



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
August 22, 2000

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

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Sam Wilder, West Lakewood Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Marc Titel

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Piercy
Vice Mayor Robert Wagner
Council Member Joseph Esquivel
Council Member Marc Titel
ABSENT: Council Member Larry Van Nostran (excused)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Bill Baca, representing the Greater Long Beach Council, Boy Scouts of America, made a brief presentation about the history of the organization and stressed that their focus was on fostering a commitment to community service. He emphasized the importance to the program of the many volunteers and encouraged Lakewood residents to get involved.

Mayor Piercy announced that the new Mervyn's store would be holding its grand opening on Saturday, August 26th.

The Mayor also announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of James Hayes, former supervisor of Los Angeles County's Fourth District. The meeting would also be adjourned in memory of Lakewood residents, Francisco and Florita Jusay, and their daughter, Azalea, who had perished in a house fire near the campus of U.C. Berkeley.

Vice Mayor Wagner expressed concern over a proposed merger between Peerless Water Company and Southern California Water Company and the cost increase that would result for Lakewood residents served by the Peerless system. He requested a status report on this issue be included on the next regular agenda.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Council Member Titel requested that Routine Item 1 be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 2 THROUGH 8.

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ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

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

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2000-64; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 3 P.M. ON FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD EAST SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN CENTRALIA STREET AND ADENMOOR AVENUE

RI-6 Approval of Renewal of License Agreement with Southern California Edison for Candleverde Park

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2000-65; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HARDWICK STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-66; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE EAST SIDE OF NIPOMO AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-8 Approval of Agreement for Professional Design Services with Charles Walton Associates for the Lakewood Sheriff Station Addition and Remodel Project

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held August 8, 2000

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WAGNER SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel, Wagner and Piercy

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Titel

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PW CONTRACT NO. 00-8, ANGELO M. IACOBONI LIBRARY PROJECT

City Manager Howard Chambers reported that renovations to the Iacoboni Library, which had opened in the early 1970's, had been the subject of discussion for a number of years. A commitment of \$550,000 from Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe had enabled the renovation plans to move forward and an allocation of \$470,000 from the County Administrative Office would allow a quality renovation project to be completed.

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that nine bids had been received for the renovation project. The improvements would include removal and replacement of carpet, tile flooring, main circulation desk, and restrooms. In addition to new lighting throughout the facility and repainting, the project would also provide for upgraded electrical, telecommunication and data systems. Staff had verified licenses and references for the low bidder. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications, addendum and working details for the project; appropriate \$887,000 from the General Fund; award the contract to ARK Construction Company in the amount of \$616,000; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$30,800.

Project Manager June Anderson stated that the project would be completed as quickly as was possible. The library would be closing on September 8th, with construction set to begin on September 18th. About four months would be required to complete the project and the target date for the library to reopen was January 29, 2001. She concluded by stating that a 4' x 8' sign would be placed outside the library to notify patrons of the closure and project dates.

Jim Nardini, Project Architect with Charles Walton Associates, reviewed the renovation plans which included the relocation of the public document and the children's sections, a new ADA accessible circulation desk, new entry way, and improved fixtures which would provide more light with less energy consumption.

Robert Seal, with Los Angeles County Public Library Facilities Planning & Development, stated there would be eight additional computers and ten new sections of shelving provided in the children's section, a new Friends of the Library bookstore, a section of audio/video/CD's and paperbacks along the main walkway. The adult information desk would be relocated, 80 new sections of shelving provided and increased seating areas. Additional shelving sections would also be provided in the periodical and government sections. He reviewed the library plan to direct patrons to other available facilities during the renovation, mainly the George Nye Library on Del Amo Boulevard, and stated there would be signage listing alternate library locations.

Arshak Yanikian, ARK Construction, stated he was happy to have the opportunity to be a partner in the completion of this project and would make every effort to see that the work was completed on schedule.

Vice Mayor Wagner stated when he raised the issue of a family learning center for the Iacoboni Library, it was with a concern that the proposed renovation work be compatible with future expansion needs, so that should funding ever become available for that type of use, the renovated building could accommodate an addition to house it.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PW CONTRACT NO. 00-8, ANGELO M. IACOBONI LIBRARY PROJECT - Continued

Responding to a question from Council Member Esquivel, the Public Works Director stated that there was a learning center within the George Nye Library.

The City Manager confirmed with the architect that the type and amount of conduit to be installed could be easily expanded to provide more electrical and telecommunications services for a library expansion.

Jim Nardini stated that the design and layout of the library provided a lot of flexibility and that the current project would not hinder any future expansion.

Steven Klein, Regional Administrator for the County Public Library System, stated he had visited the family learning center in the Long Beach Library and found it to compare favorably with the homework center at the George Nye Library in Lakewood. He stated it was their hope that the temporary closure of the Iacoboni Library would cause people to discover the quality of the facilities at Nye Library.

Council Member Titel stated that when undertaking a major renovation project such as this, it made sense to ensure that it would not preclude the addition of a learning center in the future.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 8:27 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

Vice Mayor Wagner suggested forming a committee to look into the possibility of a family learning center for the Iacoboni Library and how it might be funded.

Mayor Piercy formed an ad hoc committee comprised of Vice Mayor Wagner, Council Member Titel and former Council Member Jacqueline Rynerson, and referred the family learning center issue to them, noting that they had served together previously as an ad hoc committee to study library funding.

1.2 • 2000 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program was intended to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. She reported that there was \$149,939 in available grant funds, with a local match required in the amount of \$16,660. She stated that an Advisory Board, formed of representatives from the City, the Sheriff's Department, the Los Cerritos Judicial District, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Lakewood's Neighborhood Watch Program, Red Cross, and the Long Beach Unified School District had met to review the proposed application and recommend a project. In light of their outstanding results to date, the Advisory Board had recommended continued funding of the Crime, Public Nuisance and Property Abatement Team.

Deputy Rick Meyers displayed slides depicting before and after shots of several nuisance locations and talked about the reduction in criminal and drug activity as well as code violations.

Jennifer McDonald, Deputy District Attorney, reported that while the previous year had seen the closure of several large cases such as the Cloud Motel, the Team was now able to deal with a greater volume of cases. She responded to a question from Council Member Titel by stating that approaching a nuisance location by dealing initially with code enforcement problems, especially with rental properties, had enabled the Team to address the criminal or drug activities at the root of the property neglect.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Wagner, the Deputy City Manager advised that the grant funds would extend the Team activities through December, 2001.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 8:40 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT ALLOCATION AND TO APPROPRIATE \$16,660 IN LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

1.3 • CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CONFORMANCE SELF-CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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 City's compliance with the Metropolitan Transit Authority's Congestion Management Program, a public hearing must be held and a resolution passed to certify the City's conformance with the Program. He noted that all new construction created debits and all demolition added credits to the report. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution finding the City to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program and adopting the CMP Local Implementation Report.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 8:44 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-67; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-67. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

At 8:44 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:45 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. in memory of James Hayes and the Jusay family.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward
City Clerk