



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
July 5, 2001

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 12:00 p.m. by Mayor Wagner in the Oak Room at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

MEETING WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN STEVE HORN (REGARDING PENDING LEGISLATIVE ISSUES)

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover discussed the impact of federally regulated processes on Lakewood, noting that pending State legislation would make California standards tougher than Federal standards. Congressman Horn stated that Congress might have to provide funding to small cities to handle clean up. Mayor Wagner expressed his concern commenting that unless regulatory standards were based on good science, the money was not well spent.

WHITTIER NARROWS CONTAMINATION CONTAINMENT PROJECT

Mr. Stover noted that although funds had been appropriated for this project, there was no mechanism to distribute the money to local governments to carry it out. Mayor Wagner stated that every well would have to be cleaned up if the project was not completed before the contamination plume entered our groundwater basin, which would be a major disaster for the region.

GATEWAY COG TRANSPORTATION FUNDING REQUESTS

The Congressman was apprised of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments' request for Borders & Corridors funding in the amount of \$6 million.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

Staff briefed Congressman Horn on the need for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding, which fund the Lakewood Nuisance Property Abatement Program. Council Member Rogers expressed concern that law enforcement technology would be funded at the expense of existing worthwhile programs. Council Member Rogers restated to the Congressman that he hoped funding for existing programs would not be eliminated.

NPDES LAW-STORM WATER ISSUES

Mayor Wagner brought up the fact that Federal storm water treatment requirements were important, however they were being abused by the local regulatory agencies in California. Mayor Wagner asked Congressman Horn to use the congressional oversight process to make the point that some states were abusing the process by setting unrealistic requirements for storm water and river cleanup. Mayor Wagner requested Congressman Horn to push for realistic, practical approaches. Congressman Horn commented that he sat on the committee with oversight authority and would like to be kept informed of Lakewood's issues.

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Mayor Wagner noted that this project was on schedule. He told Congressman Horn Lakewood wanted to be taken out of the flood zone and released from mandatory insurance requirements now, since the project was almost completed. Mayor Wagner's concern was that after the completion of the flood channel, FEMA had 90 days from completion to release Lakewood from the flood zone and attendant insurance requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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