



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
August 8, 2006

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**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 Monsignor Joseph Greeley, St. Pancratius Catholic Church

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

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held July 25, 2006
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 03-6R, Well 13A Wellhead & Pump, Bakersfield Well & Pump
- RI-5 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 04-5, Watermain Replacement, Precision Pipeline, Inc.
- RI-6 Approval of Assignment of Surface Transportation Program Funds

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

Mayor Van Nostran advised that due to the large number of residents present to be heard on this matter, Item 3.1 would be moved forward in the agenda.

### **3.1 • CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO CITYWIDE ON-STREET PARKING POLICIES**

Mayor Van Nostran noted that during his tenure as a City Council Member, the issue of recreational vehicle parking had been before the City Council several times without a satisfactory solution being found. He stated it was time for a comprehensive plan to be developed. He acknowledged that the plan was a work in progress and welcomed public input. He recognized the research done by the committee of Vice Mayor DuBois and Council Member Croft and the work of the City Attorney with the committee of Council Members Croft and Rogers. He stated that he and Council Member Rogers had met with the City Attorney and the City Manager to develop a set of principles and policies that would establish a successful program for parking on street sweeping days; protect the rights of private property owners; address recreational vehicle storage issues; and set up policies for the loading and unloading of vehicles. He remarked that the intent of the City Council was not to punish the considerate recreational vehicle owners, but to deal with the few whose thoughtless actions victimized their neighbors.

Council Member Rogers stated that he was the owner of a recreational vehicle and that he respected that lifestyle choice, noting that it was a source of family activity for many residents. He stated that while he and Mayor Van Nostran had not agreed on all specifics for a program to address these issues, they had worked together to develop common principles which they felt would target the minority of recreational vehicle owners causing the problems. He stated that in the event a ban was approved by the voters, the City Council was developing a permit process that would provide vehicle owners with a generous amount of preparation time. Noting that it would be necessary to comply with the legal constraints now being imposed on all cities for storm water pollutants, staff would be directed to develop a city-wide program to post streets for no parking on street sweeping day. Another component would ban the parking on Lakewood streets of any recreational vehicle or trailer not registered to a Lakewood address. He concluded by stating that with the November statewide election only about 90 days away, it provided a compelling venue for residents to express themselves.

Council Member Croft thanked Council Member Rogers and Mayor Van Nostran for their work to achieve a compromise. He restated the intent of the City Council to strike a balance between recreational vehicle owners' right to use and enjoy their vehicles and the right of homeowners to protect their property value against the on-street storage of unsightly vehicles. He stated that while he would support direct action rather than a ballot measure, he felt the need to move forward with action on this issue. He reaffirmed the Council's intent to provide a permit system at no charge to residents.

Vice Mayor DuBois thanked Mayor Van Nostran and Council Member Rogers for displaying a spirit of leadership and cooperation. She also expressed the need to take action on this issue to preserve the character of Lakewood's neighborhoods.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik announced that due to the large number of residents wishing to speak on this issue, each speaker would be allotted 3 minutes.

**3.1 • AMENDMENTS TO CITYWIDE ON-STREET PARKING POLICIES** - Continued Eileen Edgerton, Cindy Walsh, Irene Kautto, Don Temple, Tom McKittrick, Andy Holthe, Don Burroughs, Santiago Salas, Gwen Travis, Walter Parker, Donald Doty, Ken Stoddard, Les Wolford, Ahmed Rafi, Brandon Yung, Shirley Massenzo, Dana Wikart and Cheryl Johansen addressed the City Council regarding the proposed parking measures. Concerns expressed were about parking on private property and in driveways; about the Lakewood homes with alley access and no driveways; the cost and availability of storage for recreational vehicles; the need for consistent street sweeping times; and to consider the special needs of handicapped residents.

Council Member Rogers stated this type of public debate was vital to the process. He stated the election process would allow members of the community to decide what was right for themselves and their neighborhoods. He commented that although the recreational vehicle parking issue was an emotional one that required serious decisions to be made, it was reflective of the character of the community that it was not a critical or violent problem such as experienced in some other communities. He stated that he would propose to move ahead tonight on non-resident parking and on the street sweeping issues. The City Council and staff would be seeking input from the community later to help develop the sweeping policy.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-7; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING SECTION 3251 OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PARKING OF MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS NOT REGISTERED TO A LAKEWOOD ADDRESS was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-7. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2006-7. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

The City Attorney advised that the four resolutions could be adopted with a single motion, together with the other two recommendations.

**3.1 • AMENDMENTS TO CITYWIDE ON-STREET PARKING POLICIES** - Continued  
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-57; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, A CERTAIN MEASURE RELATING TO PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS ON STREETS IN RESIDENTIALLY-ZONED DISTRICTS EXCEPT BY CITY PERMIT, AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2006-9

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, A CERTAIN MEASURE RELATING TO PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON STREETS IN RESIDENTIALLY-ZONED DISTRICTS EXCEPT BY CITY PERMIT, AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2006-9

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-59; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSENT TO ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO §10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-60; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING A WRITTEN ARGUMENT REGARDING A CITY MEASURE AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Council Member Rogers noted that one of the recommendations was to have the Planning and Environment Commission look at the Municipal Code in light of private property parking. He stated that although many of the existing regulations had been put in place many years ago to protect neighborhoods against unsightly accumulations in yards and driveways, it was appropriate at this time to review those codes to maximize private property rights.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2006-57 THROUGH NO. 2006-60, REFOCUS THE 72-HOUR PARKING ENFORCEMENT TO A COMPLAINT BASIS, INSTRUCT STAFF TO DEVELOP A CITYWIDE PROGRAM OF NO PARKING ON STREET SWEEPING DAY, DIRECT THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION TO REVIEW EXISTING ZONING AND PROPERTY CODE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS TO FURTHER ENHANCE PROPERTY RIGHTS REGARDING PARKING OF VEHICLES, AND DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO PLACE REVIEW OF THE PERMIT PARKING PROCESS ON A FUTURE AGENDA. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Van Nostran called for a brief recess. At 9:10 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all members present.

**1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11124 E. DEL AMO BOULEVARD**

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner displayed slides and presented a brief report based on the memo in the agenda. He stated that an application had been received from Lakewood Estates, LLC requesting a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for property located at the southeast corner of Del Amo Boulevard and Studebaker Road. The property at 11124 E. Del Amo Boulevard was currently zoned for General Commercial uses and the proposed change to Planned Development Single Family (PDSF) would enable the construction of a 27-unit single family residential development. He reviewed slides of the proposed development, noting that a block wall would be constructed along Longworth Avenue, where the property borders an adjacent residential neighborhood, with landscaping along the outward facing side of the wall. He also noted that the project would involve relocating the entrance driveway to Rynerson Park approximately 130 feet north to align with the entrance driveway for the new development. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution amending the General Plan to designate the subject site Low Density Residential; introduce the proposed ordinance to change the zoning of the subject site to Planned Development Single Family; and to adopt the proposed resolution approving Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 62736.

Mr. Ebner confirmed for Council Member Croft that the cost of relocating the Rynerson Park driveway would be a development cost borne by the applicant.

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 9:20 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Frank Arciero, Jr., representing Lakewood Estates LLC, stated he was in attendance to answer any questions raised by the City Council.

Council Member Croft noted that the staff report stated that the property was still in escrow and inquired when the process would be completed. Mr. Arciero responded by stating that the close of escrow was pending the approval of the items before the City Council.

John Sommers expressed concern over traffic issues, Little League Baseball parking, Section 8 housing, and an assurance that the builder would not deviate from the proposed development standards.

Alan Gafford raised the issue of increased traffic impacts on nearby Nectar Avenue.

**1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE FOR PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 11124 E. DEL AMO BOULEVARD - Continued**

Responding to questions from Frank Simon, Mr. Ebner stated the Mobil station located on Del Amo Boulevard was not part of the proposed project, the relocation of the Rynerson Park driveway would not endanger the adjacent Little League Baseball field, and that the traffic impacts of the proposed residential use would be far less than any commercial use on the site.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-55; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 11124 DEL AMO BOULEVARD, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, FROM COMMERCIAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, AND DESIGNATED AS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2006-1

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-55. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-8; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM C-4 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO PDSF (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SINGLE FAMILY) ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11124 DEL AMO BOULEVARD, DESIGNATED AS ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 110 was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2006-8. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-56; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 62736

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-56. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 9:35 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 9:36 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Eleanor Mendoza addressed the City Council regarding a shooting in her neighborhood; Alan Gafford spoke about the cost of measures on the ballot; Craig Chambers inquired about security cameras at City pool facilities and about business licenses for Home Depot contractors; Sally Brayton spoke about the Lakewood High School Reunion Picnic; Ruby Cure also spoke about Home Depot contractors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk