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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 19, 2007
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.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Spencer Brooks by request of Mayor Thomas.

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.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz announced that \$550,000 has been allocated for the Ft. Steilacoom Park Ward Building demolition in the Legislative House budget. He indicated that work on the Community Policing strategy for local programs is underway.

City Manager Neiditz congratulated General Services Director/City Clerk Bush for being inducted as President of the Washington Municipal Clerks Association for 2007-2008.

City Manager Neiditz announced that, in addition to the Regular City Council agendas and agenda bills, the Council?s Study Session memos will be posted to the City?s website.

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Paul Webb for his service as Fire Chief at the Lakewood Fire District.

On behalf of the City, Mayor Thomas expressed her appreciation to Paul Webb for his service as Fire Chief of the Lakewood Fire District.

Councilmember McGovern then presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Paul Webb, Lakewood Fire District 2, for his service as Fire Chief at the Lakewood Fire District.

Presentation on Tillicum Vision.

Mr. Jeff Brown, President, and Mr. Gareth Roe, Land Use Planning Manager, from BCRA provided an overview of a land use vision for Tillicum. The six visioning initiatives include:

- 1) Maple Street link
- 2) Union Avenue becoming commercial/retail
- 3) Multi-family nodes fronting Harry Todd Parks
- 4) Harry Todd Park Entrance
- 5) Gateways at either end of Union Avenue
- 6) Pedestrian bike path lanes

Clover Park School District Board Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Vice President Connie Coleman-Lacadie provided an update on the progress of the construction at the Lakeview Elementary School. She reported that the Food Service Department is holding a public meeting addressing nutrition in CPSD schools. She announced that the closing date for the Human Resources Administrator position has been extended to April 24, 2007.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie announced that Idlewild Elementary School will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about South Dakota's plan for handling drunk driving.

Eileen Kelley, Primley Park Association, spoke about Primley Park improvements.

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Glen Spieth, Lakewood Historical Society, spoke about the Lakewood Historical Society meeting on March 20, 2007 at the Lakewood Library and State funding for the demolition of the Ward Building.

Bill Kittrell, Lakewood resident, spoke about a Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee meeting on the Cross Base Highway at Burs Restaurant on March 20, 2007.

Ken Severe, Lakewood resident, spoke about the proposed Ordinance No. 443 on the gambling tax.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 5, 2007.

B. Approval of payroll check numbers 109520 to 109567, and direct deposit check numbers 20866 to 21106, in the amount of \$963,356.82, for the period February 16-28, 2007.

C. Approval of claim voucher numbers 39993, 39994, 39997, and 39999 to 40131, in the amount of \$276,328.98 for the period ending March 9, 2007.

D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 39778, 39779, 39995, 39996, 39998, and 40133 to 40224, in the amount of \$329,437.95, for the period ending March 13, 2007.

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

1. Citizens' Transportation Review Committee meeting minutes of January 23, 2007.

2. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 16, November 20, and December 18, 2006; and January 22, 2007.

F. [Resolution No. 2007-05](#)

Setting Monday, April 16, 2007, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the Draft FY 2007 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and Second Amendment to the FY 2005 Consolidated Plan on the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Act funds.

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G. [Resolution No. 2007-06](#)

Setting Monday, April 16, 2007, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on vacating a portion of the right-of-way on Fairlawn Drive SW for realigning the Steilacoom Boulevard and Gravelly Lake Drive intersection.

H. [Resolution No. 2007-07](#)

Setting Monday, April 16, 2007, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on vacating a portion of the right-of-way on Gravelly Lake Drive SW for realigning the Steilacoom Boulevard and Gravelly Lake Drive intersection.

DEPUTY MAYOR ARBEENY MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRONK. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 relative to extending a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for card rooms (casino gambling) for an additional six months.

Speaking before the Council was:

Steven Wolfgram, Lakewood resident, spoke about gambling in Lakewood.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Motion No. 2007-13 appointing Sam Wagner to serve on the Citizens' Transportation Review Committee through November 5, 2007.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN MOVED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF SAM WAGNER TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS? TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2007. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 443 amending the gambling business tax to a flat rate of 11 percent effective April 1, 2007.

COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN MOVED TO ADOPT SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE NO. 443. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER CRONK VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

Ordinance No. 444 amending Section 09.42.020 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the definition of harassment, as defined by State law.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 444. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2007-14 awarding a bid to Tucci and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$587,837.60, for the 2007 road overlay and patching program.

COUNCILMEMBER neary MOVED TO award a bid to tucci and sons, inc., in the amount of \$587,837.60, for the 2007 road overlay and patching program. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER mcgovern. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz requested a 10-minute Executive Session on pending litigation.

City Manager Neiditz spoke about a News Tribune article on broadcasting city meetings. He proposed that, to increase the Council?s awareness of the Rainier Media Center, the Council may want to hold a Study Session at their studio.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Neary spoke about a fundraising campaign request of the YMCA.

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Councilmember Cronk spoke about the visit and tour he took of the Lakewood Historical Society museum.

Councilmember Cronk requested that the police emblem be taken off the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Councilmember Finnigan asked if all the supporting documentation of the Council?s agenda bills could be included on the City?s website. He suggested that more full agenda packet copies be made available at meetings.

Councilmember McGovern commented on the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting discussion.

Councilmember McGovern indicated that she may not be attending the March 26, 2007 Study Session.

Mayor Thomas spoke about the youth meetings she has attended.

Mayor Thomas announced that she, Deputy Mayor Arbeeney and Councilmember Neary met with the School Board members to follow up on the Community Summit event.

Mayor Thomas commented on a letter from the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development about the Buildable Lands Program.

Mayor Thomas announced that the Sound Transit groundbreaking will be held at 10:00 a.m., on March 26, 2007.

Executive Session

Mayor Thomas announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25p.m. At 9:35 p.m., Mayor Thomas announced that Executive Session will be extended for an additional five minutes. Council reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

CLAUDIA B. THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK