

LAKEHAVEN UTILITY DISTRICT
King County, Washington

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
March 15, 2007

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lakehaven Utility District, King County, Washington, was held on March 15, 2007 at Lakehaven Center, 31531 First Avenue South, Federal Way, Washington, 98003.

Vice President Nowicki called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked Commissioner Gibson to lead the flag salute. Members/officials present were as follows:

Ron Nowicki	Vice President of the Board
Chuck Gibson	Secretary of the Board
Ed Stewart	Commissioner
Beverly Tweddle	Commissioner
Don Perry	General Manager
John Bowman	Engineering/Water Manager
Steve Pritchett	General Counsel
Morgan Dennis	Director of Finance/Information System

Upon motion by Commissioner Tweddle, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson, the Board unanimously **excused** Commissioner Miller from the meeting as he was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner Tweddle, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson, the Board unanimously **approved** the meeting's agenda as presented.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Cary Roe, the Public Works Director for the City of Federal Way, and Tom Pierson, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce, were both in attendance. They noted they would both be addressing the Board during the discussion relating to placing a District employee at City Hall in the permitting area to facilitate developers when they come to discuss their projects.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board briefly addressed a letter that was included in their agenda packets from Mr. Dapp, requesting permission to attend the next Board meeting to discuss his concerns with a billing he received. Staff noted they had contacted Mr. Dapp and invited him to the March 22nd Board meeting. Commissioner Nowicki reported he had received a salary survey from the

American Water Works Association (AWWA), which he turned over to Commissioner Gibson who is the Board Lead on the Personnel Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

#27, Development Services Position at City Hall: Mr. Perry provided the history of this topic at the previous meeting. He stated that the staff person chosen to perform these tasks will be a senior level employee and went on to discuss some of the tasks that the person would perform while at the City. Mr. Perry noted that in order to fulfill this task, it will require an additional staff member, which in turn, would require additional funds. Mr. Roe stated that he strongly encouraged the Board to consider this proposal favorably. A discussion followed as to the reason this item has been addressed over the last several years. During the discussion, it was noted that if this moves forward, the development community as well as the District and the City would benefit. Among other advantages, the permitting processing for both the District and the City could begin at the same time. In addition, this will enable the process to move quicker and be very helpful to both agencies. Mr. Roe stated there were many details to be worked out yet and added the City is prepared to do whatever it takes to facilitate this project. Mr. Pierson echoed the wishes of Mr. Roe and went on to add his concerns with the permitting process in the Federal Way area. He added he felt this would help with the economic development in addition to creating a more beneficial process for the agencies involved. The Board thanked both gentlemen for expressing their thoughts.

Commissioner Gibson commented that he felt this plan could work well, if both entities meet and coordinate the process to the benefit of all parties. Commissioner Stewart then shared his concerns with the proposal, which required the District to add another staff member in order to move forward. Mr. Pierson noted that he felt this was a community-wide issue and it was necessary to be competitive in order to draw the developers to the area. The goal is to make sure the process the developer goes through is as smooth as possible. Commissioner Stewart stated the purpose of the water and wastewater utility is to respond to requests for water and wastewater service from developers. Commission Nowicki noted that Commissioner Miller had provided a statement regarding this issue, which he read. Commissioner Miller stated that as a public utility, the City of Federal Way needs to recognize that Lakehaven serves locations in seven other jurisdictions. Commissioner Tweddle noted that even though she is opposed to mass development, the fact is that it is apparent that there is a need for more, denser development. She then noted that her focus has always been on customer service and if the development community needs better service, she felt the District should provide it. The discussion then moved forward, during which it was noted that the District intended to perform its own survey that will be distributed to the development community to determine their needs. Also discussed was the approximate cost to be added to the budget for another employee. It was noted during the discussion that the benefit of adding an additional position will be difficult to quantify immediately. Subsequent to the discussion, the Board considered this item.

