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**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Monday, January 5, 2009  
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 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmember Excused: 1 - Mayor Douglas Richardson (via conference call at 8:29 p.m.).

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Mayor Anderson.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Neiditz reported that a debriefing was held relative to responses to the recent winter storm. He reviewed what went well and what areas will need improvement the next time.

City Manager Neiditz reported that arrangements are being made relative to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to be awarded to Washington State through the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, in which Lakewood could receive approximately \$635,000.

City Manager Neiditz announced that a Red Robin restaurant has applied for a building permit on Gravelly Lake Drive north of Key Bank and that Wal-Mart is also making additional improvements.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Youth Council Report.**

Youth Council Oh provided a Youth Council report on their activities with the Christmas Tree lighting event. She then provided a report on activities occurring at each of the high schools.

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**Proclamation declaring January 2009 as National Mentoring Month.**

Deputy Mayor Anderson presented a proclamation declaring January 2009 as National Mentoring Month to Mr. Dave O?Keefe, Executive Director of Communities In Schools of Lakewood (CISL); and Ms. Ellie Wilson, CISL Board member and former Chair of Lakewood?s Promise Caring Adults Task Force.

**Proclamation declaring January 2009 as School Board Recognition Month.**

Councilmember Thomas presented a proclamation declaring January 2009 as School Board Recognition Month to Mr. Walt Kellcy, Jr., Legislative Liaison and District 1 Director of the Clover Park School District Board.

**Proclamation declaring January 19, 2009 as the 23rd Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and February 2009 as Black History Month.**

Councilmember Thomas presented a proclamation declaring January 19, 2009 as the 23rd Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and February 2009 as Black History Month to Ms. JoEthel Smith, Founder and Member, and Ms. Sharbra Gordon-Scott, Member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee.

**Clover Park School District Board Report.**

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Director Walt Kellcy reported that CPSD Board Member Elli Falk resigned from the School Board on December 6, 2008. He announced that applications will be accepted through February 9, 2009 and that a public forum for the community to ask questions of the applicants will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at the CPSD Student Services Center. He added that the Board expects to conduct the swearing-in ceremony of the selected candidate on Monday, March 9, 2009.

CPSD Director Kellcy announced that two informational sessions called ?The Key to Graduation? about graduation requirements will be held on January 7 and 8, 2009.

CPSD Director Kelly announced that CPSD received an award from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Communicable Disease Control Program for having the lowest immunization exemption rate in the county. He also announced that 22 teachers earned National Board certification in 2008 by participating in a rigorous series of performance based assessments. He added that, overall, 54 CPSD teachers have received this certification.

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Deputy Mayor Anderson announced that Motion No. 2009-01 will be considered at this time.

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

**Motion No. 2009-01 appointing Brian Hoffmeister to serve on the Youth Council for the school year 2008-2009.**

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO appoint brian hoffmeister to serve on the youth council for the school year 2008-2009. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**Discussion on Building Green with the Association of Realtors and the Master Builders Association.**

Ms. Catherine Rudolph of the Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors and Mr. John Alexander of the Master Builders Association of Pierce County spoke about climate changes and building green movements. Over 4,000 homes have been certified in Pierce County as green homes.

Discussion ensued on carbon footprints in Lakewood.

### Update on street address issues.

Assistant City Manager Bugher and Information Systems Manager DeLarme provided a presentation on the benefits for providing accurate street addresses to locate residents and businesses relative to first response responders.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident*, spoke about CPSD Superintendent Debbie LeBeau's presentation at the Lakewood United meeting and her focus on the 3R's.

*Todd Smith, Lakewood resident*, spoke about green buildings and its effect on City codes.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of December 8, 2008.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 15, 2008.

C. Approval of payroll check numbers 187, 111020 to 111042, and direct deposit check numbers 31783 to 32028, in the amount of \$773,662.72, for the period December 1-15, 2008.

D. Approval of payroll check numbers 188 111043 to 111081, and direct deposit check numbers 32029 to 32276, in the amount of \$1,115,115.03, for the period December 16-31, 2008.

E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 49235 to 49333, 900160 and 900161, in the amount of \$601,438.14, for the period ending December 4, 2008.

F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 49347 to 49438, in the amount of \$214,261.05, for the period ending December 18, 2008.

G. Approval of claim voucher numbers 49439 to 49528, 900162 and 900163, in the amount of \$2,405,601.80, for the period ending December 22, 2008.

H. Approval of claim voucher numbers 49529 to 49585 in the amount of \$343,063.36, for the period ending December 26, 2008.

I. Approval of claim voucher numbers 49586 to 49677, in the amount of \$371,629.24, for the period ending December 31, 2008.

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

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## REGULAR AGENDA

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### RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution No. 2009-01 authorizing a special assessment and lien against the property at 10116 ? 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, in the amount of \$19,511.64, for the abatement of dangerous buildings and public nuisances.**

councilmember cronk MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01. SECONDED BY councilmember neary. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Resolution No. 2009-02 authorizing a special assessment and lien against the property at 9628 Oak Lane SW, in the amount of \$13,165.24, for the abatement of dangerous buildings and public nuisances.**

COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Council recessed at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Richardson (telephone conference call) introduced Ordinance No. 484 to establish a moratorium on the filing of applications and licenses for card rooms and minicasinos for six months.

**Ordinance No. 484 establishing a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for card rooms and minicasinos in the City of Lakewood; and setting a public hearing therefore on February 17, 2009.**

MAYOR RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 484. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS MCGOVERN AND FINNIGAN VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

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Councilmember McGovern indicated that approximately \$54,000 of human services funding was left on the table following the Council's December 15, 2008 meeting. She asked that this be brought for discussion at next week's Study Session.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Motion No. 2009-02 awarding a bid to Northwest Signal Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$101,603.97, for the procurement of signal equipment relative to the Bridgeport Way SW sidewalk improvement project from 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW to Steilacoom Boulevard SW.**

COUNCILMEMBER CRONK MOVED TO AWARD A BID TO NORTHWEST SIGNAL SUPPLY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,603.97, FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SIGNAL EQUIPMENT RELATIVE TO THE BRIDGEPORT WAY SW SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM 59<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SW TO STEILACOOM BOULEVARD SW. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEARY. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Cronk indicated that, in consulting with the State and Municipal Research and Services Center on the question about items purchased out of State, cities have more latitude in awarding bids within the State. He asked that staff research this issue more thoroughly.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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DOUGLAS G. RICHARDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK