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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 18, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 ? Mayor Claudia Thomas; Deputy Mayor John Arbeeny; Councilmembers Ron Cronk, Pad Finnigan, Helen McGovern and Walter Neary.

Councilmember Excused: 1 ? Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:10p.m.)

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz reported that starting Thursday, December 14, 2006, Lakewood Public Works and Pierce County staff worked on clearing streets due to the recent windstorm. He reported that Lakeview Light and Power had insignificant outages, and Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) had significant outages including Lakewood. Today, most of Lakewood TPU customers have power. He added that Puget Sound Energy had 700,000 customers out of power and 180,000 still are without power, with about 2,000 pending in Lakewood. He indicated that 50 percent of the 2,000 will be up and running tonight.

City Manager Neiditz commented on the Employee Awards event with 175 employees in attendance. Awards were presented to Municipal Court for Teamwork, Jeff Martin for the Police of the Year Award, Jon Howe for the Productivity Award, and Tes Ongoco, for the Customer Service Award.

City Manager Neiditz announced that the December 26, 2006 City Council Study Session is cancelled.

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Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Councilmember Neary provided an update on Comcast outages and restoration of cable television.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring January 2007 as School Board Recognition Month.

Councilmember McGovern presented a proclamation to Ms. Connie Coleman-Lacadie, Vice President of the Clover Park School District Board.

Clover Park School District Board Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Vice President Connie Coleman-Lacadie reported on the visit to Clover Park High School by the Governor to talk to students about delaying Washington Assessment for Student Learning (WASL) testing for Math and Science.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie reported on the school food drive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Wanda Motonaga, Lakewood resident, expressed concerns about Lakewood CARES and spoke about the December Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting she attended and their discussions about the Oasis Youth Center.

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, complimented Councilmember Finnigan for speaking his opinions.

Fredric Cornell, Lakewood resident, spoke about the catastrophes of the windstorm and that Lakewood should own its own utilities.

Alton McDonald, Pierce County resident, spoke about a meeting with a Police Investigative Officer who was late to arrive and that Police Chief Saunders and the Investigative Officer treated him with discrimination.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 4, 2006.

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B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of December 11, 2006.

C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of December 11, 2006.

D. Approval of payroll check numbers 109291 to 109331 and direct deposit check numbers 19445 to 19682, in the amount of \$933,752.52, for the period November 16-30, 2006.

E. Approval of payroll check numbers 109332 to 109334, in the amount of \$823.54, for the period ending December 13, 2006.

F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 38548, and 38636 to 38690, in the amount of \$51,368.95, for the period ending November 30, 2006.

G. Approval of claim voucher numbers 38694 to 38723, in the amount of \$192,370.64, for the period ending December 6, 2006.

H. Approval of claim voucher numbers 38691 to 38693, and 38726 to 38786, in the amount of \$89,552.44, for the period ending December 12, 2006.

I. Approval of claim voucher numbers 38724, 38725, and 38787 to 38863, in the amount of \$146,718.59, for the period ending December 13, 2006.

J. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 24, 2006.

2. Personal Care Facilities and Home-Based Business Task Force meeting minutes of October 24 and November 14, 2006.

3. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of November 13, 2006.

K. [Ordinance No. 432](#)

Establishing the 2007 ad valorem levy and establishing the amount to be raised by taxation on the assessed valuation of property in the city limits.

L. [Motion No. 2006-58](#)

Awarding a bid to Marles Corporation dba Amaya Electric, in the amount of \$80,540, for the construction of Phase 2 of the school zone yellow flashing lights project.

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M. [Motion No. 2006-59](#)

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Wapato for jail services from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney requested that Item No. A be removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

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

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 4, 2006.

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney corrected page 3 of the December 4, 2006 Council meeting minutes under Dennis Haugen's public comments to change "Lakewood CARES" to read "Lakewood's Promise".

COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2006. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thomas deviated from the agenda to consider Resolution No. 2006-35 at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2006-35 authorizing the sale and transfer of title of the property at 4508 Yew Lane SW to Habitat for Humanity; and authorizing the City Manager to execute an affordability covenant agreement for the construction of an affordable home for a low-income family.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-35. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Speaking before the Council were:

Maureen Fife, Habitat for Humanity, expressed appreciation for the City's support to sell Yew Lane property to Habitat.

Ms. Soriano, Lakewood resident, spoke about her appreciation for becoming a Lakewood homeowner and setting history as the owner of Lakewood's first Habitat home.

Mayor Thomas introduced State Representative Troy Kelly.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the amendments to the 2006 budget.

Speaking before the Council was:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about the 2006 budget amendments.

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 433 terminating the moratorium established by Ordinance No. 390 relative to the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for correctional facilities located within Public/Institutional Zoning Districts.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 433. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ARBEENY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance No. 434 granting the Lakewood Water District the right, privilege, authority, and nonexclusive franchise for twenty years, to construct, maintain, operate, replace, and repair water systems within the City's public rights-of-way.

DEPUTY MAYOR ARBEENY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 434. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN.

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Speaking before the Council was:

Randy Black, Lakewood Water District, spoke about the water table aquifers in relation to lakes and fees paid by users outside Lakewood city limits.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN, WITH COUNCILMEMBERS FINNIGAN, CRONK AND NEARY VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

THE ORDINANCE NO. 434 WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 435 approving the 2006 budget amendments.

DEPUTY MAYOR ARBEENY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 435. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRONK. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz reported that an International Baccalaureate program is being organized by the Lakewood Rotary and that they have requested an opportunity to present the program to the Council. He indicated that a meeting is being scheduled in January.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Cronk wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Finnigan indicated that the Lakewood Rotary was disappointed about the low attendance turnout when they introduced the International Baccalaureate program in the Council Chambers earlier.

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Councilmember McGovern wished everyone a Merry Christmas he attended.

Councilmember Neary commented on the Employees Awards Banquet.

Councilmember Richardson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Richardson asked when the mounting of the City's military connector's photos at City Hall will take place.

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney commented on the Employees Awards Breakfast he attended.

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney asked the Council to provide their comments on the proposed changes to the Council Rules to the City Attorney.

Mayor Thomas commented on the Employees Awards Breakfast she attended.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLAUDIA B. THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK