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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 17, 2006
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 ? Mayor Claudia Thomas; Deputy Mayor John Arbeeny; Councilmembers Ron Cronk, Pad Finnigan, Helen McGovern, Walter Neary and Doug Richardson.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

Mayor Thomas reviewed the role of the City Manager and the organizational reporting structure of the City. She commented on the work of the volunteers in the community and thanked the volunteers for their efforts and involvement. She expressed concern about public humiliation of City staff during the public comment portion of the Council's agenda and encouraged the public on using the process in finding solutions. She asked the community to embrace working for the betterment of the whole.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz thanked the Mayor for her comments. City Manager Neiditz reported that five suspects have been arrested relative to the gang attacks at Ft. Steilacoom Park. He thanked the Police Department for their work.

City Manager Neiditz reminded the Council and citizens that, in response to The News Tribune article about the Public Safety Advisory Committee, the Committee works for the Council and not for City staff. He made assurances that City staff supports and works with Council-appointed Committees and that staff does not control the Council's committees.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring August 1, 2006 as National Night Out (NNO) Against Crime.

Councilmember Richardson presented a proclamation declaring August 1, 2006 as National Night Out (NNO) Against Crime to Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Sharron Kanter, NNO Chairs, and Assistant Police Chief Dave Hall.

Proclamation recognizing Comcast for supporting SummerFest.

Councilmember McGovern presented a proclamation recognizing Comcast for supporting SummerFest to Mr. Ed Hauge, Community TV Manager of Comcast.

Clover Park School District Board Report.

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Faye Craebill, Lakewood resident, thanked the Police Department and officers for assisting with neighborhood policing issues and attending their neighborhood block watches. She complimented the City Manager for conducting the Lakewood University sessions and the animal control program. She complimented City Hall staff and the SummerFest event.

Dennis Haugen, NAAAG, commented on The News Tribune Public Safety Advisory Committee article and its mention of Lakewood CARES. He spoke about Lakewood CARES verifying information on acts of the City and that Lakewood CARES serves as a watchdog for the City and is not conspiring against the City. He commented on a police car collision and its investigation. He questioned what the role is of the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Glen Spieth, Lakewood Historical Society, announced that on July 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., the Lakewood Historical Society will be hosting a program on Lakewood's Mayors in the Council Chambers. He added that the meeting will be televised.

Fredric Cornell, PROD, Lakewood resident, commented that speeding on Interlaaken Drive and Tower Road is a Police Department issue and not a Public Works issue. He indicated that the July 5, 2006 Council minutes do not reflect his comments to the Council. He then commented on concerns about The News Tribune Public Safety Advisory Committee article. Mr. Cornell then asked if he could address the Council in making comments about City staff.

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COUNCILMEMBER NEARY MOVED TO ALLOW MR. CORNELL TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ABOUT CITY STAFF. COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN SECONDED THE MOTION. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Cornell indicated that The News Tribune (TNT) provided no substantive comment about the last two Council meetings on the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). He commented on Police Chief Saunders' comments mentioned in the TNT about comparing the PSAC with other City committees. He spoke about calling the PSAC a commission to the Council.

Mayor Thomas deviated from the agenda to consider Resolution 2006-22 at this time.

Resolution No. 2006-22 approving the issuance of tax-exempt industrial revenue bonds of the Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000, for JNB Enterprises LLC (dba Print NW) to finance the acquisition and construction of a manufacturing facility at 9914 32nd Avenue South.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-22. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRONK. VOICE VOTE

COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-21. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRONK. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of June 26, 2006.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 5, 2006.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of July 10, 2006.
- D. Approval of payroll check numbers 108817 to 108859, and direct deposit check numbers 16972 to 17221, in the amount of \$997,741.20, for the period June 16-30, 2006.

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- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 36141, and 36223 to 36303, in the amount of \$141,686.28, for the period ending June 29, 2006.
- F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 36219 to 36222, and 36304 to 36328, in the amount of \$161,357.87, for the period ending June 30, 2006.
- G. Approval of claim voucher numbers 36329, 36330, 36333 to 36377, in the amount of \$342,093.98, for the period ending July 11, 2006.
- H. Approval of claim voucher numbers 36331, 36332, 36379 to 36488, in the amount of \$353,194.20, for the period ending July 12, 2006.
- I. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 23 and 30, 1006.
 - 2. Personal Care Facilities and Home-Based Business Task Force meeting minutes of May 16, 2006.
 - 3. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 25, 2006.
 - 4. Human Services Funding Advisory Board meeting minutes of July 5, 2006.
- J. [Resolution No. 2006-20](#)

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Setting Monday, August 7, 2006, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the use of additional public funds, in the amount of \$2,083.52, for the abatement of a dangerous building at 3418 84th Street South. COUNCILMEMBER CRONK MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

ORDINANCES

[Ordinance No. 417](#) creating Chapter 1.29 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to adopting the powers of initiative and referendum for the qualified electors to the city.

councilmember cronk MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 417. SECONDED BY councilmember finnigan. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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[Ordinance No. 418](#) adopting the findings, conclusions and recommendations made by the appointed Hearings Officer and declaring Council Findings and Conclusions regarding the assessment rolls of Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) Nos. 1101, 1102 and 1103; confirming the assessments of \$1,743,680.53 for LID No. 1101, \$1,246,959.72 for LID No. 1102, and \$100,000 for LID No. 1103; and amending Section 9.24.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to a 12 percent penalty for delinquent payments.

councilmember richardson MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 418. SECONDED BY councilmember mcgovern. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 419](#) adopting the findings of fact and extending the moratorium for the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for correctional facilities located within Public/Institutional Zoning Districts for an additional six months.

COUNCILMEMBER CRONK MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 419. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[Ordinance No. 420](#) amending Chapter 8.76, repealing Sections 08.76.040 and 08.76.070, and creating Section 08.76.385 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to parks.

COUNCILMEMBER CRONK MOVED TO ADOPT AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 420 AND CHANGING THE FIRST SENTENCE IN SECTION 8.76.530 TO READ "NO PERSON, EXCEPT DULY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, SHALL POSSESS AN ILLEGAL FIREARM, BOW AND ARROW, CROSSBOW, OR AIR OR GAS WEAPONS IN A CITY PARK." SECONDED BY councilmember neary. COUNCILMEMBERS CRONK AND NEARY WITHDREW THEIR MOTION.

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney suggested that Section 8.76.530 be modified to read "No person, except duly authorized law enforcement personnel and personnel licensed under R.C.W. 9.41.070, shall possess a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or air or gas weapons in a city park."

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COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 420 CHANGING SECTION 8.76.050 TO READ "NO PERSON, EXCEPT DULY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND/OR PERSON LICENSED TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON, SHALL POSSESS A FIREARM IN A CITY PARK. NO PERSON SHALL POSSESS A BOW AND ARROW, CROSSBOW, OR AIR OR GAS WEAPON IN A CITY PARK."

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2006-21 amending the fee schedule relative to parks and recreation.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-22. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz reported that staff is moving forward with the feasibility study on military bases encroachment.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney requested that the Council Rules Subcommittee's proposed Council Rules changes be placed on next week's July 24, 2006 Council Study Session agenda.

Councilmember Finnigan asked that the Council discuss the Pierce County Regional Council projections for population growth in Lakewood for the next 30-40 years within the timeframe allotted for cities to respond.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

CLAUDIA B. THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK