



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
April 24, 2001

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by Rabbi Claudio Kaiser Blueth, Temple Beth Zion Sinai

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Todd Rogers

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Wagner announced that the City Council had dedicated the baseball stadium at Mayfair Park as Lisa Fernandez Field, in honor of the 2-time Olympic gold medallist. He noted that she had led her team from Saint Joseph's High School to two CIF championships on that same field.

The Mayor extended thanks to the more than 300 volunteers who had participated in Lakewood's Volunteer Day last Saturday. The volunteers worked at 25 locations around the City to clean up, paint and repair homes and yards.

### **LAKEWOOD CENTER MALL UPDATE**

Charlie Hallums, General Manager of the Lakewood Center Mall, stated that the new food court had opened on April 7th and that many stores in the new wing were already open for business. He announced that the location vacated by Montgomery Ward would be taken over by Target Stores, with the Ward's auto center becoming an additional parking area.

Responding to questions from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Mr. Hallums stated that the initial plan included the Target store staying within the original sidewalk "footprint" of the Ward's store. He also spoke briefly about the new concept of a family bathroom that was available in the food court area of the mall.

Mr. Hallums concluded by stating that the Mall would be increasing security, including additional camera locations, an additional security car and bicycle patrols. He further stated that they planned to establish a security office on the outside of the Mall, near the JCPenney store.

**LAKWOOD CENTER MALL UPDATE - Continued**

Captain Robert Osborne, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, gave a brief presentation on Mall security issues and stated that criminals were naturally attracted to locations with large numbers of people. He reported that there was a deputy assigned specifically to the Mall to act as a liaison with Mall management and with merchants. He noted that in addition to deputies, Volunteers On Patrol (VOPs) made the rounds at the Mall on foot. Captain Osborne concluded by stating the public could help a great deal by being aware of the things going on around them and reporting anything unusual to security.

Council Member Rogers commended Mr. Hallums and Captain Osborne for the great job being done at the Mall for security and stated he would be interested to hear from them in the future about the impacts of the new security measures.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 20, and March 27, 2001
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated April 5, and April 12, 2001
- RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
- RI-5 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
- RI-6 Approval of Assignment and Assumption of Ground Lease for Lakewood Post Office

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

**1.1 • EXTENSION OF INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-2, PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY SWAP MEET BUSINESS**

The Director of Community Development, Chuck Ebner, presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated the Planning and Environment Commission had begun to study the issue of swap meet businesses and determine appropriate regulations for such uses. He further stated that due to the complexity of the issue, additional

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time was necessary to complete the study. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council extend the provisions of Ordinance No. 2000-2 for an additional 10 months and 15 days.

City Attorney John S. Todd advised that he had prepared an ordinance to extend the provisions of Ordinance No. 2000-2 for an additional period of 10 months and 15 days and briefly outlined the procedure for the adoption of same.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 2001-2 PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY SWAP MEET BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY PENDING COMPLETION OF A STUDY AND REPORT BY THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION PERTAINING TO THE PROPER ZONE CLASSIFICATION OR CONDITIONS OF USE FOR EITHER INDOOR OR OUTDOOR SWAP MEETS, AS AN INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE AND SETTING FORTH FACTS CONSTITUTING THE SAME AS AN URGENCY ORDINANCE was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2001-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

Council Member Piercy sought confirmation from staff that there were no businesses of that nature on hold pending the study.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2001-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2001-3.

**1.1 • EXTENSION OF INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-2, PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY SWAP MEET BUSINESS** - Continued

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

**3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Wagner announced his appointments to City Commissions as follows: Community Safety Commission, Marylou Wencloff; Planning and Environment Commission, Joy Janes; and Recreation and Community Services Commission, Marty Schuster. Council Member Rogers announced that he had selected Sheila McManigal to serve on the Recreation and Community Services Commission.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS BY ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2001-15.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-15; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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**B. APPOINTMENT TO SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION**

Mayor Wagner announced that he would continue this appointment to the next regular City Council meeting to give his colleagues an opportunity to consider their availability to serve on this important board.

### **3.2 • PURCHASE OF METERS FOR AUTOMATED METER READING SYSTEM**

Director of Water Resources Jim Glancy, presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated a pilot program had been launched in 1995 to test the use of transmitting devices on large water meters so that they could be read by remote. He noted the success of the program, citing the accuracy and the large amounts of time saved. It was proposed that the program be extended to include additional large meter vaults, thereby reducing the potential safety hazards involved with lifting heavy vault lids. In order to be compatible with existing equipment, it was necessary to purchase the proposed equipment from Badger Meter Company. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of additional automated meter reading equipment in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 and approve an appropriation from the Water Revenue Fund in the amount of \$35,000.

Responding to a question from Mayor Wagner, Mr. Glancy stated that there had been a minimum of problems with the equipment.

Council Member Piercy inquired whether, with the impressive time savings already realized using the automated equipment, there was any plan to extend the use of the equipment to residential areas. Mr. Glancy responded by stating that due to the cost of the equipment, use should be limited to meter locations where there could be issues pertaining to safety or accessibility.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Mr. Glancy stated that the remote reading of the meter could be accomplished either by walking or driving by the location and that although there had been no discernable difference from previous meter readings, automated meters could still be read manually whenever necessary for verification.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:**

**AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Van Nostran, Rogers and Wagner**

**NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**

**ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel**

At 8:21 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:29 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Fred Baisley addressed the City Council regarding the Planned Parenthood office on Del Amo Boulevard.

Anthony Caldwell spoke to the Council about an alleged water crisis and the Planned Parenthood office on Del Amo Boulevard.

Rueben Reyes, Whittier, stated he was the owner of the property located at 216th Street in Lakewood and that he was interested in purchasing an adjacent lot that he had previously sold to the City of Long Beach.

David Romberg spoke about problems with boat and recreational vehicle parking and parking on street sweeping days.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(c) in One Case

Mayor Wagner announced that based upon the confidential written report of the City Attorney, the City would adjourn to a closed session to confer with or receive advice from its legal counsel pursuant to §54956.9(c) of the Government Code pertaining to its decision to initiate litigation in one case.

At 9:23 p.m., the City Council reconvened and Mayor Wagner announced that having met in closed session to receive facts and consider circumstances pertaining to its decision to initiate litigation in one case, the City Council had given instructions to its legal counsel pertaining to the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m. to May 5, 2001, at 9 a.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk