Youth Council reported on projects they are working on including a food drive, youth survey, job shadow day, and designing a Daffodil Float.

#### Clover Park School District Board Report.

Clover Park School District Board member Connie Coleman-Lacadie reported that the Lakes and Clover Park High Schools girls' basketball team competed against each other for State Championship, and that Clover Park High School will be vying for the State Championship.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie reported that the School Board is seeking information on why the bond levy failed and how the Clover Park School District can adjust its budget to continue to make its schools safe.

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Ms. Coleman-Lacadie announced that the Clover Park School District *Community Caf * will be held on March 4, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

### Presentation of Lakewood Landscaping Awards.

Community Relations Manager Bock announced that the first quarter's Lakewood Landscaping Award recipients are Bridgeport Union 76, Ramada Inn and Ritz Hair Design.

Overview of the Puget Sound Regional Council's role in growth and transportation planning and update on implementing the Growth Management Act VISION 2020 and designation of regional growth centers.

Mr. Norman Abbott, Regional Growth and Transportation Strategies Manager, Puget Sound Regional Council (PCRC), provided an overview of the PCRC's transportation planning, and the implementation of VISION 2020.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, 6528 Mt. Tacoma Drive SW, spoke about the statistics on traffic safety. He then spoke about developing a set of tools on gathering facts and information to run the City. He expressed concern about the management of the City.*

*Richard Rabisa, #2 Thorne Lane SW, announced that the deadline for purchasing bricks for the veterans memorial is April 15, 2003. He expressed concern about the dumping of trash in the rights-of-way in Tillicum and holding people responsible for paying for garbage disposal.*

*John Kurmel, 14312 West Thorne Lane SW, spoke in support of approving the lifeguards program.*

*M. Joyce King, 5231 Chicago Avenue, spoke about the Program for Assisted Community Treatment (PACT) and asked for the City's support.*

*Walter Neary, 6338 School Street SW, spoke about the State Legislation Bills on the Open Meetings Act and providing for specific descriptions of each agenda item. He then spoke about a recent Council Retreat agenda item called "Citizens Concerns" which was vague and unclear.*

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

**A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 18, 2003.**

**B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of February 24, 2003.**

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**C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of February 24, 2003.**

**D. Approval of payroll check numbers 105560 to 105585, in the amount of \$130,690.43, for the period February 1 - 15, 2003.**

**E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 20941 to 20999, in the amount of \$1,169,048.92, for the period ending February 19, 2003.**

**F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 21000 to 21095, in the amount of \$74,948.51, for the period ending February 26, 2003.**

**G. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**

**1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 26, 2002.**

**2. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 28, 2003.**

**H. [Ordinance No. 304](#)**

**Amending Ordinance No. 139 which granted a nonexclusive electric utility franchise to the City of Tacoma Department of Utilities, Light Division, by authorizing cable TV (dba Click!) services within the Flett Creek Estates and collecting appropriate fees from the customers of said Estates.**

**I. [Ordinance No. 305](#)**

**Amending Sections 14.02.200, 14.02.270, and 14.02.300 and repealing Section 14.02.290 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to administrative appeals of State Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) determinations.**

**J. [Ordinance No. 306](#)**

Amending the employee compensation and benefits plan by adding the classifications of Outreach Worker and Maintenance Aide.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GERON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Continued)**

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*Parley Applegate, Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the lifeguard program. He then spoke about the Tillicum Community Center emergency disaster drill that was conducted at the Center. On March 20, 2003, he announced that there will be a hat show at 1:00 p.m.*

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

Motion No. 2003-11 appointing Ann DeFee and Stephen Mazoff to serve on the Planning Advisory Board.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF ann defee and stephen mazoff to serve on the planning Advisory Board. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GERON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Finnigan spoke about a citizen effort to petition an initiative/referendum process.

Councilmember Finnigan moved to instruct city staff to prepare a Resolution to PROVIDE FOR an initiative/referendum process for the City of Lakewood. seconded by Councilmember simpson. roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

AYES: 2 - FINNIGAN AND SIMPSON.

NAYS: 4 - GERON, MCGOVERN, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, AND MAYOR HARRISON.

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THE MOTION FAILED.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Rohlfs distributed copies of responses to the City's website citizens survey relative to the Six-Year Transportation Plan.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Congressman Adam Smith asked if the Council would like to attend a meeting on March 10, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., in the Executive Conference Room, at City Hall, to discuss local issues.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Finnigan thanked City staff for placing the citizen surveys on the City website.

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**Councilmember Finnigan asked to schedule a legislative update by Bob Mack, City's lobbyist. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that Mr. Mack is scheduled to provide an update at the Council's March 24, 2003 Study Session.**

**Councilmember Finnigan spoke about a letter from Autoco Restoration (James Siler) and the City's interest to purchase the property. He asked that this be discussed at a Study Session. City Attorney Wachter indicated that real estate negotiations are currently taking place with Autoco Restoration and that she could update the Council on this case in Executive Session.**

**Councilmember McGovern spoke about the good job the skatepark volunteer patrol was doing.**

**Councilmember McGovern asked if the "Daddy and Me" event was a City-sponsored event. Community Relations Manager Bock reported that it is a City-sponsored event which will be held at Park Lodge Elementary.**

**Councilmember Gernon passed around pictures of the National Night Out activities in Tillicum.**

**Councilmember Gernon spoke about a meeting she had with Congressman Adam Smith to discuss ways of building business, community and educational partnerships.**

**Councilmember Gernon announced that invitations have been sent out on the Annual Breakfast of Champions.**

**Councilmember Gernon spoke about IDEAL Day activities at Mann Middle School.**

**Councilmember McGovern announced that students are designing a Daffodil Float and asked if there were funds for securing 300 daffodils.**

**Councilmember Simpson thanked City staff for helping him through his first week as a Councilmember.**

**Councilmember Simpson thanked Ms. King for talking to the Council about the PACT program.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Governor's Prayer Breakfast she attended on behalf of the Mayor.**

**On behalf of Councilmember Humphrey, Deputy Mayor Thomas read an electronic mail from a former driver of Mayor Harrison commenting about Mayor Harrison's kindness and character.**

**Mayor Harrison commented on the Chambers Breakfast meeting he attended.**

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**Mayor Harrison reported on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Advisory Board meeting and expressed concern about the Board's frustration on the City's lack of support.**

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**Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss potential and pending litigation.**

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**Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**