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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, July 5, 2005

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Doug Richardson; Deputy Mayor Helen McGovern; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan, Bill Harrison, Walter Neary and Claudia Thomas.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember John Arbeeny (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Richardson.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz reported that there were 265 calls for police service during the Fourth of July holiday, two and a half times the normal average wherein 30 citations were issued for illegal fireworks, but that no serious incidents were reported.

City Manager Neiditz reported that the sewer agreement for Tillicum/Woodbrook was executed between Pierce County and the City. He added that Pierce County agreed to implement the sewer surcharge and that the Economic Development Administration grant was submitted for funding.

Councilmember Finnigan requested that a copy of the sewer agreement be provide each Councilmember and asked for information on the minimum sewer flows and if hook-ups to the sewer are required.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Dave Sclair, Dave Betz, and John Magnuson for organizing the Playground at Ft. Steilacoom Park construction project.

Mayor Richardson presented a proclamation to Mr. Dave Sclair (Mr. Dave Betz and Mr. John Magnuson were not present), Co-Chairs, Playground at Ft. Steilacoom Park, for organizing the Playground at Ft. Steilacoom Park construction project.

Clover Park School District Board Report.

Clover Park School District Board member Connie Coleman-Lacadie announced that the free lunch program is operational during the summer. She then spoke about the Back-to-School kick-off event in September.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie commented on the Independence Day Plaza at City Hall and number of children who participated.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie then reported on the number of school employee position changes occurring at the schools.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie spoke about the tragic loss of a teacher vacationing in Idaho.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie reported on the Lakewood student exchange to Okinawa City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, NAAG, spoke about the tree policy in Lacey and the difficulty with visibility when he had to find a title company along Martin Luther King Way and compared it against the proposed plan for planting trees along South Tacoma Way. He then spoke about the 20 businesses north and the 20 businesses south on South Tacoma Way and expressed concern about the Redevelopment Plan at Ponders corner.

Ken Severe, Lakewood resident, provided an update on the construction of the building at Bridgeport Way SW and Filbert. He indicated that Tacoma Public Utilities moved its pole across the street and replaced it with a new Lakeview Light and Power pole in the middle of the sidewalk which creates an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) concern.

Council recessed at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

- A. **Approval of the minutes of the Joint City Council and Clover Park School District Board Retreat of June 20, 2005.**

- B. **Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 20, 2005.**

- C. **Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 27, 2005.**

- D. **Approval of payroll check numbers 107826 to 107858, in the amount of \$632,897.49, for the period June 1-15, 2005.**

- E. **Approval of claim voucher numbers 30811 to 30828, in the amount of \$109,061.23, for the period ending June 21, 2005.**

- F. **Approval of claim voucher numbers 30810, 30829 to 30883, in the amount of \$82,554.07, for the period ending June 22, 2005.**

- G. **Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:**
 - 1. **Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 20, May 4 and 18, 2005.**
 - 2. **Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 10, 2005.**
 - 3. **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 24, 2005.**

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed designation of residential target areas in the tax incentive urban use center for multi-family tax exemptions.

Speaking before the Council were:

***Claude Remy, Lakewood resident*, spoke about his proposed project to construct 24 town homes on Gravelly Lake Drive SW and indicated that he is the first applicant for the Lakewood's tax incentive program. He spoke about the City of Tacoma's tax incentive program, his involvement with their program and how it works. He indicated that, even though the construction is exempt from tax, the land is taxed.**

***Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident*, indicated that there is no tax incentive in the proposed program and that there is no need for low income housing. He added that there is no benefit to the schools and citizens of Lakewood and that there is no need to subsidize the program.**

Councilmember Arbeeny asked what Mr. Remy would be selling the town homes for. Mr. Remy indicated that the units would be sold for \$225,000.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Motion No. 2005-18 appointing Jeff Cridlebaugh and Weston Ott to serve on the Citizens' Transportation Review Committee.

DEPUTY MAYOR MCGOVERN MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF JEFF CRIDLEBAUGH THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2006 AND WESTON OTT THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2007 TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 386](#) repealing Chapter 2.24 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the dissolution of the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Advisory Board.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 386. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Motion No. 2005-19 approving Alternate #1 as the site for a skate park at Harry Todd Park.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE ALTERNATE #1 (EXISTING TENNIS COURTS) AS THE SITE FOR A SKATE PARK AT HARRY TODD PARK. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MCGOVERN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER NEARY VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2005-20 awarding a bid to Ceccanti, Inc., in the amount of \$1,407,986.85, for street improvements at Lakewood Drive SW and Steilacoom Boulevard SW (Local Improvement District 1101).

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO AWARD A BID TO CECCANTI, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,407,986.85, FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKEWOOD DRIVE SW AND STEILACOOM BOULEVARD SW (LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 1101). SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 2005-21 designating residential target areas in the tax incentive urban use center for multi-family tax credits.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON MOVED TO DESIGNATE THE TAX INCENTIVE URBAN USE CENTER AS THE DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL TARGET AREAS FOR MULTI-FAMILY TAX CREDITS. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MCGOVERN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Finnigan spoke about a citizen petition on a noise complaint on Car Radio Express. Police Chief Saunders indicated that Police is in the process of confirming the noise complaints that was brought to Police's attention by the neighborhood association.

Councilmember Finnigan expressed concern about a citizen's comment on the construction of a Lakeview Light and Power pole in the middle of the sidewalk.

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Councilmember Thomas asked about securing staff help for the Community Development Department and possibly pursuing help from other cities.

Councilmember Arbeeney asked that the Planning Advisory Board (PAB) meeting minutes be submitted to Council sooner. He then questioned the PAB minutes relative to adult family homes licensing provisions.

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Executive Session

Mayor Richardson announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss pending litigation.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m. At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Richardson announced that Executive Session would be extended an additional 10 minutes. At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Richardson announced that Executive Session would be extended an additional 5 minutes. The Council reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

DOUGLAS G. RICHARDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK