



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Special Meeting held
June 19, 2001

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 5:33 p.m. by Mayor Wagner in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Robert Wagner
Council Member Joseph Esquivel
Council Member Wayne Piercy
Council Member Todd Rogers

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Larry Van Nostran (excused)

MONTE VERDE PARK PROJECT COMPLETION

Director of Public Works, Lisa Rapp, advised the City Council that the contractor for the Monte Verde Park Project, Don Veasey Construction Company, Inc., had been having problems and for the last couple of weeks had been unable to pay their workers or sub-contractors. Staff was especially concerned since the Park was scheduled to re-open on June 30th to accommodate the City's summer day camp program. The contractor had agreed to terminate the contract and the surety that had provided the Faithful Performance and Payment bonds for the project, American Motorists Insurance Company, was willing to take over and see the project to completion. The surety company wished to formalize the arrangement through a three-party agreement with the City, the surety and the contractor. Staff had met with the sub-contractors currently scheduled for work on the project and they had indicated a willingness to continue with the work since the surety was willing to guarantee payment. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the three-party termination and completion agreement with American Motorists Insurance Company, the surety for Don Veasey Construction Company, Inc., which would terminate Public Works Contract 00-10R with Don Veasey Construction Company, Inc. for convenience and allow invoicing by the surety.

Ms. Rapp confirmed for Mayor Wagner that the City Attorney had reviewed and approved the proposed agreement, pending execution by Don Veasey Construction.

Responding to a question from Council Member Rogers, Ms. Rapp stated that there were no substantial elements of the project that would not be completed by the target date and that even the landscaping was nearing completion.

Responding to a question from Council Member Piercy, Recreation and Community Services Director Dave Rodda stated that even if some unforeseen problem prevented day camp from occupying Monte Verde Park, staff had several options for temporary backup facilities.

MONTE VERDE PARK PROJECT COMPLETION - Continued

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk