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## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 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, Larry Humphrey and Helen McGovern.

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (telephone conference call at 7:47 p.m.).

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs showed a video on public safety and the police department, its Weed and Seed program, and crimefree multi-housing program.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that on November 7, 2003, the Veterans Day ceremony will be held from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

City Manager Rohlfs reminded Councilmembers to provide the Mayor with their comments on the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board appointments.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Lakewood Police Officer Sgt. Curtis Beaupre is recovering from an injury as a result of a police pursuit.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Council Report.

The Youth Council reported on several "Make A Difference Day" projects they participated in such as the Ft. Steilacoom Park clean-up; making Halloween/fall festival decorations at the Senior Center; playing bingo with seniors at the Tillicum Community Center; and running carnival games and activities with children at First Books.

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Proclamation declaring November 16-22, 2003 as American Education Week.

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation declaring November 16-22, 2003 as American Education Week to Dr. Doris McEwen Walker, Superintendent, Clover Park School District.

Clover Park School District Board Report.

Dr. Doris McEwen Walker thanked the City for partnering with the Clover Park School District. She announced that the hearing on the Steilacoom and Clover Park School Districts boundary disputes will be held this week.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Parley Applegate, 14507 Woodbrook, announced that the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee will be conducting a fundraiser at the Thornewood Castle on Wednesday, November 4, 2003.*

*Jim Carbemean, 9013 Grammercy Place, spoke against an off-leash area in the parks.*

*Mike Brandsetter, 9005-81st Street SW, spoke about the last Planning Advisory Board meeting on the rezoning of 29 acres for commercial development and asked the Council to direct the Planning Advisory Board on how to address the elimination of multi-family density that was proposed for that area.*

*Dennis Haugen, 6528 Mt. Tacoma Drive SW, spoke about the hard work of Police Chief Saunders. He asked that the sprinkler system in rights-of-way be turned off during the cold weather to prevent hazardous conditions on roadways. He also suggested that tickets be issued to those who walk with their backs to the road.*

*Catherine Forte, South Tacoma Way, spoke about the Ordinance on lowering fees for off-leash laws and asked that there be enforcement of off-leash laws instead of graduated fines.*

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

**A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 20, 2003.**

**B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of October 22, 2003.**

**C. Approval of payroll check numbers 106183 to 106215, in the amount of \$233,578.11, for the period October 1-15, 2003.**

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**D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 23440 to 23514, in the amount of \$1,145,129.41, for the period ending October 22, 2003.**

**E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 23515 to 23574, in the amount of \$402,890.38, for the period ending October 29, 2003.**

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

**1. City Events Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2003.**

**2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 23, 2003.**

**G. [Ordinance No. 319](#)**

Amending Sections 6.02.010, 6.04.010, 6.04.060 and 6.04.110 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to animal control and penalties for violation.

**H. [Ordinance No. 320](#)**

Creating Chapter 9.24 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the establishment of a process for the formation of Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) and Utility Local Improvement Districts (ULIDs).

**I. [Resolution No. 2003-25](#)**

Authorizing the intent to form Local Improvement District No. 1101 in the vicinity of Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive SW; Local Improvement District No. 1102 in the vicinity of Steilacoom Boulevard and 87th Avenue (Western State Hospital); and Local Improvement District No. 1103 in the vicinity of Gravelly Lake Drive SW and Pacific

Highway.

**J. [Resolution No. 2003-26](#)**

Setting Monday, November 17, 2003, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2004 preliminary mill levy rate of \$1.4799 per \$1,000 assessed value of taxable properties within the city limits.

**K. [Motion No. 2003-39](#)**

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce Transit for the implementation of a transit signal priority project to improve bus operation efficiency on Bridgeport Way, Gravelly Lake Drive SW, 100th Street and 59th Avenue and on South Tacoma Way.

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Deputy Mayor THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER McGovern.

Councilmember Gernon noted that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board September 23, 2003 minutes relative to the Safeway Building discussion was not congruent to Council's discussions.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN MOVED TO REOPEN THE PUBLIC RECORD ON THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE AMENDMENTS IN ORDER TO ADD A PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY QUESTION IN THE NEXT CITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER ON THE REZONE OF 29 ACRES. THERE BEING NO SECOND TO THE MOTION, THE MOTION DIED.

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Council recessed at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Amending employment contract.

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At 7:47 p.m., Councilmember Richardson entered the discussion on this matter via a telephone conference call.

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Mayor Harrison MOVED TO EXTEND THE CITY MANAGER CONTRACT WITH UNCHANGED SALARIES AND BENEFITS UNTIL February 28, 2005, AND TO SEARCH FOR A NEW CITY MANAGER TO BEGIN NO LATER THAN January 1, 2004. SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor thomas. roll call vote WAS TAKEN resulting as follows:

AYES: 6 - GERNON, HUMPHREY, MCGOVERN, RICHARDSON, THOMAS AND MAYOR HARRISON.

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**THE MOTION PASSED.**

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**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**None.**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Humphrey asked that the police department provide a program to speak to elementary school students about public safety.**

**Councilmember Finnigan spoke about a Lakewood celebration in Seattle and commented about two Lakewood school graduates who scored touchdowns.**

**Councilmember McGovern thanked The News Tribune for the sustained reading program news article. She spoke about the books she read for the program.**

**Councilmember McGovern spoke about the Strikers Send Off she attended.**

**Deputy Mayor Thomas commented on the Lakewood delegation visit to Okinawa City. She spoke about the visit to the junior high schools, meetings with the Mayor, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Lions and Rotary Clubs. She added that Okinawa City is very much interested in economic development and is planning a trip to Lakewood in July 2004 to discuss this further.**

**Mayor Harrison asked City Manager Rohlfs to contact the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce to see if the City could assist families whose family members are in Iraq.**

**Councilmember Richardson reminded the audience to exercise their right to vote on November 4, 2003.**

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**Mayor Harrison announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss land acquisition and review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs.**

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**Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC**

**CITY CLERK**