



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
July 9, 2002

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Mark Wiley, First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Larry Van Nostran

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Van Nostran announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Del Fitches, the father-in-law of Planning and Environment Commissioner Marc Titel, and also in memory of Jean Polydoros, mother of Media Operations Specialist Steve Polydoros.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Council Member Wagner requested that Routine Item 4 be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 25, 2002

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated June 20, June 27, June 28, and July 1, 2002

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-4 Approval of Room Rental Waiver and CityTV Cablecasting - Chamber of Commerce Congressional Candidates Forum

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

Council Member Wagner noted that the Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, would be sponsoring a candidates' forum on Wednesday, October 2, 2002, for the candidates running for the 39th Congressional District seat.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • PROPOSAL FROM AFFILIATED COMPUTER SYSTEMS (ACS) FOR AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S STRATEGIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Finance Director Larry Schroeder gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated a Strategic Information Technology Plan (SITP) had been completed for the City in June, 2000, to provide direction and tactical implementation of projects to meet technology goals in the most cost-effective manner. Due to advances in technology and new service opportunities, staff was recommending that the SITP be updated. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve a proposal from Affiliated Computer Systems (ACS) to develop and deliver an update to the Strategic Information Systems Plan in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • STATUS REPORT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT FORMATION COMMITTEE

Council Member Rogers stated that the City Council had previously approved a Request for Proposals process to find an experienced consultant. He noted that several proposals had been received and thanked Council Member Piercy for his input in the process. He concluded by stating that the Committee would be evaluating the proposals and would bring a recommendation to the City Council at its next meeting.

Harold Carmen, Bellflower, stated that in the interest of saving costs that the existing districts experienced during the last district organization attempt, the City's Committee should meet with Bellflower Unified School District officials to discuss the possibility of forming a Lakewood/Bellflower District.

3.2 • SCHOOL DISTRICT FORMATION COMMITTEE - Continued

Council Member Wagner stated that the Committee had an initial meeting with the Board, but noted that the representation on the board had changed last November and the current Board did not seem to have at the same level of interest as the previous Board.

Council Member Rogers stated that since the people of Lakewood had continued to express a strong interest in having their own school district, it was the intent of the City Council to pursue that possibility to the end. He also stated that it would be prudent to evaluate the option of a joint district as a future alternative.

Jeanine McManigal-Ball, Long Beach, stated that Lakewood deserved great schools and needed it's own district. She noted that Lakewood needed to demand that Long Beach Unified School District provide the best schools possible.

Jerry Cleveland, Member of the Bellflower Unified School District Board, reviewed a sequence of attempted contacts between the City and the District and stressed the importance of meeting and discussing the possibility of a joint district.

Council Member Wagner stated that the initial contact with the Board had occurred prior to the change in the representation of the Board. He stated that the Committee would be happy to meet with a 2-member committee from BUSD.

At 8:04 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:05 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Chuck Haynes commended the Sheriff's Department for their outstanding service on July 4th.

Loren Vincent urged the City Council to ban all fireworks.

Jerry Cleveland, spoke in favor of allowing the use of legal fireworks and stated that perhaps if the professional fireworks show at Mayfair Park on July 4th were re-instituted, there would be a reduction in the use of illegal fireworks.

Lieutenant Mike Rothans, Lakewood Sheriff's Station, stated that the July 4th enforcement operation was a combined effort of City staff and Sheriff's personnel. He reported that prior to the holiday, Sheriff's personnel had contacted residents in the areas of complaint from the previous year, as well as all block party applicants. He reported that there had been 122 fireworks-related calls on July 4th, with the seizure of illegal fireworks and the issuance of fifteen citations.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Continued

Vice Mayor Esquivel commended the Sheriff's Department for a job well done.

Mayor Van Nostran stated that although the use of illegal fireworks was extremely difficult to control since they were so easy to obtain, things had been much better than the previous year and that they were on the right track toward controlling the problem.

Paul Cleveland supported the continued use of safe and sane fireworks. He stated fireworks were an important part of July 4th celebrations and that illegal fireworks were appearing everywhere, even cities that ban all fireworks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. in memory of Del Fitches and Jean Polydoros.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk