



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
February 22, 2000

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Pastor Mark Price, St. Timothy Lutheran Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Marc Titel

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Mayor Joseph Esquivel  
Vice Mayor Wayne Piercy  
Council Member Marc Titel  
Council Member Larry Van Nostran  
Council Member Robert Wagner

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Ruth Neil, representing the Soroptimists International of Lakewood-Long Beach, an association of management and professional women committed to community service, stated that the organization's focus was on local service projects. Recently, they have been involved in projects such as Meals On Wheels, Lakewood-Weingart YMCA, Pathways Hospice, and the City's annual bike expo. She noted that they also provided scholarships annually to a local high school senior and to a woman going back to complete her education.

Richard Hollingsworth, President and CEO of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, made a brief presentation and displayed a video on the Gateway Cities Partnership Program. He stated the basis of the program was to bring together private industry, academia, and the public sector for the creation of jobs and development of the workforce.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.**

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held January 25, and February 8, 2000

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated February 3, and February 10, 2000

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Wagner, Van Nostran, Titel and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • ADOPTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL CODES, 1999 EDITIONS**

City Attorney John S. Todd stated that the County of Los Angeles had adopted the new State basic codes for building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical with some minor modifications. He noted that the County Director of Public Works had suggested that the City may wish to exclude certain sections of the building code that had been primarily directed to unincorporated areas of the County and those pertaining to earthquake retrofit which were inapplicable. He advised that the City Council was presented with the ordinances for introduction at this time.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Piercy, the City Attorney stated that adoption of the ordinances would not include an increase in permit fees.

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE VOLUMES 1 AND 2 OF THE 1999 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUILDING CODE WHICH IN TURN ADOPTS BY REFERENCE PORTIONS OF THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, KNOWN AS THE BUILDING CODE ALONG WITH AMENDMENTS THERETO

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 1999 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PLUMBING CODE, BASED ON THE 1997 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE ALONG WITH TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1999 ELECTRICAL CODE WHICH IN TURN ADOPTS BY REFERENCE PORTIONS OF THE 1998 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE AND TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE AS AMENDED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 99-0041, KNOWN AS THE ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-4; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1999 MECHANICAL CODE WHICH IN TURN ADOPTS BY REFERENCE PORTIONS OF THE 1998 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE INCLUDING TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE ADOPTED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 99-0043, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE MECHANICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

**2.1 • ADOPTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL CODES, 1999 EDITIONS** - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCES NO. 2000-1, NO. 2000-2, NO. 2000-3 AND NO. 2000-4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Wagner, Van Nostran, Titel and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.2 • DECLARING INTENT TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL CODES**

The City Attorney advised that the proposed resolution would give notice of the City Council's intent to adopt the County code by reference and, upon posting and publication, would set the public hearing for March 28, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING THE 1999 EDITION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, THE 1999 EDITION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 1999 EDITION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE AND THE 1999 EDITION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2000-1 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, VOLUMES 1 AND 2, ORDINANCE NO. 2000-2 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 2000-3 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE, AND ORDINANCE NO. 2000-4 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, ALL AS AMENDED IN 1999, AND AMENDING THE BUILDING, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL CODES OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, AND SCHEDULING A HEARING THEREON BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5000 CLARK AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2000

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-10.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Wagner, Van Nostran, Titel and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **2.3 • FILING OF A PETITION WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES BOARD REGARDING THE STANDARD URBAN STORMWATER MITIGATION PLAN**

Scott Pomrehn, Senior Management Analyst in the Public Works Department, presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that the County of Los Angeles had submitted to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board a Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) as required by its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. When the matter was heard before the Board in September of 1999, proposed changes to the draft were opposed by Lakewood and many other parties. Despite the concerns raised by cities and other interested parties, on January 26th, the Board gave direction to approve the SUSMP with their modifications. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution to join with other cities in appealing for relief to the State Water Resources Control Board from the action taken by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PETITION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD APPEALING ACTION TAKEN BY THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD AND ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN CONNECTION WITH LARWQCB ORDER NO. 96-054

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-11. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Wagner, Van Nostran, Titel and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.1 • SCHEDULING SYSTEM ACQUISITION FOR CENTRE AT SYCAMORE PLAZA**

Assistant City Administrator Michael Stover presented an oral report based on his memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that Hospitality Caterers had agreed, under the terms of its contract with the City, to implement and pay its proportionate cost of a new scheduling system for the Centre. A team of Centre and catering staff had worked together to identify the necessary hardware and software and had seen the software meet rigorous testing at facilities providing services similar to the Centre's. It was anticipated that the scheduling system would have a demonstrable impact on the bottom line and would improve customer satisfaction. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of the hardware, software, and network integration services; transfer funds from Centre contract services and capital equipment funds; and appropriate \$20,063 from the General Fund, to be repaid by the Concessionaire through monthly payments.

**3.1 • SCHEDULING SYSTEM ACQUISITION FOR CENTRE - Continued**

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Wagner, Van Nostran, Titel and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.2 • CENSUS 2000 OUTREACH PROGRAM, AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Director of Community Development, Chuck Ebner, presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that as part of the 2000 Census, the State of California had allocated funds to assist cities and counties in Census outreach activities. Lakewood was eligible to receive a portion of this funding through the County of Los Angeles. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Census 2000 Outreach.

Maria Vargas, Bureau of the Census, addressed the City Council reporting on the history and purpose of the Census. She stressed the privacy of the information collected by the Census, noting that the information was kept confidential for 72 years, and also how important it was to get an accurate and total count. She concluded by stating the questionnaire would be in the mail by mid-March.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Piercy, Ms. Vargas stated that Census figures would go to the President by December 31, 2000 and should be available to cities shortly thereafter.

Senior Planner Sonia Southwell reported that City staff had been working with Census officials to provide a complete and accurate address list to ensure that everyone would receive a questionnaire in the mail. Staff had also used local publications and made presentations to community groups to publicize and inform about the Census. She displayed a slide show prepared for presentation to local community groups.

Mayor Esquivel encouraged everyone to participate in the Census process since an accurate count was so important for Lakewood.

VICE MAYOR PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Wagner, Van Nostran, Titel and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARIAN SANDRA REUBEN REGARDING AMNESTY DAYS 2000**

Mayor Esquivel announced that correspondence had been received from the County Librarian establishing February 18 through March 5 as Amnesty Days and he encouraged everyone with overdue library materials to take the opportunity to return them without penalty of fines.

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At 8:24 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:25 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk