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LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 2009
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 ? Mayor Douglas Richardson; Deputy Mayor Don Anderson; Councilmembers Ron Cronk, Pad Finnigan, and Claudia Thomas.

Councilmember Excused: 2? Councilmembers Helen McGovern and Walter Neary.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Richardson.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz reported that four Mondays in October has been scheduled for Budget Workshops. He noted that the first and third Mondays will be held in the Council Chambers and, on the second and fourth Mondays, the meetings will be held at the Police Station. He also noted that the October 14 Budget Workshop is scheduled for the Citizens Advisory Boards and Committees? input. He added that budget documents will be transmitted to the Council next Monday, September 28, 2009.

City Manager Neiditz noted that the Pt. Defiance Bypass presentation is scheduled for the Council?s November 23, 2009 Study Session.

City Manager Neiditz reported that the unofficial opening of Carl?s Jr. restaurant was held today and its official opening is tomorrow, September 22, 2009.

City Manager Neiditz announced that the open house of Wards Lake is scheduled for September 22, 2009, from 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 pm, to start the Wards Lake Master Plan process.

City Manager Neiditz that on Sunday, September 20, 2009, an international cycle cross event was held at Ft. Steilacoom Park.

City Manager Neiditz provided an update about the noise and disruption because of the Tillicum sewers construction and the efforts being made to meet the concerns of the neighbors.

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City Manager Neiditz reported that 10 members of the Finance Department staff volunteered at the Puyallup Fair to help erect a Habitat for Humanity home, and on September 18, 2009, 16 employees participated in the Day of Caring event at the Emergency Food Network.

Deputy Mayor Anderson asked that the Pt. Defiance Bypass presentation be moved up in order for the Council to be able to meet the window of opportunity to respond to matters concerning the bypass. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a Study Session on this matter for November 9, 2009.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation on Pierce Transit?s System Redesign Project.

Ms. Tina Lee, Senior Planner, Pierce Transit announced that Pierce Transit is holding workshops to seek citizens input on the Pierce Transit?s system. She then presented a report on ridership data which has increased 20 percent. A workshop will be held on October 8, 2009 in Lakewood.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Glen Spieth, Lakewood Historical Society, indicated that the City?s Landmarks Heritage Advisory Board is meeting every other month which makes it difficult for the Board to carry out its duties in designating historical properties. He spoke about the aspects of designating historical properties and improvements made to such buildings for potential tax credits. He then spoke about the Lakewood Historical Society providing historical markers and a museum which is not part of the role of the Landmarks Heritage Advisory Board. He spoke about a reduction in the number of vehicles speeding on Steilacoom Boulevard and photo enforcement entrapment.

Larry Woods, Lake City Neighborhood Association, thanked the Code Enforcement Officers and Community Service Officers for attending the Lake City Neighborhood Association and their responsiveness. He spoke about a home on Alameda Avenue that was destroyed by

fire and cleaning up that property.

Paul Wagemann, Clover Park School District Board, spoke about the CPSD Board priorities summarizing that the safety of children is their first priority; and secondly, the collaboration between CPSD and Council is encouraged for the future. He indicated that the CPSD Board is interested in having flashing lights installed in front of all schools with a police presence. Thirdly, he commented that if video cameras are used, it is of lower priority. He added that the CPSD Board suggested that funds generated by school enforcement be used to fund Community Service Officers in the schools.

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Sheila Smith, Lakewood resident, spoke about the inaccuracy of a July 28, 2009 speed citation near John Dower School, 74th Street and Custer, that indicated flashing lights were in operation when they were not.

Paul Wagemann, Lakewood resident, spoke about the signage language on school zone signs which appears to be an unrepresented tax.

Darrell Shiley, Lakewood resident, commented on the volume of paper used when the Council's agenda is printed single-sided.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 8, 2009.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of September 14, 2009.
- C. Approval of payroll check numbers 205, 111589 to 11619, and direct deposit check numbers 36303 to 36559, in the amount of \$889,757.66, for the period September 1-15, 2009.
- D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 52984 to 53069, in the amount of \$412,902.98, for the period ending September 10, 2009.
- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 53070 to 53120, in the amount of \$157,855.14, for the period ending September 17, 2009.
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 13, 2009.
 - 2. Human Services Funding Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 2, 2009.
 - 3. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 1 and August 12, 2009.
 - 4. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of July 6, 2009.
 - 5. Planning Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 12 and 26, 2009.
 - 6. Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 12, 2009.
 - 7. Joint Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Board and Human Services Funding Advisory Board Public Hearing minutes of September 9, 2009.

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

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Mayor Richardson deferred from the agenda to consider Motion 2009-49 at this time.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2009-49 authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local No. 117 Union from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010. ? Human Resources Director

COUNCILMEMBER cronk MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 117 UNION FROM JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

Mayor Richardson deferred from the agenda to consider Motion 2009-44 at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion No. 2009-44 (Postponed from the September 8, 2009 Council Meeting) amending the agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., to continue the photo enforcement program for five years.

DEPUTY MAYOR ANDERSON MOVED TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH REDFLEX TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC., TO CONTINUE THE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR FIVE YEARS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN AND CRONK VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 500 amending Title 14, Title 17 and Title 18A of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the land use permitting procedures.

COUNCILMEMBER CRONK MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 500. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER finnigan. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2009-46 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Department of Justice, in the amount of \$142,000, for the continuation of the Weed and Seed program through September 30, 2010.

COUNCILMEMBER cronk MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,000, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER finnigan. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 2009-47 authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy, in the amount of \$541,000, to develop an energy efficiency and conservation strategy for deploying efficient timing and synchronization of 58 signalized intersections.

COUNCILMEMBER FINNIGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, in the AMOUNT OF \$541,000, TO DEVELOP AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR DEPLOYING EFFICIENT TIMING AND SYNCHRONIZATION OF 58 SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRONK. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 2009-48 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with AHBL, Inc., in the amount of \$99,942, for consultant services to update the Shoreline Master Program.

COUNCILMEMBER CRONK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AHBL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,942, FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO UPDATE THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz reported that Community Development Department staff, Marc Amrine, Doug Price and Ron Baer spoke about Code Enforcement efforts at a conference in Leavenworth.

City Manager Neiditz reported on a meeting he attended with Pierce County and the City of Tacoma regarding the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA). He reported that a proposal is being initiated to give Lakewood full representation on the LESA Board.

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City Manager Neiditz announced that Officer Scott Novasky returned to work this past week on light duty.

City Manager Neiditz asked for an Executive Session for five minutes to discuss potential litigation.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Anderson asked how often invoices are paid to LESA and what the annual contract amount is with LESA. City Manager replied that the contract with LESA is over \$2 million.

Councilmember Finnigan commented on the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and that there will be an opening on the Zoo Trek Board in which a Lakewood official can be eligible for nomination.

Mayor Richardson commented that he testified before the Pierce County Rules Committee about Lakewood's e-verify ordinance.

Mayor Richardson suggested that the City consider organizing a lake-to-lake race.

Executive Session

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

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

DOUGLAS G. RICHARDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK