



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
July 23, 2002

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

INVOCATION was offered by Elie Morrissy, Lakewood Baha'i Faith Community

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop 252

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 Assistant Fire Chief Paul Schuster would be leaving his Lakewood assignment and presented a City plaque to him in recognition of his service to the Lakewood community.

Mayor Van Nostran asked that Lieutenant Mike Rothans, Lakewood Sheriff's Station, go over the expanded deployment utilized by the Department on the 4th of July.

Lt. Rothans reported that the Sheriff's Department had worked closely with City staff to enforce the new fireworks ordinance. Provisions of the new ordinance had been publicized over the City's cable network and newsletter and in flyers distributed by the fireworks stand operators to all customers. He stated that prior to the holiday, a Sheriff's unit had contacted residents in areas where there had been previous complaints and all of the block party permit holders. He reported that there were 17 additional deputies on duty on July 4th, with an especially high visibility around the City parks. He noted that the illegal fireworks were very difficult to control because they were so easily accessible through the Internet, local Indian reservations and in neighboring states. He reported that although over 9,800 pieces of illegal fireworks had been confiscated in Lakewood, there had been no reported injuries or property damage.

Mayor Van Nostran asked about the number of deputies out on July 4th. Lt. Rothans reported that while on July 4, 2001, there had been 8 deputies on patrol in the City, on July 4, 2002, there had been 25 deputies on patrol. Mayor Van Nostran commended the Lakewood Sheriff's Station for an outstanding job, noting that this was a giant step in the right direction.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

RI-1 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-2 Approval of Registers of Demands dated July 3, and July 11, 2002

RI-3 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-51; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 12 P.M. ON MONDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF DEL HOLLOW STREET BETWEEN ELDERHALL AVENUE AND MEADOW WOOD AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-52; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF WOODRUFF EAST SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN REVA STREET AND THE SOUTHERLY CUL-DE-SAC

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-53; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-54; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-55; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-56; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MORE THAN THREE YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-57; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-59; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-6 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-7 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 02-4; City Cable TV-HVAC Modernization; Barr Engineering, Inc.

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-60; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 92-36 PERTAINING TO THE LOW-INCOME EXEMPTION OF THE UTILITY USERS TAX

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-61; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A "THREE MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 7 A.M. TO 4 P.M." ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF HACKETT AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-10 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 01-7, Traffic Signal Left Turn Phasing - Clark & South, L.A. Signal

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Larry Schroeder, Director of Finance, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that pursuant to Section 3500 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, the City Council had adopted a resolution in May directing the preparation of a Report of Delinquent Fees as of May 31, 2002. He stated that 316 notices had been mailed and although some payments had been made, at the close of the day's business, 240 accounts remained unpaid. He concluded by recommending the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2002-62.

1.1 • REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-62; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE, AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAY 31, 2002

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:46 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 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2002-62. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE TRUCK IMPACTED INTERSECTION PROJECT

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) had contracted for a study to look at the truck-related impacts on intersections throughout the Gateway COG area. As a result of the study, two intersections in Lakewood had been identified where mitigation measures would improve traffic flow. The intersection of South Street and Bellflower Boulevard would receive protected left-turn phasing for the east/west approaches, and the intersection of South Street and Woodruff Avenue would be fitted with new five-section signal heads and video detection cameras to replace existing traffic loops. The project would be managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and funded through the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, with a ten percent funding match by the City, in the amount of \$11,719. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2002-63, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-63; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, A CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, FOR WORK ON TRUCK IMPACTED INTERSECTIONS AND TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S 10% COST SHARE

3.1 • COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY CITIES COG FOR THE TRUCK IMPACTED INTERSECTION PROJECT - Continued

Ms. Rapp clarified for Council that the video detection cameras were for triggering the left-turn arrows when a vehicle is waiting in the left-turn pocket and would replace the traffic loop system buried under the pavement which triggered the signals by weight. She stated that residents should not confuse them with cameras used in other areas to identify vehicles failing to stop for red lights.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2002-63. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • AGREEMENT WITH MANAGEMENT, ANALYSIS, AND PLANNING (MAP), INC. FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSULTANT SERVICES

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported three proposals had been received for school district consultant services and had been reviewed by the School District Formation Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee had found Management, Analysis, and Planning, Inc. (MAP) to have the most responsive proposal. The MAP proposal included an initial evaluation of the current educational delivery system which could be used as a basis for recommendations for strategies to achieve unification of the schools in Lakewood as well as improvements to the current educational delivery system. She briefly outlined the five steps to be completed and the qualifications of the MAP staff. It was the recommendation of the Committee that the City Council enter into an agreement Management, Analysis, and Planning, Inc. for school consulting services; appropriate \$139,000 for the service agreement; authorize the City Manager to approve necessary enhancements to the scope of services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and authorize the execution of an agreement as prepared by the City Attorney.

Mark Smith, Joel Barton and Jeanine McManigal-Ball, Long Beach, spoke in favor of hiring the consultant.

Jerry Cleveland urged the City Council not to spend any money on a consultant and pursue a joint Lakewood/Bellflower District instead.

Del Duke stated he was a retired teacher and his children had attended schools in the Long Beach Unified District and he felt they had been well served.

Council Member Rogers thanked everyone for their comments. He stated that having previously met with Mr. Cleveland, he had a good idea of what was involved with the Bellflower Unified proposal. He noted, however, that seventy percent of the people in Lakewood had expressed support for the formation of a Lakewood district, not to just be part

3.2 • AGREEMENT WITH MANAGEMENT, ANALYSIS, AND PLANNING (MAP), INC. FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSULTANT SERVICES - Continued

of an existing district. He stated that the study was necessary to explore the feasibility of a Lakewood district, and if it was determined not to be feasible, to explore other options. He stated he felt the cost was a small price to pay in order to acquire a definitive study that would provide a clear picture of how to improve the educational system in Lakewood. He concluded by stating that an adversarial process was not wanted by anyone and that he hoped the outcome of the study would provide a win-win situation for all involved.

Council Member Piercy stated it was time to move ahead on this issue and that he felt the material provided by MAP showed exactly the type of philosophy and approach that should have been used from the beginning. He further stated that the analysis to determine the actual quality of the present educational delivery system would let us know where we actually stand and would offer the opportunity to de-politicize the process. He stated that what was really needed at this point was actual data, not just more talking. He expressed his total support for retaining the consultant.

Council Member Wagner stated that he was not precluding any options at this point, but that he felt the study would provide a good basis for what options existed. He stated it was important that the study be done in a professional manner and a cooperative relationship be established and maintained with the school districts. He noted that while Long Beach Unified may have once provided a good education to Lakewood residents, he did not feel that was the case any more.

Vice Mayor Esquivel stated he supported the statements of his colleagues and stressed that the people of Lakewood have mandated that they want their own district. He stated that it was a good proposal and agreed that the study would provide an opportunity to take politics out of the process. He concluded by stating he would support staff's recommendation.

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

MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO HAVE THE CONSULTANT REPORT ON PROGRESS, IN WRITING, TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH.

Council Member Piercy stated that it was important for the entire City Council to be involved, be cooperative and stay informed.

Gerald Hayward, MAP, stated his firm would be happy to provide reports on their progress on a monthly basis.

3.2 • AGREEMENT WITH MANAGEMENT, ANALYSIS, AND PLANNING (MAP), INC. FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSULTANT SERVICES - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MEYER AND ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO DESIGN LANDSCAPE FOR PIONEER BOULEVARD MEDIAN

The Director of Public Works gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported one of the planned capital improvement projects for the year was for landscaping the median on Del Amo Boulevard between Palo Verde Avenue and the San Gabriel River. She stated that because a major street rehabilitation project was planned on Pioneer Boulevard from Carson Street to Del Amo Boulevard, it would be opportune to complete landscaping of that median first. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council amend an existing agreement with Meyer and Associates for the design of landscape for the Pioneer Boulevard median; and approve substitution of the Pioneer Median Landscape project in place of the Del Amo project budgeted for FY 2002-03.

Mayor Van Nostran stated that portion of Del Amo Boulevard was a gateway into the City from the east and that he would really like to see that landscaping project completed as well. He quizzed the Finance Director about whether there were sufficient funds available to complete both projects in this fiscal year. Mr. Schroeder responded that there were funds available.

MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,750 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD PROJECT AND TO BRING AN ESTIMATE FOR THE DESIGN OF PIONEER BOULEVARD PROJECT BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Council Member Piercy determined from the Public Works Director that staff would work with the landscape architect to provide a cost estimate for both projects and that cost savings might be realized by bidding both projects together.

Responding to a question from Mayor Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp reported that the projects could be scheduled so that they were completed prior to the holiday season.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.4 • REPLACEMENT OF HP 9000 COMPUTER AND OPERATING SYSTEM

The Director of Finance gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated the City's Financial Management Information System (FMIS) was run on a HP 9000 computer which was outdated and would no longer be supported by Hewlett Packard. Since the FMIS was scheduled for replacement within the next several years, staff was recommending that a fully warranted, re-marketed HP computer be used to replace the existing system. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the transfer of the current FMIS from the HP9000 onto a HP rp5400 computer, including set, program transfer, program recompiling, reprogramming, data transfer, testing and training at a cost of \$88,750; and to appropriate \$46,705 to the project account.

VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY 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

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At 8:27 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:28 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Debbie Smith thanked the Council for retaining the school district consultant.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on August 13, 2002, in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk