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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 17, 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Excused: 1 ? Councilmember Pad Finnigan.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz spoke about a successful Employee Awards Banquet last week.

City Manager Neiditz provided an update on the recruitment/selection process for a Police Chief. He indicated that there will be a community panel to assist with the interviews, a panel of Police personnel, and a panel of management team. He added that the position is expected to be filled by early February.

City Manager Neiditz indicated that the Economic Development Manager job description is being reviewed and that a job announcement should be advertised shortly.

City Manager Neiditz announced that a Council Retreat is scheduled for January 18 and 19, 2008.

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Legislative Priorities for 2008

City Manager Neiditz called upon Communications Director Brewster and Derick Young, Lobbyist, who then reported on the City's proposed legislative priorities for 2008 which includes economic development, regional transportation, parks and recreation, Municipal Courts, levy lid flexibility and Mobile Home Park closures.

Mr. Young indicated that the Legislature will be focusing on housing and infrastructure this session.

Discussion ensued about the Governor's earmark of \$5 million for assisting with acquisition of land in clear zones; the need for Public Works Trust Fund for sewers on Maple Avenue; proposed amendments to the streamline sales tax; how funding would be allocate in the military zone in a fair and equitable distribution; treatments in Lakes relative to algae removal.

Mayor Thomas announced that the Council will consider the Clover Park School District Report at this time.

Clover Park School District Board Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Vice President Connie Coleman-Lacadie congratulated Deputy Mayor Arbeeny for his service.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie reported that Elli Falk, Carole Jacobs, Walt Kelly were sworn in as Clover Park School District Board Members for their new respective terms with Carole Jacobs as the new President.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie spoke about the Superintendent search and selecting a consulting firm with a goal of filling the position by May 1, 2008.

Ms. Coleman-Lacadie reported that an anonymous donor contributed \$25,000 for the twentieth year for clothing. She then provided an update on significant activities at various schools.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Deputy Mayor John Arbeeny.

Mayor Thomas presented Deputy Mayor John Arbeeny with a proclamation and plaque recognizing his service as a Councilmember and Deputy Mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about The News Tribune article about the decline of housing sales in Lakewood and quality control.

Kenneth Severe, Lakewood resident, Local 483 Union of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, spoke about the 2008 budget and offered to represent the unrepresented employees of the City of Lakewood. He expressed concern about the City not paying employees cost of living increases. He suggested increasing the gambling tax.

Dr. Jerry Montgomery, Lakewood resident, expressed concern about receiving only a voice mail when he asked for a response to a theft he reported.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December3,2007.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of December10,2007.
- C. Approval of payroll check numbers 159, 110188 to 110222, and direct deposit check numbers 25407 to 25654, in the amount of \$1,099,014.66, for the period November 16-30, 2007.
- D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 43865 to 44006 and 900141, in the amount of \$847,851.61, for the period ending November 30, 2007.
- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 44007 to 44103, in the amount of \$274,598.96, for the period ending December 7, 2007.
- F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 44104 to 44231 and 900142, in the amount of \$276,278.22, for the period ending December 11, 2007.

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

- 1. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of October 1 and November 5, 2007.
- 2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 15, 2007.
- 3. Lakewood Community Collaboration All Partners meeting minutes of December 12, 2007.

H. [Ordinance No. 463](#)

Granting the Lakeview Light and Power a franchise to operate and use city rights-of-way for electric utility purposes.

I. [Resolution No. 2007-23](#)

Setting Monday, January 14, 2008, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to extend a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for new residential and commercial development in portions of the Tillicum neighborhood for an additional six months.

J. [Motion No. 2007-55](#)

Authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Wapato, in the amount of \$273,780 for the care and custody of Lakewood jail prisoners arrested and/or detained for a violation of the Lakewood Municipal Code from January 1 through December 31, 2008.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2007-24 authorizing the City Manager to execute a sole source purchasing agreement with Western Pacific Signal, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$260,000, for the acquisition and installation of a Naztec? traffic signal system and Actelis? Ethernet-via-copper communications equipment; and declaring said system as the standard for traffic signals.

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COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-24. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2007-56 awarding a bid to R.W. Rhine, Inc., in the amount of \$184,946.94, for the demolition of the Hill Ward building at Fort Steilacoom Park.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AWARD A BID TO R.W. rhine, inc., in the amount of \$184,946.94. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 2007-57 authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Lakewood Fire Department, in the amount of \$71,675.23, for sharing the cost of installing a boathouse on American Lake and joint use of said boathouse from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012.

COUNCILMEMBER NEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,675.23, FOR SHARING THE COST OF INSTALLING A BOATHOUSE ON AMERICAN LAKE AND JOINT USE OF SAID BOATHOUSE FROM JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 2007-58 authorizing the execution of an agreement with Clover Park School District for the purchase of fuel for police vehicles from January 1 through December 31, 2008.

COUNCILMEMBER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUEL FOR POLICE VEHICLES FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Neary reported on the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting he attended.

Councilmember Richardson wished the Council and members of the audience a happy holiday.

Councilmember McGovern announced that the Partners for Parks event will be held on May 3, 2008.

Councilmember Cronk thanked Deputy Mayor Arbeeny for his service.

Mayor Thomas thanked Deputy Mayor Arbeeny for his service on the Council.

Mayor Thomas announced that the Bill Cosby event will be aired for the next 30 days.

Councilmember wished citizens a happy holiday and best wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CLAUDIA B. THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK