



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 23, 2001

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 Charles Atherton, Life Center Assembly of God Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop 170, First United Methodist Church

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Piercy announced that the preview for the remodeled Iacoboni Library was scheduled for Saturday, February 10th and encouraged residents to come see the library's new look and new children's library.

The Mayor also announced that Circuit City would be holding an electronics recycling roundup on Saturday, February 10th.

Vice Mayor Wagner reported that a public hearing had been held before the State Board of Education on January 11th to consider whether an election should be held on the formation of a Lakewood unified school district. He advised that due to concern raised by the petitioners, the staff of the State Board had decided to re-visit the issue and had therefore continued the public hearing to February 8th or 9th. He stated that he hoped the State Board would decide to allow the petition to move forward to an election, allowing the people the opportunity to vote on the issue.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 26, 2000, and January 9, 2001

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated December 7, December 14, December 21, December 28, 2000, January 4, and January 11, 2001
- RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
- RI-5 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
- RI-6 Review of City Investment Policy
- RI-7 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for Use of GIS Data
- RI-8 Rejection of the Claim of S. Parker Engineering
- RI-9 Approval of Purchase of GIS Server
- RI-10 Approval of Issuance of Letters of Public Convenience and Necessity for Alcoholic Beverages for Off-site Consumption
- RI-11 Approval of Substitution of Work Locations for Public Works Project No. 00-16, Local Street Pavement Rehab
- RI-12 Approval of Additional Appropriation and Authorization of Change Orders for Public Works Contract No. 00-15, Weingart Senior Center Renovation Project
- RI-13 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 00-17, Civic Center Parking Lot Lighting
- RI-14 Monte Verde Park Improvement Project, Public Works Project No. 00-10R – Appropriation of Grant Funds and Approving Amendment to Architectural Agreement

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Titel, Wagner and Piercy
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PW PROJECT NO. 00-7, ELECTRICAL PANEL REPLACE – BOYAR & RYNERSON PARKS

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that seven bids had been received for replacement of the electrical panel distribution systems at Boyar and Rynerson Parks. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council award the contract for electrical panel replacement to Electro Construction Corporation in the amount of \$74,100; appropriate \$15,000 from the Park Dedication Fund; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders for the project not to exceed \$15,000.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the specification for the project had been designed by an electrical engineer and provided enough capacity so that a portion of the parks could be separated in order to reduce energy usage.

Council Member Titel questioned the bid amount since the low bidder was considerably lower than the other bidders. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that Electro Construction had been contacted and was confident that they could do the work for the amount bid and had, in fact, completed several previous projects satisfactorily for the City.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 7:43 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 COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

2.1 • ELECTRICAL ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SUPPLY

City Manager Howard Chambers presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that Governor Davis and the League of California Cities had requested all cities to adopt a resolution to commit to reducing energy use. He noted that this would be difficult for Lakewood since 37% of the City's energy bill went to pumping water throughout the Lakewood water system, 31% for street lighting, and 18% for park athletic field lighting for youth programs, leaving fewer areas to look at for conservation. He noted that although Southern California Edison now denounced State deregulation, they had been a very strong advocate and lobbyist for deregulation. He briefly reviewed the proposed measures to protect the interests of Lakewood's residents.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired if changing the clocks back to pre-Daylight Savings time would have a significant impact on energy usage. The City Manager noted that the idea had been raised in the legislature by our State Senator Betty Karnette.

2.1 • ELECTRICAL ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SUPPLY - Continued

Captain Bob Osborne, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, stated that his department did not consider having the lights and power go off for a short period of time as a public safety emergency. He encouraged drivers and pedestrians to use extra caution at such times and also asked residents to keep phone lines open for actual emergencies.

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Schuster, who joined the Lakewood public safety team in December, 2000, stated that the fire department would view a power outage in much the same manner as any other type of emergency. They would respond by checking on all major facilities in the area, such as the Lakewood Center Mall and Lakewood Regional Medical Center, and then patrol the City to assess any areas of need. He encourage residents to have flashlights and batteries, and battery-powered radios. He advised that since certain smoke detectors operated off of the house current and would be inoperable during a blackout, people should exercise extra caution. He also advised that cordless-type telephones would not operate without power and so every household should have a plug-in telephone to use if they were to be without power.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CERTIFYING IMMEDIATE ELECTRICAL ENERGY CONSERVATION OF 5% AND PLEDGING ELECTRICAL ENERGY CONSERVATION OF 7% DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY CRISIS AND REQUESTING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO SIMILARLY CONSERVE

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2001-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

3.1 • ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and briefly reviewed the priorities for the year 2000 and the proposed priorities for the year 2001, noting that things historically opposed or supported were still included with the proposed priorities. He concluded by stating it was the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee that the 2001 goals be adopted as submitted.

Mayor Piercy thanked Vice Mayor Wagner for the addition of the Peerless Water System to the 2001 goals. He also noted that the City Council had an opportunity to express the proposed goals to the City's legislators in Sacramento.

3.1 • INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS AS SUBMITTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

3.2 • FLOOD INSURANCE POLICIES MISINFORMATION CORRECTION

The Assistant City Manager presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that this matter had been brought to the City's attention by former Mayor Jacqueline Rynerson. As a result of the City's intervention, a flood insurance company, who had given erroneous notice to Lakewood property owners regarding the cost and requirements for flood insurance, would be issuing a letter of explanation (prompted by Congressman Steve Horn and FEMA) to all affected property owners, as well as a refund of overpaid premium amounts.

MAYOR PIERCY STATED THAT IF THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS, THIS ITEM WOULD BE ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

3.3 • STATUS REPORT ON IACOBONI LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PW PROJECT NO. 00-8

The Director of Public Works presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that the Iacoboni Library project was nearly complete and it was necessary to appropriate the full amount of reimbursable funds for the project. She highlighted project objectives such as re-configuration of the entire collection to provide for an enlarged children's section; infrastructure to allow for current and future computer needs; new finishes such as carpet, paint, and tile flooring; new public restrooms; new circulation desk; new and re-finished furniture; and improved lighting. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$45,000.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

3.4 • HARDSCAPE MAINTENANCE APPROPRIATION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City Manager stated that the City had received \$235,000 in relief funds from the State which had been identified for use in street repair. This was part of a program to return to cities, some of the monies taken by the State during the recession.

The Public Works Director displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that in accompaniment to the upcoming paving project, hardscape repairs, to curbs, gutters and sidewalks, were necessary to restore flow lines and drainage patterns. While the paving would be funded by Community Development Block Grant funds, it was necessary to appropriate funds for the hardscape repairs. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council appropriate \$235,989 from unappropriated General Funds for the hardscape maintenance.

Mayor Piercy questioned whether the change in the work would eliminate anyone from the resurfacing project. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the change would provide for the maximum use of the CDBG funds and would ultimately allow more work to be done.

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

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3.5 • AQMD MSRC GRANT PROGRAM – LAKEWOOD CNG FUELING STATION AND R.F. DICKSON FUELING STATION

The Director of Public Works presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that rules had been recently adopted which would require public agencies and private contractors providing services to public agencies to begin the procurement of low emission or alternative fuel vehicles. She noted that the Mobile Source Air Pollution Review Committee (MSRC) was offering a subvention fund match program to cities and counties to stimulate development of alternative infrastructure and assist local jurisdictions in the purchase of low-emission, clean fuel medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. She stated that the City had been using a compressed natural gas (CNG) van since early 1999 with no operating problems and now had several vehicles on order which would be eligible for the matching funds program. Staff proposed an application for a matching grant for the installation of fueling stations at the Arbor and Nixon maintenance yards, substantially reducing fueling costs for CNG vehicles. In addition, the City's street sweeping contractor, R. F. Dickson Company, had been working on the development of a large CNG fueling station at their yard in Downey and was seeking the support of public agencies to form a public/private partnership for the project. The proposed large fueling station would also be accessible to other contract agencies like BZ Disposal Service and West Coast Arborists.

3.5 - AQMD MSRC GRANT PROGRAM - Continued

It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize staff to submit an MSRC grant application for the Nixon and Arbor Yards fueling stations and vehicle purchases; authorize participation in the R. F. Dickson Alternative Fuel Alliance Project and submission of the grant application; authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with R. F. Dickson and other partner cities, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and appropriate \$230,000 of AB 2766 funds as matching funds for the vehicle purchases and maintenance yard fueling stations.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired how often slow-filled vehicles required refueling. Fleet Supervisor, Harold Marlar, responded by stating that the average vehicle required refueling every two days and that the process required very little electricity. He responded to further questions by stating that the proposed fueling stations for the maintenance yards were designed to slow-fill fuel up to ten vehicles and fast-fill one.

Council Member Wagner asked about the effects of recent cost increases for natural gas. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the increased costs meant a longer payback time for the funds expended. Mr. Marlar noted that the cost for a gallon of gasoline was about \$1.35 compared to \$.65 for natural gas at a commercial station and only \$.35 for natural gas at a city-owned refueling station.

Responding to a question from Mayor Piercy, Ms. Rapp stated there was an urgency to apply for the grants since the competition was region-wide and would become ever more competitive as additional agencies pursue CNG as an alternate source for vehicle fuel.

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

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING USE OF THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Assistant City Manager reported that correspondence had been received from the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce requesting the use of the City Council Chambers for a Candidates' Forum on Wednesday, February 21st, which would be conducted by the League of Women Voters. The Chamber was requesting the usual rental fee for the facility be waived for this event.

COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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At 8:40 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meetings of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency and the Lakewood Public Financing Authority. At 8:42 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Marie O'Donnell, Cerritos, addressed the Council regarding the parking at Lakewood Manor Apartments on Oliva Avenue near the Weingart Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. to Tuesday, January 30, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk