



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
April 12, 2005

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**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 Reverend Charles Atherton, Life Center Assembly of God Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Steve Croft

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Mayor Joseph Esquivel  
Vice Mayor Larry Van Nostran  
Council Member Steve Croft  
Council Member Diane DuBois  
Council Member Todd Rogers

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Library Manager Donna Walters, of the Iacoboni Library, made a brief presentation about National Library Week and invited the community to come to the Lakewood libraries and be involved in the summer programs and activities for children. Mayor Esquivel presented a proclamation to Ms. Walters, and to Cathy Saldin, of the Nye Library, in Recognition of National Library Week.

Mayor Esquivel announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Catherine Helms, an outstanding community volunteer serving with Lakewood Meals on Wheels and City elections.

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### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 22, 2005

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated March 17, March 22, March 24, and March 31, 2005

RI-4 Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Water Storage Facility Inspection

RI-5 Approval of Agreement with Meyer & Associates for Architectural Services for Rynerson Park Picnic Shelter Roof Replacement Project

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

RI-6 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with Meyer & Associates for Centre Waterproofing and Mayfair Park Re-Roofing

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2005-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • APPEAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 771, PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FOUR-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11540 216TH STREET** *(Continued from February 8, 2005)*

City Attorney Steve Skolnik announced that the appellant had reached an agreement with the property owner and withdrawn the appeal.

**1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-3, MAJOR & LOCAL STREET REHAB - CDBG - 2005**

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported six bids had been received for a project to resurface residential streets and alleys, commercial alleys and the Rynerson Park parking lot. She reviewed the funding sources for the project and stated that staff had verified the licenses and references for the low bidder. She noted that the project was scheduled to begin in May and be completed by August. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award a contract to Silvia Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,642,982; authorize the appropriation and reprogramming of \$198,180 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the project; authorize a \$250,000 loan from the Redevelopment Agency to the General Fund, to be used for rehabilitation of alleys located in the Redevelopment Project Areas; appropriate \$163,000 from the General Fund to the project account; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of contract change orders, as needed, not to exceed \$265,000.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran complimented the Public Works Director on the quantity and quality of the resurfacing work completed to date. He referenced a map showing the areas where repaving had already been completed and inquired how much street rehabilitation work remained. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that since the year 2000, about 65 percent of the City's streets had been resurfaced.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

**1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-3, MAJOR & LOCAL STREET REHAB - CDBG – 2005 - Continued**

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-2, BOYAR PARK FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Director of Public Works gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated two bids had been received for replacement of fencing at Mae Boyar Park. She reported that this project, which would replace existing chain link fencing on the park's east boundary with non-climbable, steel mesh fence and with new chain link fencing in other areas, would complete the first phase of improvements to this park. She noted that although the low bidder had not submitted the form acknowledging their receipt of the project addendum, since the City Clerk had documentation that the addendum had been mailed and received by the bidder, staff was requesting the City Council waive the form submittal as a minor irregularity. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the plans, specifications, and working details for the project; waive the minor irregularity regarding the acknowledgement receipt form; award the contract to Guardian Fence, Inc. in the amount of \$41,780; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders as necessary, not to exceed \$10,000.

Council Member Croft, noting that the same steel mesh fencing was in service along the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail, inquired about the durability of the fencing. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the fencing had been performing well and had proven to be very vandalism resistant.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

#### **1.4 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 05-2, STORAGE TANKS AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE**

Finance Director Larry Schroeder gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported two bids had been received for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite that would be used for disinfection by the City's Water Resources Department. After analyzing the bids presented based upon the quantities historically purchased, it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of 12.5% sodium hypochlorite in bulk delivery, and the installation and rental of storage tanks from Los Angeles Chemical Co., at an anticipated annual cost of \$61,776.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Water Resources Director Jim Glancy stated that the subject chemical was similar to double-strength bleach.

Council Member Croft inquired about the basis for rental of storage tanks. Mr. Glancy responded by stating that since the tanks were expensive to purchase and did not have a long useful life, it was more cost effective for the City to rent them and have the service provider maintain them under contract.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

#### **3.1 • IR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING 2005 INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated the Intergovernmental Relations Committee formulated annual goals for presentation to the City Council to focus the efforts of the City's professional legislative representatives and authorize participation in coalitions of cities and other agencies to work to affect Federal and State decision-making. He briefly reviewed the status of 2004 priorities and the recommended priorities for 2005. It was the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee that the City Council adopt the 2005 Intergovernmental Relations Goals.

Noting that the new legislative season was already underway, Council Member Rogers inquired about new legislation that would be in conflict with the City's goals. Mr. Stover responded by stating that there were a number of assaults on local land use control, especially in the housing area, which would need to be closely monitored.

**3.1 • 2005 INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS & PRIORITIES** – Cont.  
VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2005 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS  
AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.2 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS,  
ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES**

Mayor Esquivel presented his organizational and committee appointments.

**ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

California Contract Cities

Association DuBois - Representative Esquivel - Alternate

California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority Van Nostran - Representative Esquivel - Alternate

Consolidated Youth Services Network

Policy Board Rogers - Representative Croft - Alternate

Advisory Board Carol Flynn Jacoby (Admin.)

So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly Croft – Representative DuBois – Alternate

Gateway Cities COG Board

DuBois - Representative Esquivel - Alternate

Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District Esquivel - Representative

Job Training Partnership Act

SELACO WIB Croft - Policy Board  
Pam Hyland - Advisory Board

League of California Cities

L.A. County Division DuBois - Representative Esquivel - Alternate

City Selection Committee Esquivel - Representative Rogers - Alternate

Annual League Conference Esquivel - Representative Van Nostran - Alternate

L.A. County Sanitation

District #3 & #19 Esquivel - Representative Van Nostran - Alternate

Southeast Water Coalition

Rogers - Representative Croft - Alternate

**3.2 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES – Continued**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Intergovernmental Relations	Esquivel - Chair	Van Nostran - Member
Lakewood Schools	Rogers - Chair	Van Nostran - Member
Solid Waste Management	DuBois - Chair	Esquivel - Member
Public Safety	Van Nostran - Chair	Rogers - Member
Park Development/Community Services	Croft - Chair	DuBois - Member
Water Resources	Esquivel - Chair	Croft - Member
Community Promotion	Rogers - Chair	Van Nostran - Member

With the retirement of Council Members Piercy and Wagner, it was also necessary to make several adjustments to current ad hoc committees.

Paramount Unified School District	Rogers - Member	Croft - Member
Library Funding	Croft - Member	DuBois - Member
Centre Concessionaire	Rogers - Member	Van Nostran - Member

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel  
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.3 • COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE 2005 CIVIC CENTER BLOCK PARTY**

The Assistant City Manager displayed slides and gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda. He stated that an estimated 8,000 people had attended the 2004 block party and fireworks display. The Community Promotions Committee had reviewed and made recommendations for a 2005 Civic Center block party event, which would be patterned after the 2004 event, by building on the successful components and re-working other areas. He presented a video clip of the recommended entertainment group and presented details of the relocated restaurant service area.

**3.3 • THE 2005 CIVIC CENTER BLOCK PARTY – Continued**

Recreation and Community Services Director Joan Biegel presented the plan for the expanded children's activities area, south of the Iacoboni Library. The area would include bounce houses, slides, radar speed pitch and various carnival games. Also included within this area would be a small stage providing live entertainment for children.

Mr. Stover concluded by stating that it was the recommendation of the Community Promotions Committee that the City Council authorize the 2005 Civic Center Block Party event to be held on Saturday, July 2, 2005; approve the draft conceptual site plan; authorize an agreement with The MVPs LLC for concert entertainment, and appropriate \$14,000 for concert entertainment, lighting and sound contractual services and amenities; and approve the proposed terms and conditions for the restaurant component and designate the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries as the nonprofit organization sponsor.

Council Member DuBois inquired about supervision in the children's area. Ms. Biegel responded by stating that although there would be staff assigned for supervision in the children's area, it would not be set up to provide child care services, rather to encourage family participation.

Council Member Croft commended the members of the Community Promotion Committee for doing a good job of building on last year's successful event.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.4 • 2004 AND 2005 TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM FOR LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION**

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated that with the assistance of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, the City had received a Technology Grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$195,825 for technology upgrades on the Sheriff's Station Renovation Project. She advised that the 2004 grant would be used to provide the wiring, cabling and electronic capabilities in the Station design and that the City had been encouraged to apply for a 2005 grant, which could be used to provide the computer equipment and related software and devices. She noted that the deadline to submit a grant application was May 1, 2005. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the City Manager and Station Commander to submit an application for the 2005 COPS Technology Grant.

**3.4 • 2004 AND 2005 TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM FOR LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION - Continued**

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.5 • DESIGN OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT CLARK AVENUE AND CANDLEWOOD STREET**

The Director of Public Works gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported that with a pending development for the northeast corner of Clark Avenue and Candlewood Street, a traffic study had been initiated for that intersection. To accommodate the new development, the City's engineering consultant, Willdan, had recommended the expansion of the left-turn lane on Candlewood Street to northbound Clark Avenue from one to two lanes, with a fully protected left-turn signal. It was the recommendation of the Community Safety Commission that the City Council authorize Willdan to proceed with the preparation of plans, specifications and construction estimate for the traffic improvements for an amount of \$8,800.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the dual left-turn design would allow vehicles to turn into the proposed development, with driveway access relocated to the far northern end of the property.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE WILLDAN TO DESIGN THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.6 • RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Vice Mayor Van Nostran stated that during his term as mayor, Council Member Rogers had appointed Council Members Van Nostran and Wagner as a committee to review and recommend updates to the employment contract between the City and City Manager Howard Chambers. He advised that the committee had worked closely with the City Attorney to draft a new agreement in conformance with current State law.

**3.6 • CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - Continued**

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

1) Correspondence from L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe Regarding Funding for the Paramount Boulevard Rehabilitation Project

Mayor Esquivel read excerpts from a letter received from LA County Supervisor Don Knabe which advised that the County would provide design services and, using Surface Transportation Program local funds or a future Federal appropriation, administer and finance construction of the proposed improvements on Paramount Boulevard.

2) - Correspondence from Los Angeles County City Selection Committee Regarding a Nomination for the MTA Board of Directors

- Correspondence from Long Beach Council Member Bonnie Lowenthal and Maywood Council Member Samuel Peña Regarding Appointment to the MTA Board of Directors

Mayor Esquivel advised that he had received a number of letters regarding the pending nomination of a City Selection Committee member for appointment to the MTA Board of Directors.

Council Member Rogers stated that there were three qualified candidates for the appointment, but he personally had only heard from Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach. He stated that based on the level of interest shown by Council Member Lowenthal and her supporters, he would recommend the City Council support her.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO SUPPORT BONNIE LOWENTHAL OF LONG BEACH AS NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE MTA BOARD. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:30 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:36 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. to Friday, April 15, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at Monte Verde Park. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Catherine Helms.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk