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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 5, 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 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 5 ? Mayor Claudia Thomas; Deputy Mayor John Arbeeny; Councilmembers Ron Cronk, Pad Finnigan and Helen McGovern.

Councilmembers Absent: 2 ? Councilmembers Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:05 p.m.) and Walter Neary (arrived at 8:10 p.m.).

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

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Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Youth Council Report.**

The 2006-2007 Youth Councilmembers introduced themselves. The Youth Council spoke about the Youth Council orientation meeting they attended. They previewed the new Lakewood's Promise website and provided input on the website.

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They reported that the Youth Council will be attending a *Communities in Schools* open house and participating in the Autumn Leaf Health and Safety Festival on October 7, 2006. They are also planning a Make A Difference project.

**Presentation of National Night Out recognition awards.**

Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Sharron Kanter presented National Night Out recognition awards to neighborhood groups who held a National Night Out event in their neighborhood.

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City Manager Neiditz presented Ms. Candice Bock, Government Relations Director, with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her seven years of service with the City of Lakewood.

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**Presentation from the 2006 Day Camp Program.**

Ms. Caren Veal, City's Recreation Leader, presented the Council with a quilt that was designed by the children who attended the 2006 Day Camp Program.

**Clover Park School District Board Report.**

Clover Park School District Board Vice President Connie Coleman-Lacadie introduced recently appointed Clover Park School District Board Director Mark Wriggle.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie reported on a luncheon that was held with new school teachers. She announced that the Clover Park School District All-City Tailgate will be held on September 15, 2006; and that students who participated in the Superintendent Summer Reading Program will be recognized. She then distributed a CD on a virtual tour of the HOPE Center and Lakeview Elementary School.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Maury Peerenboom, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of building a police facility. He then spoke about the death of Mr. Wolf, a Wisconsin fireman who died fighting a house fire and read excerpts of a news article to that effect.

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*Christy Kernen, Lakewood resident, KLASS*, spoke about Progress House. She then spoke about vehicular speeding in Lakewood and that a report will be provided to Council soon from the Police Volunteer Unit. She indicated that 35-45 disabled parking tickets are issued monthly.

*Cindy Baij, Lakewood resident, KLASS*, thanked City staff about the proposed Ordinance in relation to siting locations for Progress House. She expressed concern about the recidivism rate of inmates in work release facilities. She asked Council to support the proposed Ordinance.

*Fredric Cornell, PROD*, spoke about the symptoms of a corrupt government and falsification of public records. He expressed concern about the misrepresentation of his remarks as reflected in the Council minutes.

*Gerald King, Lakewood resident*, spoke about large lot subdivisions, particularly on Lakeholme Road SW, and the construction of three homes on a lot that had only one home. He encouraged the Council to consider preserving large lots in Lakewood.

*Dennis Haugen, NAAAG*, suggested that the Council include in their Council Rules that Councilmembers or Committee/Board members need to disclose any involvement in commercial deals, financing or real estate development being considered by the Council. He then indicated that his comment in the August 21, 2006 Council minutes relative to a Suburban Times article about Police Chief Saunders was inaccurate. He also spoke about Tacoma's City Manager and how he will give Federal Way and Lakewood problems as he weeds out criminal activities from Tacoma. He commented about the fundamental needs of how to run a City including keeping records in order.

Chung Kiat Soh, Lakewood Village Ltd Partnership, spoke about the Lakewood Village appeal and the mistake they made for not filing an application for a ten-year multi-family tax exemption. He then asked the Council to reconsider the matter further and give their case a chance.

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Councilmember Neary arrived at 8:10 p.m.

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Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 21, 2006.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council and Clover Park School District Board meetings of August 28, 2006.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of August 28, 2006.
- D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 37123 to 37186, in the amount of \$169,202.42, for the period ending August 23, 2006.
- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 37188, and 37191 to 37278, in the amount of \$281,323.82, for the period ending August 31, 2006.

F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 37187, 37189, 37190, and 37279 to 37328, in the amount of \$223,828.95, for the period ending August 31, 2006.

G. Item Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

- 1. Lakewood Sister Cities Association Board meeting minutes of July 20, 2006.

Councilmember Finnigan requested that Item No. A be removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN MOVED TO ADOPT ITEM NOS. B-G OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### REGULAR AGENDA

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COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN MOVED THAT THE AUGUST 21, 2006 COUNCIL MINUTES RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC COMMENTS OF FREDRIC CORNELL AND DENNIS HAUGEN BE CORRECTED AS COMMENTED BY THESE INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT THE CITY CLERK CONSULT WITH THEM ON THE CONTENT OF THEIR REMARKS. THERE BEING NO SECOND, THE MOTION DIED.

DEPUTY MAYOR ARBEENY MOVE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 21, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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### APPOINTMENTS

**Motion No. 2006-40 appointing Susan Brown, Debbie Kachman and Edith Owen Wallace to serve on the Community Development Block Grant Citizens? Advisory Board for three-year terms.**

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF susan brown, debbie kachman and edith owen wallace to serve on the community development block grant citizens? advisory board for three-year terms. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Motion No. 2006-41 appointing J. Allan Billingsley, Tanja Scott and Jim Senko to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms.**

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Mayor Thomas announced that she was just informed this evening that Mr. Jim Senko recently moved out of the city limits of Lakewood and, because members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board must be Lakewood residents, that the Council only consider the two remaining candidates from her recommended list to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at this time. She announced that she will look at the remaining applications and bring forth a third recommendation soon.

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COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF J. ALLAN BILLINGSLEY AND TANJA SCOTT TO SERVE ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ARBEENY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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### ORDINANCES

**Ordinance No. 423 amending Sections 18A.02.502, 18A.20.300, 18A.30.550, and 18A.30.830, 18A.30.840, 18A.50.175, 18A.90.200 and 18A.90.300, and creating Section 18A.30.850 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Public Institutional Zoning Districts and Type 3, 4 and 5 group homes.**

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 423. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRONK.

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Community Development Director Bugher noted that the action tonight would also be affirming the administrative record by the City staff and the Planning Advisory Board. He clarified that Section 18A.50.175(H) was inadvertently deleted from the draft Ordinance that the Planning Advisory Board reviewed and have been included in the proposed Ordinance provided to the Council.

Speaking before the Council was:

Armando Mendoza, Washington State Department of Corrections, spoke in opposition of Ordinance No. 423 noting that the City should not be regulating the siting of an essential public facility.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN on ordinance no. 423 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 424 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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Mayor Thomas announced that Motion No. 2006-42 will be considered at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 2006-42 authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the Lakewood Police Independent Guild from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.**

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKEWOOD POLICE INDEPENDENT GUILD FROM JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**Ordinance No. 424 amending the Employee Classification and Compensation Plan relative to the classifications of Police Officer, Detective and Sergeant as governed by a collective bargaining agreement.**

COUNCILMEMBER CRONK MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 424. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

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**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Neiditz announced that the September 11, 2006 City Council meeting has been canceled. He added that the Council Rules Subcommittee will be meeting on September 11, 2006.

City Manager Neiditz requested an Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss a pending litigation.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Richardson spoke about making the dispatch records concerning American Lake Park available.

Councilmember Richardson announced that he will be attending the September 11, 2006 McChord Air Force Base Remembrance ceremony.

Councilmember Neary commented on the Lakewood Historical Society meeting he attended.

Councilmember Neary spoke about a letter to The News Tribune Editor about the Civil War reenactment and that, because of security at Ft. Steilacoom Park, the event was not held there.

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney indicated that he attended a meeting of neighborhood leaders and block watches and reported that there are many people involved with their neighborhoods.

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney noted that the Council Rules Subcommittee will be meeting on September 11, 2006.

Councilmember Finnigan asked if a date has been set to tour other police facilities.

Mayor Thomas spoke about the news warning about speeding in school zones and to drive carefully.

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Mayor Thomas commented about the neighborhood leaders meeting she organized and their work on strengthening their neighborhoods.

Mayor Thomas announced that there will be discussions on senior programs at the next *Coffee with the Mayor*.

Councilmember Richardson commented on last week's Tillicum/American Lake Gardens sewer meeting he attended.

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**Executive Session**

Mayor Thomas announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss a complaint about a public official and potential litigation.

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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 Thomas 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.

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CLAUDIA B. THOMAS, MAYOR  
ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC  
CITY CLERK