



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
April 20, 2004

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:35a.m. by Mayor Todd Rogers in the Executive Board Room, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Several Sheriff's Department Lakewood Team Members and
Lakewood City Staff Members

L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/COUNCIL BREAKFAST

City Manager Howard Chambers gave a briefing on issues facing Lakewood, the development of the city budget, the State budget crisis and how it was affecting city and county services, the expansion of the Lakewood Station, various Public Works projects and the Summer Parks Program.

Captain Dave Fender, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, reviewed crime statistics in Lakewood, stating that the city was safe and had an overall low crime level. Captain Fender stated that there was also an increase in petty thefts and arrests at the Mall that could be attributed to the merchants being more informed on Business Watch and crime prevention. The Captain also discussed the frustration of the deputies because of the lack of jail sentencing for minor crimes and the reduced jail time for felons.

Lakewood's law enforcement technician and the deputies discussed various issues and programs to keep Lakewood safe. Further discussion ensued regarding the Lakewood Latent Fingerprint Program; Lakewood Center Mall; Pacific Theaters; Lakewood Sheriff's Community Safety Center and the Live Scan system; traffic enforcement concerns impacting Candlewood Street and the new Target store; parole and probation search operations; and specific investigations in Lakewood.

The City Council requested that the Public Safety Committee review the problems at the Pacific Theaters and any ordinances or curfew laws the city could develop to assist the deputies. Staff was also requested to discuss with the Mall management enforcement of policies to reduce petty thefts at the Lakewood Center.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC

City Clerk

Recorded by:

Sandi Ruyle

Deputy City Manager