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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 21, 2004

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 - Deputy Mayor Helen McGovern; Councilmembers John Arbeeny, Pad Finnigan, Bill Harrison and Claudia Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 2 - Mayor Doug Richardson (arrived at 9:02 p.m.); Councilmember Walter Neary.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Youth Council by request of Deputy Mayor McGovern.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Greg Vigoren will serve as Acting Public Works Director until the arrival of Mr. Grant Stewart, the new Public Works Director, who is expected to arrive in mid-July 2004.

City Manager Rohlfs announced that Lakewood is one of 25 cities that was selected to be featured as a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) success story on the Department of Housing and Urban Development website in recognition of the 30th anniversary of CDBG.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Public Works Director William Larkin, IV for distinguished service to the City of Lakewood.

Deputy Mayor McGovern presented a proclamation to Public Works Director William Larkin, IV recognizing him for distinguished service to the City of Lakewood.

Councilmember Harrison then presented Mr. Bill Larkin with a key to the City of Lakewood.

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Recognizing outgoing Youth Council members for the 2003-2004 school year.

Councilmember Thomas and Deputy Mayor McGovern thanked the outgoing 2003-2004 Youth Councilmembers for their outstanding work and presented certificates of appreciation to each Youth Council member.

Proclamation declaring July 2004 as National Parks and Recreation Month.

Councilmember Finnigan presented a proclamation declaring July 2004 as National Parks and Recreation Month to Mr. Roger Laybourn, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Clover Park School District Board Report.

Clover Park School District Board member Connie Coleman-Lacadie announced that today was the last day of school. She commented on a suggested summer reading list program. She reported that the IOWA ninth grade educational test scores were received and that the District improved 5 percent overall. She then reported that 463 students graduated from Clover Park School District high schools; that Heartwood and Carter Lake schools have been closed and that another school has opened; and that September 8, 2004 is the first day of school.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie announced that the Budget Community Caf  meeting will be held on June 30, 2004, at 6:30 p.m., at Park Lodge Elementary School; and that the Community Caf  sessions won a golden award.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie indicated that the written decision on the boundary appeal between Clover Park School District and Steilacoom School District is forthcoming.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Maury Peerenboom and Dennis Haugen, Lakewood residents - Mr. Maury Peerenboom spoke about his eighth year residency in Lakewood and reminisced over the past eight years. He then spoke about Dennis Haugen and presented him with a citizen's award as "Commissioner of Traffic Safety." Mr. Dennis Haugen then spoke about traffic concerns in Indianapolis.

Richard Rabisa, #2 Thornewood Lane SW, praised the volunteers who came out to help build the First Baptist Church next to the Police Precinct.

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Roger Laybourn, 11103 Deepwood Drive SW, spoke about the tremendous job the City Council was doing in the researching and making the determination that it is best for the City not to open up the initiative-referendum process.

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Betty Moore, 6104-83rd Street SW, spoke about the requirements for maintaining the right-of-way behind a fence on Bridgeport Way SW and asked why property owners are required to maintain rights-of-way on arterial streets.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 7, 2004.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 14, 2004.

C. Approval of claim voucher numbers 25714 to 25850, in the amount of \$219,992.16, for the period ending June 9, 2004.

D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 25851 to 25937, in the amount of \$286,858.90, for the period ending June 16, 2004.

E. [Ordinance No. 347](#)

Repealing Title 15 and creating Title 15A of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the adoption of the 2003 Edition of the International Building Code for building and construction.

F. [Ordinance No. 348](#)

Amending the employee benefits program for payment of accrued and unused combination leave hours at the time of separation of employment.

G. [Resolution No. 2004-10](#)

Amending the fee schedule relative to building and plan review fees, administrative appeal fees, zoning certification fees, deleting of amortization fees for sexually oriented businesses, fire-related permitting fees, public works fees, decreasing fees for kennels, pet shops and pet grooming facilities and partially refunding 2004 business license fees for said facilities.

Councilmember Arbeeney requested that Item No. D, approval of claim vouchers, be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

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Councilmember Harrison MOVED TO ADOPT ITEM NOS. A-C AND E-G OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY Councilmember THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 25851 to 25937, in the amount of \$286,858.90, for the period ending June 16, 2004.

Councilmember HARRISON MOVED TO APPROVE CLAIM VOUCHER NUMBERS 25851 TO 25937, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$286,858.90, for the period ending june 16, 2004. SECONDED BY Councilmember FINNIGAN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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APPOINTMENTS

Motion No. 2004-24 appointing Megan Clift, Sarah Peppers, Alexandra Battersby, Alexandria Hunter, Mac Sample, Abdullah Rauf, Yunhee Choi, Fallon Douglas, Helen Kang, Jennifer Alley, Toie Chatters, Phillip Barton, Tolo Gisa, Wayne Throckmorton, Sean Cenotto and Ria Johnson as members of the Youth Council for the school year 2004-2005.

Councilmember THOMAS MOVED TO APPOINT Megan Clift, Sarah Peppers, Alexandra Battersby, Alexandria Hunter, Mac Sample, Abdullah Rauf, Yunhee Choi, Fallon Douglas, Helen Kang, Jennifer Alley, Toie Chatters, Phillip Barton, Tolo Gisa, Wayne Throckmorton, Sean Cenotto and Ria Johnson as members of the Youth Council for the school year 2004-2005. SECONDED BY Councilmember FINNIGAN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2005-2010 Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program.

Speaking before the Council were:

Mandy Ma, 11016 Bridgeport Way SW, spoke about traffic fatalities on Pacific Highway at Ponders corner and the need for street lights. She asked that the City listen to the needs of the small businesses in this area for constructing pedestrian crossings and street lights.

Mike Brandstetter, 9005-81st Street SW, spoke about minor pedestrian improvements item in the Six-Year Transportation Plan, which he thought would likely be on the unfunded list. He raised concerns of public perception that citizen input is not being considered when adoption of the Plan is scheduled the same night of the public hearing.

J.B. Layne, 9911-116th Street SW, asked when and how the Six-Year Transportation Plan projects are prioritized.

There being no further testimony, the hearing was declared closed.

RESOLUTIONS

[Resolution No. 2004-11](#) adopting the 2005-2010 Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program.

Councilmember ARBEENY MOVED That resolution no. 2004-11 be continued to the July 6, 2004 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY Councilmember FINNIGAN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule further discussion on the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Program at the June 28, 2004 Study Session.

Councilmember HARRISON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY Resolution NO. 2004-12. SECONDED BY Councilmember Finnigan. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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[Resolution No. 2004-12](#) waiving formal bidding requirements for street improvements at 100th Street between Gravelly Lake Drive SW and South Tacoma Way between 96th and Steilacoom Boulevard, and Bridgeport Way SW between 93rd and 83rd Streets and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for said improvements.

Councilmember HARRISON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.

2004-12. SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor McGovern. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Arbeeney asked for an update and copy of the community survey.

Councilmember Arbeeney indicated that he will be briefing the Council on the proposed Tillicum Sewer Marketing Plan at the June 28, 2004 Council Study Session. He noted that he is also presenting his briefing before others to obtain their input prior to bringing it before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rohlfs indicated that several citizens are interested in working on the siting of a police station and asked for Council's approval to proceed with an ad hoc group. Councilmember Arbeeney suggested that the Council meet with the ad hoc group at a Study Session to discuss their work plan.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Harrison commented on the Wards Lake Park opening ceremony he attended last week.

Councilmember Harrison commented on the Applebee's Restaurant grand opening event.

Councilmember Harrison commented on a mailing he received about the South Tacoma rail station and asked for an update. Councilmember Thomas indicated that she has been working on the property acquisition process for the Lakewood Rail Station.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the remarkable improvements that have been made at Wards Lake Park.

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Councilmember Thomas congratulated the outgoing and incoming Youth Council members and thanked Deputy Mayor McGovern for meeting with them tonight.

Councilmember Thomas spoke about an economic outreach meeting last week that was held in the Council Chambers to discuss job opportunities.

Councilmember Finnigan asked that the Citizens Transportation Review Committee be invited to the June 28, 2004 Study Session to discuss how they prioritized the transportation projects in the Six-Year Transportation Plan.

Councilmember Finnigan spoke about the correspondence from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and their pursuit to implement the smoking ban.

Councilmember Finnigan reported on the Association of Washington Cities Annual meeting he attended at Ocean Shores last week.

Councilmember Finnigan asked for a response to Ms. Moore's (public comment) concerns. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the Lakewood Municipal Code requires property owners to maintain rights-of-way abutting their properties.

Councilmember Arbeeney commented on the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce meeting he attended to discuss marketing the Tillicum sewers. He suggested that the Chamber be invited to the June 28, 2004 Study Session.

Deputy Mayor McGovern spoke about the wonderful Wards Lake Park grand opening she attended.

Deputy Mayor McGovern announced that July 10, 2004 is Summerfest at Fort Steilacoom Park.

Councilmember Finnigan announced that the July 4th celebration will be held on July 1, 2004, from noon to 2:00 p.m., at City Hall.

Mayor Richardson arrived at 9:02 p.m.

Deputy Mayor McGovern announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss legal counsel litigation to which the City is a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m. At 9:20 p.m., Mayor Richardson announced that Executive Session would be extended an additional 10 minutes. Council reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

DOUGLAS G. RICHARDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK