



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 24, 2006

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran 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 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:

Mayor Van Nostran announced that a reception had been held prior to the meeting in recognition of Red Ribbon Week in Lakewood schools.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held October 10, 2006
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234
- RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-72; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE LAKEWOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN
- RI-6 Approval of Service Request System Code Enforcement Case Management System Project Modifications
- RI-7 Approval of Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with IDModeling for Water Hydraulic Model Project

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-8 Approval of Proposal for Destruction of Well #11A

RI-9 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-10 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-11 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-73; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD NORTH SERVICE ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-12 Approval of Consultant Services for Review of Onsite Parking Standards

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • SPECIFIC PLAN FOR 5601-5609 SOUTH STREET

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner displayed slides and gave a brief presentation based on the report contained in the agenda. He stated that the subject site had originally been developed prior to the City's incorporation and had existed for many years as a non-conforming use in the C-1, Neighborhood Commercial zone. He reported that with the closing of the original restaurant use in 2003, the non-conforming status had expired and the new owners of the property had applied for a Specific Plan to be allowed to sell beer and wine for on-site consumption, based upon historical compatibility of a restaurant use with the surrounding residential neighborhood. Following a public hearing, the Planning and Environment Commission had approved the request for a Specific Plan with certain conditions, including parking lot repairs, landscaping improvements, increased height of block wall, and limited hours of operation. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council introduce the proposed ordinance approving a Specific Plan for 5601-5609 South Street.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-11; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING SPECIFIC PLAN 2006-2

Responding to a question from Council Member Rogers, Mr. Ebner concurred that by modern development standards the site did not have adequate parking spaces. He noted however, that many of the surrounding businesses were office uses that would be closed during the peak operating hours of the restaurant thereby creating additional parking. He also advised that there had been no history of resident complaints regarding the previous restaurant use.

1.1 • SPECIFIC PLAN FOR 5601-5609 SOUTH STREET - Continued

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that although notice had been provided to all property owners within a 300 foot radius, no one had come forward during the Planning and Environment Commission hearing.

Council Member Croft determined from Mr. Ebner that should a problem develop, the proposed ordinance could be repealed.

Mayor Van Nostran 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.

Lee Rabun, land use consultant for the property owner, CLR Enterprises, requested support for the Specific Plan, noting that the owner was already successfully operating a similar restaurant in another city.

Mitch Snyder stated that his conflict with the proposed restaurant would be resolved with the installation of a higher block wall between the restaurant and the adjacent residential property.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2006-11. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2007 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Mayor Van Nostran advised that an election would be held in March, 2007, for City Council offices and that the proposed resolutions were those that were required by State law in order to initiate the election process.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-74; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF SAID CITY AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PERTAINING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-75; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO SAID CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

2.1 • 2007 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-76; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2006-74, NO. 2006-75 AND NO. 2006-76. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PALMS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER ROOFING REPLACEMENT PROJECT - MEYER & ASSOCIATES

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated there was a need for architectural design services for the proposed project to replace the roof on the Palms Park Community Center. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize Meyer and Associates to provide design services for the Palms Park Community Center Roof Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$17,400, under their existing professional services agreement.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • STATUS REPORT FROM THE PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Council Member Todd Rogers presented a memorandum regarding the status of the Paramount Unified School District ad hoc committee activities. He advised that the most troubling aspect of the Lakewood school system continued to be the Paramount Unified School District (PUSD). He noted hostility from the District regarding the wish of Lakewood residents for inter-district transfers to Long Beach Unified School District schools. He outlined the justification for pursuing a de-annexation of the Lakewood School site from the PUSD, including ongoing poor performance by the school, that the school is populated primarily with Lakewood and Long Beach students, and the unwillingness of PUSD to grant transfers to students wishing to attend in a different district. He noted that the de-annexation process was initiated by petition and that the Lakewood Schools Committee (formerly the Lakewood Unified School District Organizing Committee) had agreed to collect signatures.

**3.2 • STATUS REPORT FROM THE PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AD HOC COMMITTEE - Continued**

He concluded by stating that absent any objections from the City Council, the ad hoc committee would move forward to support the de-annexation effort.

Council Member Croft advised that he lived in the area of Lakewood served by the PUSD and had been made aware that the District had placed a bond measure on the November ballot through a telephone survey. He noted that although the District had stated that the bond was intended for the repair and expansion of existing campuses, the District had been unresponsive to his requests for information about the proposed work and project priority. He stated he was opposed to the measure.

Council Member Rogers stated that the committee was not asking the City Council to take a position on the District measure and that the de-annexation was not a step toward formation of a Lakewood school district.

Vice Mayor DuBois inquired about the time frame for de-annexation proceedings. Council Member Rogers responded by stating that the signature process could be accomplished in a matter of weeks and that once signatures were verified, there would be a hearing first before the Los Angeles County Office of Education and then the State Board of Education. If the hearing process was successful, the issue would be placed before the voters.

Council Member Rogers concluded by urging any Lakewood residents having difficulty negotiating through the inter-district transfer process to contact the ad hoc committee members for assistance.

Mayor Van Nostran noted that there were no objections to the ad hoc committee proceeding as outlined in the report as presented.

At 8:08 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:09 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 Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. to Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk