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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 16, 2007  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 5 ? Deputy Mayor John Arbeeney; Councilmembers Ron Cronk, Pad Finnigan, Helen McGovern and Walter Neary.

Councilmember Excused: 1 ? Mayor Claudia Thomas.

Councilmember Absent: 1 ? Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:05p.m.)

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Mayor Arbeeney.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Neiditz reported that the structural repairs on Interlaaken Drive will start this week.

With regard to the Qwest utility tax overcharge, City Manager Neiditz indicated that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) is conducting an investigation on the matter, and the City is working with the UTC.

City Manager Neiditz reported that the Oldsmobile police vehicle that was totaled did go to auction. He added that it was auctioned off because it was scheduled to be sent to auction not because it was totaled in a vehicular accident.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation declaring April 28, 2007 as Parks Appreciation Day.**

Councilmember Finnigan presented a proclamation declaring April 28, 2007 as Parks Appreciation Day to Roger Laybourn, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Sara Mastretta of Starbucks, Sue Boguszewski of HomeStreet Bank, and Rob Tucker of The News Tribune.

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Councilmember Richardson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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**Proclamation declaring April 15-21, 2007 as National Volunteer Week.**

Councilmember Neary read the proclamation declaring April 15-21, 2007 as National Volunteer Week and thanked all volunteers in the audience.

**Presentation of Bill Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award.**

Councilmember McGovern recognized the following volunteers for outstanding service: Ed Chaffee for his volunteer work in City Parks, and Kristy Kernan for her volunteer work in the Police Department for overseeing the disabled parking enforcement and photo radar programs.

Councilmember Helen McGovern then presented the Bill Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award to Sandy and Jean Mazzei for their volunteer work in removing signs on utility poles.

**Clover Park School District Board Report.**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Modena LaCasse, Director, Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Center*, thanked the City for providing CDBG funding of the Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Center operations.

*Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident*, thanked Ken Severe for discovering the Qwest utility tax overcharge.

*Richard Rabisa, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the speed bumps on Interlaaken Drive and asked for street lighting at Butte and 104<sup>th</sup> Streets.

*Ken Severe, Lakewood resident*, donated a Ponderosa pine tree for Parks Appreciation Day.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 2, 2007.

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B. Approval of payroll check numbers 109598 to 109643, and direct deposit check numbers 21350 to 21596, in the amount of \$1,056,001.32, for the period March 16-31, 2007.

C. Approval of claim voucher numbers 40455 to 40531, in the amount of \$580,428.44, for the period ending April 5, 2007.

D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 40453, 40454, and 40534 to 40594, in the amount of \$527,965.43, for the period ending April 10, 2007.

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

1. Citizens? Transportation Review Committee meeting minutes of February 27 and March 27, 2007.

2. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of March 5, 2007.

3. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 13, 2007.

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**

##### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

**This is the date set 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.**

There were no speakers. The hearing was declared closed.

**This is the date set 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.**

There were no speakers. The hearing was declared closed.

**This is the date set 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.**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Charlie Gray, Pierce County Housing Authority*, spoke in support of the Fiscal Year 2007 Consolidated Plan in providing affordable housing opportunities in Lakewood.

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*Sallie Shawl, Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful*, spoke in support of affordable housing and that their agency expects to paint eight homes in Lakewood.

*Rodd Kowalski, Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA)*, spoke in support of the Consolidated Plan and thanked the Council, staff and citizens for supporting the PCHA.

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

##### **ORDINANCES**

**[Ordinance No. 446](#) adopting the findings of fact and extending a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for card rooms (casino gambling) for an additional six months.**

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 446. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 447 vacating a portion of the right-of-way on Fairlawn Drive SW for realigning the Steilacoom Boulevard and Gravelly Lake Drive intersection.**

COUNCILMEMBER NEARY MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 447. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 448 vacating a portion of the right-of-way on Gravelly Lake Drive SW for realigning the Steilacoom Boulevard and Gravelly Lake Drive intersection.**

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 448. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 2007-19 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Parametrix, in an amount not to exceed \$390,957, for engineering services for storm drainage and roadway restoration relative to the American Lake Gardens/Tillicum Sanitary Sewer Extension project.**

COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PARAMETRIX, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$390,957, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STORM DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY RESTORATION RELATIVE TO THE AMERICAN LAKE GARDENS/TILLICUM SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Neiditz announced that on two consecutive Wednesdays, April 18 and 25, 2007, Lakewood University will be held for 30 participants.

City Manager Neiditz reported that the Pacific Highway Phase 2 project with Tucci and Sons has commenced. He explained that, because work has started, City staff may be requesting Council action next Monday, April 23, 2007, to approve the installation of four traffic signals as part of this project.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Finnigan commented on the State Auditor exit interview he attended. He reported that there were no concerns on the 2005 audit. However, in 2004, the City spent more money than the budget allowed with regard to forming a Police Department and that the Council did not reapprove the higher expenditure limit and adjust the budget accordingly. He indicated that the State Auditor will be looking at take home vehicle policies and costs as part of the Tacoma and Pierce County Performance Audit which would be used as a basis to determine if Lakewood should also be audited in this area.

Councilmember McGovern commented on the Korean Women's Association ribbon-cutting ceremony she attended at the Salishan units in Tacoma.

Councilmember Richardson commented on the discussions at the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) meeting. He asked that a PSAC member's position be advertised to replace a member who will be out of town for an extended time. He commented on their discussion about "driving under the influence" (DUIs).

Councilmember Neary commented on the Clover Park Technical College Student Center tour he attended.

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Councilmember Neary encouraged Councilmembers to attend the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce meetings. He commented on State Auditor Brian Sonntag's description about the Auditor's Performance Audits on local governments.

Deputy Mayor Arbeen commented on the meeting he had with Police Chief Saunders about creating a motorcycle training program.

Deputy Mayor Arbeen spoke about the Pierce Transit's strategic planning session.

Deputy Mayor Arbeen asked for the City Manager for his materials before the Council could proceed any further with the City Manager's evaluation.

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**Executive Session**

Deputy Mayor Arbeeney announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50p.m. At 8:50 p.m., Deputy Mayor Arbeeney announced that the Executive Session would be extended an additional five minutes. The Council reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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CLAUDIA B. THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK