

# 2008 12 08 Study Session

## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, December 8, 2008  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

### CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 ? Mayor Douglas Richardson (via conference call); Deputy Mayor Don Anderson; Councilmembers Ron Cronk, Pad Finnigan, Helen McGovern, Walter Neary and Claudia Thomas.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### **Review of the Human Services Needs Assessment and 2009 funding recommendations for human services.**

Ms. Susan Hart, Human Services Funding Advisory Board (HSFAB) Chair, spoke about the process in preparing the first Human Services Needs Assessment Report. She described the priorities and strategies for human services needs.

Ms. Hart then introduced the consultants, Ms. Sylvie McGee and Ms. Linda Rinaldi.

Ms. Rinaldi described the purpose and methodology in preparing the needs assessment, and the goals and strategies identified by the Board and participants. She indicated that 350 individuals participated in focus group meetings and there were 315 survey respondents who took the web survey. She commented on the results of the survey including a wide support for human services and the growing need for services.

Ms. Rinaldi spoke about the vision of the Human Services Needs Assessment, and the HSFAB's priorities which are to meet basic needs of Lakewood residents, prepare youth for success and encourage adult self-sufficiency. She spoke about recommended strategies to promote funding stability and non-funding strategies.

Discussion ensued on whether the survey asked about age, sex and/or income; and whether the consultants received input from youths.

HSFAB Chair Hart spoke about the HSFAB funding process, the Board's review and rating of applications and about the Outcomes-Based Evaluations (OBE). She summarized the 2009 fund amount for Level I and 2 totaling \$389,000.

Ms. Hart reported that it is the Board's recommendation to fund those programs identified in the Council's packet and not fund the United Way Early Learning Program which did not go through the funding process.

She announced that contract workshops will be held on December 18, 2008 with human services programs to start on January 1, 2009.

Ms. Hart then introduced Co-Chair Darrel Shiley, and Human Services Funding Board members Mary Green, Sydna Koontz and Mary Bohn in the audience.

Councilmember McGovern asked about the Board's recommendations relative to funding Centro Latino and about their recent allegations. Ms. Hart said that they are recommending to fund Centro Latino and that their programs would not be affected.

Mayor Richardson asked about the specifics of outcome-based reporting requirements.

Human Services Coordinator Dodds indicated that any agency that is funded collaboratively in an amount over \$10,000 is required to participate in the OBEs by the Tacoma-Pierce County Funders Group which the City joined four ago. She added that OBEs evaluate the change in client conditions over time.

Councilmember Thomas commented on the importance of the Funders Group to provide consistent guidelines for funding and that the cities that are part of this group agreed to the OBEs standards. She added that Lakewood also does site monitoring of the agencies being funded.

Councilmember Finnigan asked what the Clover Park School District is doing relative to Early Learning. Councilmember Finnigan asked that the Council be provided with information on the number of children to be served, cost per child and its benefits.

Deputy Mayor Anderson spoke about his understanding of the various school district programs on Early Learning which is to augment the three program areas of Headstart, K-12, and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program.

City Manager Neiditz indicated that he will be meeting with the CPSD Superintendent and will ask for clarification relative to the CPSD early learning program.

Further discussion ensued on how the funding is weighted and the subjectivity involved.

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Co-Chair Shiley commented that other agencies that are recommended for funding are providing some form of early learning services and encouraged funding programs that the youth needs today.

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Speaking before the Council were:

*June Williams, Caring for Kids, President,* asked for the Council's continued support of human services and to use "your hearts." She spoke about how her agency served 1,833 children last year. She then invited the Council to participate in the Ready to Learn fair in August 2009.

*Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident,* expressed his concerns about the quality of the school district cafeteria food and whether it helps with learning, and select a few programs that would provide services well.

*Diane Formoso, Caring for Kids, Lakewood resident,* invited the Council to see for themselves the food truck that serve 200 citizens in the Springbrook Park. She spoke about the free and reduced lunch data she provided the Council and the alarmingly high need for food and clothing in Lakewood

*Mary Moss, Lakewood resident, Communities In Schools of Lakewood Board member,* spoke about 10 percent of the CISL budget that comes from the City and how CIS programs will impact other youth programs.

*Eric Renz, Puyallup resident,* spoke about his involvement on youth-related programs through Lakewood Lions. He thanked the Council for the onepercent human services funding and suggested cutting infrastructure construction and equipment and use City funding on human development. He then spoke about the early learning issues that schools are dealing with.

*Karen Priest, Director, Tillicum American Lake Gardens Community Center,* asked for Council's continued support for the Tillicum Community Center. She spoke about the need for human services in that area.

*Dwayne Wilkerson, Director, Pierce County AIDS Foundation,* spoke about the tremendous community-wide need during this time. He asked that the Council follow the recommendations of the HSFAB.

*Janne Hutchins, Lakewood Area Shelter Association,* spoke about her support of multi-year funding and expressed her appreciation that LASA is on the list for recommended funding.

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#### **Amending the fee schedule.**

Assistant City Manager Halladay reviewed the proposed changes to the fee schedule.

Discussion ensued on the fees for the Sharon M. McGavick Student Center, and the fees for copying costs.

Deputy Mayor Anderson asked about the cost and the utilization of passport service. Assistant City Manager Halladay indicated that the City is losing money.

Councilmember Finnigan expressed concern about the \$750 business fee charged to pawnshops versus what other businesses are paying. Councilmember Cronk asked what the fee is based on and how the varying fees were established.

City Manager Neiditz indicated that the City will look into the history behind the fee on pawnshops. Deputy Mayor Anderson asked what the State is requiring the City to do in terms of monitoring pawnshops.

**Review of the proposed False Alarm Program.**

City Manager Neiditz introduced Lt. Alex Kasuske who presented the proposed False Alarm program.

Lt. Kasuske spoke about the current and proposed false alarm program for residential and commercial, including the various alarm fees, the high false alarm responses, the estimated cost of \$212,000 per year of processing false alarms, and the proposed security alarm fee structure being recommended to the Council for the City to be more efficient in this area.

Councilmember Finnigan commented on the high percentage of false alarms versus real burglaries a year and potentially eliminating this system altogether (similar to Thurston County). He requested information on the crime data from Thurston County.

Discussion ensued on what constitutes a false alarm, especially on the first instance; the importance of retaining the security alarm program; and promoting good stewardship of minimizing false alarms through the educational component.

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Council recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened 9:12 p.m.

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**Review of the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments.**

Planner Deborah Johnson reviewed the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, including zoning code amendments. She explained the components of the bounded Comprehensive Plan Amendments documents that was provided to the Council from the public hearing, environmental checklist, public comments received, meeting agendas and minutes, final staff report and recommendations and the Planning Advisory Board final recommendations.

Planner Johnson further explained the recommendations on each of the amendments: CPA-2008-01 map amendment (north of 93<sup>rd</sup> Street SW), CPA-2008-02 correction to be a High Density Multifamily; CPA-2008-03 map correction for property located at 11419 Bridgeport Way SW; CPS-2008-04 redesignation and rezoning from Industrial to Neighborhood Commercial; CPA-2008-05 map correction for four cemeteries (Byrd, Home of Peace, Old Settlers? and Masonic Cemeteries) from Open Space 1 to Open Space 2 zoning; and standalone zoning code amendment including some ?housekeeping.?

Councilmember Finnigan asked whether the clear zone is affected with this site amendment. Ms. Johnson replied on the negative as the clear zone sits on the west of the commercial area.

Discussion ensued on McChord Air Force Base?s input about any future amendments and if comments were provided on the current amendment relative to the Clear Zone. Planner Johnson then spoke about two sets of amendments that were tabled early on as they

were not readily resolved, which is on the eating and drinking establishments in relation to gambling establishment moratorium and one relative to the established air corridor and land uses that are allowed in the clear zone and AC1 and AC2 zoning districts which the military had commented on during the comment period.

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Speaking before the Council was:

*Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident*, spoke about competition for dollars during these economic times and suggested getting rid of most of the permit fees to promote progress and be more efficient by lowering fees since it is a competitive world.

**BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

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**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DECEMBER 15, 2008 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Adopting the Human Services Assessment Report; approving the 2009 human service funding allocations and authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements for said programs. ? (Motion ? Regular Agenda)
  
2. Amending the fee schedule. ? (Resolution ? Regular Agenda)
  
3. Repealing Chapter 9.30 and creating Chapter 9.31 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to securing alarms. ? (Ordinance ? Regular Agenda)
  
4. Adopting the 2008 Comprehensive Plan amendments. ? (Ordinance ? Regular Agenda)
  
5. Setting Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to extend the interim zoning controls for the Tillicum area to continue the preparation of a sub-plan area for an additional six months. ? (Resolution ? Consent Agenda)
  
6. Setting Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to extend the interim zoning controls upon eating and drinking establishments within certain zoning districts for an additional six months. ? (Resolution ? Consent Agenda)
  
7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County, in the amount of \$148,000, for animal sheltering services for 2009. ? (Motion ? Consent Agenda)
  
8. Authorizing a temporary interfund loan for the Police Station. ? (Ordinance ? Regular Agenda)

9. Authorizing a special assessment and lien against the property at 10116 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW for the abatement of a dangerous buildings and public nuisances. ? (Resolution ? Regular Agenda)

10. Authorizing a special assessment and lien against the property at 9628 Oak Lane SW for the abatement of a dangerous buildings and public nuisances. ? (Resolution ? Regular Agenda)

11. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Lakewood Water District agreement relative to the American Lake Gardens/Tillicum Sewer project. ? (Motion ? Regular Agenda)

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12. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Reciprocal Easement Agreement with the Lakewood Center Building, LLC, and LKW Associates, LLC, relative to the City Hall, the old Safeway, and the new Office Building parcels. ? (Motion ? Regular Agenda)

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Cronk asked about what the bidding process is for the emergency management supplies that were purchased out of State and if sales tax for out of State purchases were paid. City Manager Neiditz will follow up and provide the Council with the information.

CM Thomas spoke about the Pierce Transit Board meeting she attended today and that Pierce Transit will be auctioning off 19 vans which would help with agencies that are having transportation issues and need to purchase these vans.

Deputy Mayor Anderson commented on the Christmas Tree Lighting event which he attended together with Mayor Richardson and Councilmember Thomas. He commended the Parks and Recreation Department and all involved and acknowledged the good number of people who participated.

Deputy Mayor Anderson indicated that he attended the holiday reception by the McChord Air Force Base Wing Commander on behalf of the Mayor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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DOUGLAS G. RICHARDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK