



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 26, 2005

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 Sam Wilder, West Lakewood Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Diane DuBois

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Esquivel announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Deane Dana, formerly the Supervisor for the County of Los Angeles, 4th District.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held April 12, and April 15, 2005

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated April 7, and April 14, 2005

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2005-8; 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 FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF LOS COYOTES DIAGONAL WEST SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN HARVEY WAY AND STEVELY AVENUE

RI-5 Approval of Quitclaim of Water Main Easement, 3820 Cherry Avenue

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2005-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF CONQUISTA AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-7 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-8 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-9 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with West Coast Arborists for Tree Maintenance Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID NO. 05-3, TRAILER-MOUNTED WATER VACUUM

Finance Director Larry Schroeder gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated that in response to three bid packages distributed, one sealed bid had been received for the purchase of a trailer-mounted water vacuum. He advised that replacement of the vacuum system currently in use was necessary as it had limited capacity and was seven years old. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of the Pacific-Tek trailer mounted vacuum system for \$58,671.50 from W.B. Equipment.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR CRIMINAL ABATEMENT TEAM

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated that although Federal funding available through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant continued to decrease each year, the City was eligible to claim an entitlement grant of \$39,272 through the Justice Assistance Grant Program. As in past years, City staff and the Captain of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station were recommending

1.2 • JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR CRIMINAL ABATEMENT TEAM - Continued

that the funding continue to be utilized to help fund the Special Assignment Deputy on the City's Crime, Public Nuisance and Property Abatement Team, an eligible expenditure of these grant funds. A public hearing and 30-day comment period were required for the grant. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing; establish a public comments period through May 26, 2005; approve the submittal of Justice Assistance Grant Program funding for the Crime, Public Nuisance and Property Abatement Team deputy; and authorize the City Manager to apply for the grant on or after May 26, 2005.

Council Member Croft inquired about the term of the Justice Assistance Grant Program. Mr. Stover responded by stating that although funding had been received for the past five years through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, it had been re-configured into the Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran stated that this grant program was a classic example of how grant funds were made available to start new programs, only to have the funding pulled, leaving cities scrambling to find other funding for the new program. He noted that the Abatement Team had proven to be a very good and successful program.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

2.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Mayor Esquivel announced that appointments would be made to the City's three commissions.

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION

Ben Maleki by Council Member Croft

Herb Axup by Council Member DuBois

Chuck Haynes by Vice Mayor Van Nostran

Bill Baca by Council Member Rogers

Lynda Carter by Mayor Esquivel

2.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS - Continued

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Jan McKinnon by Council Member Croft

Joy Janes by Council Member DuBois

Sean Piazza by Vice Mayor Van Nostran

Vicki Stuckey by Council Member Rogers

Ron Wade by Mayor Esquivel

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Ben Delarosa by Council Member Croft

Kirk Real by Council Member DuBois

Nancy Piazza by Vice Mayor Van Nostran

Steve Richard by Council Member Rogers

Jeff Wood by Mayor Esquivel

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2005-10. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF CUSTOM CARPETING FOR THE CENTRE

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated the carpeting on the stairway, second floor lobby and ballroom of The Centre had reached the end of its useful life and had been budgeted for replacement this year. Because appearance was a priority for this type of facility and since there was the need for coordination of material finishes, a hospitality designer had been consulted and four coordinating patterns had been selected, from commercial grade carpet designed to withstand the heavy traffic usage of a public facility. The carpet would be purchased directly from the mill and shipped out in time for installation by a certified installer. The installation would be completed under a public works contract during several weeks in July that had already been blocked on the Centre schedule. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the sole source purchase of custom carpeting for The Centre second floor with Milliken Hospitality Carpets in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 and authorize the Purchasing Officer to negotiate the purchase agreement.

Council Member DuBois, noting the carpeting in the Council wing of The Centre was the same age, inquired if replacement was scheduled there as well. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the Council wing carpeting was not as worn and would not be scheduled for replacement until other scheduled repairs had been completed.

3.1 • CUSTOM CARPETING FOR THE CENTRE - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF CUSTOM CARPETING FOR THE CENTRE AND NEGOTIATION OF THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • AGREEMENT WITH OMB ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS FOR LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS DESIGN FOR SHERIFF'S STATION RENOVATION PROJECT

The Director of Public Works gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported that with construction documents for the Sheriff Station Expansion Project more than sixty percent completed, it was necessary to retain a consultant to design the various Low-Voltage Systems, such as radio and wireless communications, paging, tactical radio and others, needed for the facility. City staff and a Sheriff's Department representative had interviewed three experienced consultants and were recommending the selection of OMB Electrical Engineers, Inc., based on their experience with similar work. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve an agreement with OMB Electrical Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and appropriate \$25,000 from the General Fund into the project account.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN 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

3.3 • PURCHASE OF DESKTOP COMPUTER

The Director of Finance gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported that with over 150 desktop computers in service, the City had an ongoing replacement program. He noted that since the two-year suspension of the program due to budget constraints, some of the oldest systems were in need of replacements. He advised that the City was eligible to participate in the State of California CMAS purchasing program which would allow for the purchase of twenty-five Dell computers for \$39,635.25. He noted that the City's Purchasing Officer had also been able to negotiate with Dell for an additional reduction. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of twenty-five desktop computers, including monitors and delivery, from Dell at a total cost of \$30,894.

3.3 • PURCHASE OF DESKTOP COMPUTER - Continued

Vice Mayor Van Nostran questioned why the quoted price was so much lower than the CMAS price. Mr. Schroeder responded by stating that prices for computer components fluctuated a great deal and that the City was also eligible for additional discounts when buying in quantity.

Council Member Rogers, noting that the City's replacement program had been suspended due to fiscal constraints, inquired how long the current equipment had been in service. Mr. Schroeder responded by stating that the oldest machines currently in service were seven years old.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.4 • ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GEOSCIENCE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY WELL DESIGN

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported the City was currently in negotiations with the Long Beach Water Department for an agreement that would include the drilling and equipping of an Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well and pipeline. The joint project with the related piping, was eligible for grant funding through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. In response to a Request for Proposals, GEOSCIENCE Support Services had submitted a proposal for the first phase of the well design. He noted that it would be prudent to proceed with the design phase, even though negotiations were still being conducted as the plans and specifications could still be utilized later for a Lakewood well, even if an agreement with Long Beach was not reached.

Responding to a question from Council Member Croft, City Attorney Steve Skolnik stated that although this item had been brought to the City Council prior to the completion of negotiations, significant progress had been made and a final agreement was close.

Mr. Glancy responded to questions from Vice Mayor Van Nostran by stating that one of the tasks that GEOSCIENCE would be assisting with would be the selecting of an appropriate site for the new well which would minimize any impact to existing City wells.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN 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 • AUTHORIZATION FOR RE-BID OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-2, BOYAR PARK FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Director of Public Works gave an oral presentation and stated that matters had changed since the memo contained in the agenda was distributed. She advised that the contractor who had been awarded the contract for Public Works Project No. 05-2 had notified the City that they did not intend to execute the contract due to lack of required insurance and the cost to acquire said coverage. Upon receiving said notification, staff had contact the surety for the contractor to make a claim against the bid bond submitted with the project bid. Staff had been contacted again today by the contractor, Guardian Fence, Inc., indicating that they would acquire the additional insurance coverage required in the project specifications and would execute the contract. She advised that should the contractor fail to perform as indicated, staff would like the City Council to grant the authority to rebid the project. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council grant an extension of time for Guardian Fence, Inc. to complete the contract documents until May 5, 2005, and to authorize staff to rebid the project should the contractor fail to meet the new deadline.

Council Member Rogers inquired if the project could still be completed prior to the busy summer park season, and, if not, did it pose any security or safety concerns. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that although at least the most vital parts of the project could be completed, there may be other aspects that would have to be postponed until later in the year.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the contractor had indicated that the additional required insurance could be in place in approximately five days.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS UNTIL MAY 5, 2005, AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT IF THE DEADLINE WAS NOT MET. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:00 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:01 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Lisa Kiss addressed the City Council regarding repaving of the alley behind her residence and parking citations for alley parking.

The Director of Public Works advised the City Council that the alley in question was part of the repaving project scheduled for approval as part of the 2005-06 budget and that staff would continue to keep the area patched until the repaving work was done.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. to Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Deane Dana.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk