



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
July 11, 2000

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:49 p.m. by Mayor Piercy in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Mayor Wayne Piercy

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Larry Van Nostran

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

David Harwood of the Lakewood Jaycees gave a brief presentation on the objectives and activities of the Jaycees such as partnering in the City's TLC, Teens in Lakewood Care, Program.

Elizabeth Roe, President of the Lakewood Jaycees, stated the major objective of their organization was to provide positive role models and to be mentors to the community's young people. She introduced Miss Greater Lakewood Teen USA, Jessica Deasey.

Steve Thompson, Manager; Carlos Gomez, Assistant Manager; and Linda Fisher, Involvement Coordinator, from the Lakewood Wal-Mart presented to Iacoboni Library Manager Donna Walters and Linda Gahan of the Nye Library, a \$1,000 donation for the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries.

Council Member Esquivel expressed the City's appreciation to the Wal-Mart organization for its contributions to the charities in the community.

Mayor Piercy announced that a reception had been held prior to the meeting to introduce the new CEO of the Lakewood Regional Medical Center, the new representative from Southern California Edison and to present an award to City Administrator Howard Chambers from the California Contract Cities Association.

Mayor Piercy announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Joe A. Gonsalves, long-time legislative advocate for the City in Sacramento and father to Lakewood's Assistant Director of Community Development, Jack Gonsalves.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Continued

Mayor Piercy expressed thanks to Assembly Member Sally Havice for the funding in the State budget for Mae Boyar Park. He also thanked State Senator Betty Karnette for including funding in the State budget for the repair of Lakewood's streets, noting that the funding had been vetoed by Governor Davis.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held June 13, 2000

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated June 22, June 30, and July 3, 2000

RI-4 Approval of Renewal of Agreement With Los Angeles County District Attorney for Deputy District Attorney Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2000-6 PERTAINING TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Attorney John S. Todd advised that a public hearing on the proposed ordinance had been held at the last regular meeting and was presented for adoption at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-6; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER was read by title by Mayor Piercy.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF THE ORDINANCE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2000-6.

**2.1 • OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER - Continued**

Vice Mayor Wagner stated that although the ordinance had been intended as a change of title only and not a change in duties, a question had come up regarding responsibilities to Council Standing Committees. He further stated that since the current committee structure had not existed at the time the original duties were drafted, it would seem appropriate to conduct a review and determine if any change in duties was necessary. He proposed deferring the ordinance until such a study could be conducted.

Council Member Van Nostran stated that while he had no problem with taking a look at the existing duties to determine if any changes were necessary, he felt the title change was an entirely separate matter. He noted that the job title, "City Manager," had become the recognized standard for the position and saw no reason to delay the change.

Council Member Esquivel clarified that the issue at hand was equivalent to the review of a job description to determine if updating was required.

Council Member Titel noted that Vice Mayor Wagner's point that operations had changed in the years since the original duties were drafted was well taken. He stated that he also felt that the change in title was a separate action and that perhaps a study would be best accomplished by an ad hoc committee appointed for that purpose.

**MAYOR PIERCY CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:**

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

**NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**

Council Member Van Nostran stated that having worked both under the committee system and without it, he felt he would have much to contribute to such an ad hoc committee.

Vice Mayor Wagner also expressed his interest in serving on an ad hoc committee.

Mayor Piercy appointed Council Member Van Nostran and Vice Mayor Wagner to serve as an ad hoc committee to study the Municipal Code sections pertaining to the powers and duties of the City Manager to determine if any changes were necessary in light of the now established system of standing committees.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

**1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE REGARDING THE 2000 CENSUS**

Mayor Piercy read the letter from Supervisor Knabe expressing his appreciation for Lakewood's Census 2000 outreach efforts.

**THERE BEING OBJECTION, MAYOR PIERCY ORDERED THE ITEM RECEIVED AND FILED.**

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** - Continued

**2. CORRESPONDENCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH REGARDING REPRESENTATION ON THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

It was the consensus of the City Council that the issue of a change in representation on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board be reviewed by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for further recommendations.

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At 8:22 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:23 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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**CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Piercy announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session to confer with and receive advice from its legal counsel, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(c), to decide whether to initiate future litigation in one case.

At 10:42 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present.

Mayor Piercy announced that after conferring with and receiving advice from legal counsel, the City Council had decided, by a four-to-one vote, Vice Mayor Wagner dissenting, that legal counsel be instructed not to pursue litigation at this time. Staff was instructed to pursue other available options.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk