



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 25, 2001

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 8:04 p.m. by Mayor Wagner in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Council Member Wayne Piercy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Robert G. Wagner

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wagner announced that prior to the meeting over one thousand residents had participated in a "Lakewood Believes in America" rally, held in front of City Hall. He thanked Supervisor Knabe, Assembly Member Havice, State Senator Karnette, Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman and the many members of the local clergy for their participation.

Mayor Wagner acknowledged Ruth Smith for her service to the community as a member of the Recreation and Community Services Commission.

Mayor Wagner thanked Tom Swanner of Century 21 Results for his participation in the Lakewood Beautiful program.

Marie Flynn, President-elect of the Lakewood Rotary Club, gave a brief presentation on Project Shepherd, now entering its 29th year. She requested that Mayor Wagner serve as honorary chairman and that a Project Shepherd mailer be included in the City water utility billing. She noted the service to Project Shepherd of fellow Rotarians, Council Member Joe Esquivel and Council Member Wayne Piercy. Mayor Wagner responded by stating the City was happy to support such an outstanding program.

Council Member Rogers commended the City staff, the Sheriff's Department and Fire Department for the Lakewood Believes in America rally, noting that with only a short amount of preparation time, an incredible program had been put together.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held August 14, August 28, and September 11, 2001
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated August 23, August 30, September 6, and September 13, 2001
- RI-4 Approval of Permit for Mayfair High School Homecoming Parade
- RI-5 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 00-4, Emergency Water System Interconnect with the Southern California Water Company; Engineered Plumbing, Inc.
- RI-6 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with City of Cerritos for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Improvement Agreement
- RI-7 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions
- RI-8 Approval of Donation of Engine Analyzer to Lakewood High School

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 01-5; STORAGE TANKS AND DELIVERY OF 12.5% SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE *(Continued from Sept. 11, 2001)*

Larry Schroeder, Director of Finance, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and stated two bids had been received to provide sodium hypochlorite to disinfect the City's water system. Staff had determined that the low bidder was properly licensed and able to deliver the requested product. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the installation and rental of storage tanks, with bulk delivery of 12.5% sodium hypochlorite from L.A. Chemical at an anticipated cost of \$22,125.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:28 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 01-5 - Continued

Council Member Piercy inquired if staff had compared the cost of buying the storage tanks with the cost of renting. Mr. Glancy responded by stating that purchase of the tanks was very cost prohibitive, more than \$800 per location, and that staff had determined that it was much more economical to rent the tanks.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Mr. Glancy stated that the vendor would be responsible for the maintenance of the tanks.

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, Van Nostran, Rogers and Wagner

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 01-8; MAYFAIR POOL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported three bids had been received for the replacement of equipment at Mayfair Pool. Improvements would include a new liquid chlorination system, replacement of outdated pumps and filter units, and construction of a new surge tank designed to save energy costs. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details of the project; appropriate \$113,000 from the General Fund to the project account; award the contract to Mission Pools of Escondido, Inc. in the amount of \$187,249; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders as necessary not to exceed \$9,500.

Responding to a question from Council Member Piercy, Ms. Rapp stated that the wide spread in the amounts of the bids was attributable to interpretation of the specifications and availability of workforces.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:32 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 01-5; CITY HALL H.V.A.C. MODERNIZATION

The Director of Public Works gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported two bids had been received for the upgrade to the existing heating, ventilating and air conditioning system at City Hall. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project; appropriate \$42,000 from the General Fund to the project account; award a contract to Bon Air, Inc. in the amount of \$300,000; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders as necessary not to exceed \$15,000.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:35 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.4 • ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR STATE CITIZEN'S OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT 2001-02

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that Lakewood's 2001 entitlement for the Citizen's Options for Public Safety grant would be \$162,198. She advised that the funds could be used for front line law enforcement services and must be appropriated pursuant to written requests from the Station Captain and the City Manager.

Lieutenant Mike Rothans presented Captain Robert Osborne's recommendations for expenditure of the COPS grant funds. He stated that the proposed, mission specific projects were the Summer Park and Bike Patrol, a thirteen-week program which would provide two deputies to patrol all City parks; and Enhanced Criminal Enforcement and Suppression, a program which would be established to address specific crime trend issues within the City such as robbery and burglary suppression or traffic enforcement. He noted that also included in the recommendation was the inclusion of the cost of liability insurance for the mission specific projects.

Ms. Ruyle stated that the Public Safety Committee had reviewed the recommendations and found that the recommendations of the Captain and City Manager would enhance the City's current law enforcement program. She concluded by recommending that the City Council hold a public hearing, approve the recommended programs, and direct the Finance Director to appropriate the funds to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services account.

Responding to a question from Council Member Esquivel, Ms. Ruyle stated that the park bike patrol was a full-time, seven-day assignment during the summer season.

1.4 • ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR STATE CITIZEN'S OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT 2001-02 - Continued

Lt. Rothans confirmed for Council Member Rogers that the criminal suppression unit could be utilized for the mall if needed.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:41 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR LARCIS

The Deputy City Manager reported that the City had received a request from Sheriff Baca last February to participate in a program to improve technology, the Los Angeles Regional Crime Information System (LARCIS). She advised that the City Council had previously authorized the use of California Law Enforcement Equipment Program (CLEEP) funds for the project and that the County Sheriff's Department was now seeking approval of a memorandum of understanding for the funding allocation and payment schedule. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Responding to a question from Council Member Piercy, Ms. Ruyle stated that this was the first year the CLEEP funding had been available and that Sheriff Baca had been instrumental in getting the State to fund the grant.

Council Member Esquivel noted that the California Contract Cities Association fully supported the LARCIS program.

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, Van Nostran, Rogers and Wagner

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:45 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:46 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Captain Robert Osborne stated that he felt compelled to come and thank the City Council, the residents and the business community for their encouragement and show of support of the law enforcement community. He commended the City for the quality of the rally, stating that it was a very moving evening and a testimony to the kind of place that Lakewood is to live and work.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

At 8:57 p.m., the Mayor reconvened the meeting with all members present and stated that the City Council had met in closed session to receive facts and consider circumstances pertaining to its decision to initiate litigation in eminent domain proceedings against Peerless Water Company and has given its attorney instructions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. in memory of Bob Trimble, to October 2, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk