



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
November 18, 2003

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

INVOCATION was offered by Elie Morrissy, Lakewood Bahá'í Faith Community

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Wayne E. Piercy

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Jack Hazelrigg, District Manager for the Greater L.A. Vector Control District, made a slide presentation on the potential hazards to public health from the mosquito-transmitted West Nile virus, which was expected to reach Southern California in the next 3 to 4 months.

Council Member Wagner expressed concern over certain storm water devices mandated by the Regional Water Quality Board since areas of standing water were prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Dr. Hazelrigg responded by stating that the Vector Control District had been at the forefront of the dispute over the use of such devices, but their concerns had been disregarded by the Regional Water Quality Board.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Dr. Hazelrigg stated the Vector Control District was prepared to increase spraying wherever an adult mosquito population was found.

Mayor Esquivel suggested that staff obtain a copy of the Vector Control District's video on the subject of West Nile Virus to be run as a public service on cable television.

Mayor Esquivel announced that the Council Meeting would be adjourned in memory of Council Member Piercy's sister-in-law, Nancy Hughey.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held October 14, 2003

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated October 23, October 30, November 6, and November 13, 2003

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-91; 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 TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF FLORCRAFT AVENUE BETWEEN 209TH STREET AND THE NORTHERLY CUL DE SAC

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-92; 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 TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF THORNLAKE AVENUE BETWEEN RENVILLE STREET AND THE NORTHERLY CUL DE SAC

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-93; 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 TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF 208TH STREET BETWEEN ALBURTIS AVENUE AND THE WESTERLY CUL DE SAC

RI-5 Approval of Entry Permit for Chamber of Commerce Rose Parade Parking at the Civic Center

RI-6 Approval of Agreement for 2004 Patriot's Day Concert Band

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-94; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CENTRALIA STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-95; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF HASTON PLACE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-96; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 208TH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-8 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-9 Approval of Encroachment Permit for Fence at Dunrobin Avenue

RI-10 Approval of Additional Work at Well 12, Public Works Project No. 02-7

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-10, TRAFFIC SIGNAL - CANDLEWOOD BETWEEN GRAYWOOD AND CLARK AVENUES

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that a bid had been received for the installation of a new traffic signal to be located on Candlewood Street, between Graywood and Clark Avenues. The bid had been reviewed by staff and the design consultant, Willdan, and had been determined to be within an acceptable range. Construction on the project was schedule to begin in January, 2004, with completion by mid-February. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project; appropriate \$110,000 from the General Fund for the project; award a contract to Dynalectric of Los Alamitos in the amount of \$89,955; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$10,000.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp advised that once the traffic signal had been installed and tested, striping and signage would be changed to prohibit left turns from adjacent driveways.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • HOTELS, MOTELS AND EXTENDED STAY FACILITIES

Chuck Ebner, Director of Community Development, reported that the proposed ordinance to establish appropriate regulations for hotels, motels and extended stay facilities had been introduced and a public hearing held at the last regular City Council meeting. He stated that the ordinance was presented for second reading and adoption at this time.

2.1 • HOTELS, MOTELS AND EXTENDED STAY FACILITIES – Continued

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-8; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO HOTELS, MOTELS, AND EXTENDED STAY FACILITIES was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2003-8. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2003-8. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PROPOSED 55TH WAY PARK IN LONG BEACH

The Community Development Director displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet. He reported that a Draft Environmental Impact Report had been received for the proposed park at 55th Way in the City of Long Beach. He presented the areas of concern and possible mitigating measures. Staff had concluded that the project should be put on hold until Long Beach was able to acquire the commercial property directly in front of the proposed site, as this would provide visibility from Paramount Boulevard. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council direct staff to submit a letter from the Mayor presenting Lakewood's concerns, comments and recommendations to the City of Long Beach.

Lieutenant Mark Weldon, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, presented the Public Safety Issues. He stated that the major problems with the site were the lack of visibility from the nearest major street, Paramount Boulevard, or from neighboring residences; no commitment for full-time staffing for the facility, only a ranger patrol; the single point of entry would severely impact the ability of law enforcement to monitor activity; the challenges of being located on city boundary lines, including calls for law enforcement going to both LBPD and the Lakewood Sheriff's station; and an overall increase in calls for service. He concluded by stating the Sheriff's Department was very concerned about the project.

Mike Conway, Real Estate Officer for the City of Long Beach, responded to questions about the proposed park.

3.1 • DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PROPOSED 55TH WAY PARK IN LONG BEACH - Continued

In response to a question from Council Member Van Nostran regarding soil testing at the site, Mr. Conway stated that the site was actually one quarter of an old landfill site. He reported that many soil samples had been taken and many agencies had been involved in the closure of the landfill. He also noted that the area where the park would be located was on an area that contained only construction debris from the 1940's.

When questioned about the potential for crime at the site which would be located in an area with high crime statistics, Mr. Conway stated that because there was a lack of recreational facilities in that area of Long Beach, it was hoped that the proposed park would bring in more desirable uses.

Responding to questions from Council Member Piercy, Mr. Conway stated that the site plan circulated with the EIR illustrated the highest intensity use for the property and that the actual development plan would be less intensive. Council Member Piercy suggested that the placement of a passive use adjacent to the residential areas would mean fewer problems with the surrounding residents. Mr. Conway answered Council Member Piercy's concern about the single entrance to the facility by stating that there would also be pedestrian access through the adjacent trailer park.

Council Member Wagner inquired about the grade difference between the proposed park site and the adjacent tank farm. Mr. Ebner responded by stating that the park site was approximately 10- to 12-feet higher than either the tank farm site or the bordering residential area, and that the lot gradually slopes down across the front commercial property meeting grade at Paramount Boulevard. Mr. Conway advised Council Member Wagner that an additional 4-foot cap was necessary across the site in order to comply with new environmental regulations and to provide proper drainage pattern. Mr. Conway advised that the site could not be excavated without the danger of undermining support for the rest of the original landfill site. Council Member Wagner stated that it might be different if there was any assurance from Long Beach that the rest of the property would be developed. He stated that he seriously questioned what families would be likely to frequent such a secluded, unsupervised site and whether it would ever be other than a drain on law enforcement resources.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that while he could appreciate Long Beach's desire to put a park into that area of their city, and that the appropriate type of development could be an asset, he felt that the development as proposed would be a liability for both the Long Beach Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. He noted that from a law enforcement standpoint, this kind of development at this type of site held nightmare potential. He stated that the fundamental issue was staffing of the proposed park, since without staff present during the hours the park was open there was no assurance that law-abiding residents visiting the park could be protected. He concluded by stating that although providing a new recreational area was a great idea, the current proposal was likely to be more of a liability.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired about financing for the proposed park in light of Long Beach's well-publicized budget difficulties. Mr. Conway stated that redevelopment funds had already been set aside for the completion of this project.

3.1 • DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PROPOSED 55TH WAY PARK IN LONG BEACH - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF STAFF. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • PURCHASE OF LIVE-SCAN DIGITAL FINGERPRINT SYSTEM

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that with the implementation of the Live-Scan Program by the California Department of Justice, digitized fingerprints could be submitted electronically and background checking automated. The equipment cut not only the amount of time needed to collect the fingerprints, but reduced the processing time from as long as 6 weeks to, in most cases, 72 hours or less. She noted that since fingerprints were processed for City employees, contract instructors, volunteer coaches and other community volunteers, a substantial amount of time could be saved by utilizing the Live-Scan System. Staff was proposing the addition of a Live-Scan System to be located at the Community Safety Center in the Lakewood Mall for use by Mall deputies with shoplifting or other criminal suspects, as well as for City employee and volunteer checks. She advised that the equipment qualified for funding through the California Law Enforcement Equipment Program (CLEEP) and could be acquired through the Sheriff's Department vendor. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of the Applicant Live-Scan Program System with annual on-site maintenance, and authorize the City Manager to apply for authorization to use Live-Scan through the Department of Justice.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Lt. Weldon stated that the Live-Scan Program was a state-of-the-art system and was compatible with equipment being utilized at the Lakewood Station.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT REGARDING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR ESQUIVEL TO THEIR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO RE-APPOINT MAYOR JOSEPH ESQUIVEL TO AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR TERM. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 8:52 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:53 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of Nancy Hughey.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk