



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 23, 2007

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 Reverend Monsignor Joseph Greeley, St. Pancratius Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Cub Scout Pack 107, Stephen Foster Elementary School

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Van Nostran acknowledged the presence in the audience of a group of 3rd graders from Gompers Elementary School.

Mayor Van Nostran recognized Ben Harvey the City's new representative from the Southern California Edison Company.

Jason Hagensick, Executive Director of the Weingart-Lakewood Family YMCA, made a brief presentation on the 2007 Capital Campaign beginning in February in which the YMCA hoped to raise \$500,000 or more for renovations and improvements to their facilities.

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ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 12, December 27, 2006, and January 9, 2007

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 Approval of Artesia Cemetery District Flagpole Financing

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2007-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE 2006 EDITION OF THE STANDARD PLANS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION
- RI-7 Approval of Professional Services Agreement for SCADA Control Systems
- RI-8 Approval of Enterprise Resource Planning System Implementation and Financial Management Temporary Staffing
- RI-9 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 06-3, Watermain Replacement 2006, T.A. Rivard, Inc.
- RI-10 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 05-10A, Weingart Senior Center Roofing and Skylight Improvements, Best Roofing & Waterproofing, Inc.
- RI-11 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 06-11, Centre Ceiling Replacement, Creative Ceiling Solutions
- RI-12 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 05-11, Mayfair Gamecourt Improvements, D&J Foothill Electrical Contractors, Inc.
- RI-13 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
- RI-14 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
- RI-15 Review of City Investment Policy

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 06-10, McCORMICK POOL REPLASTERING AND EQUIPMENT UPGRADE PROJECT

Director of Public Works Lisa Rapp gave a report based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated two bids had been received for the pool replastering and chemical equipment upgrade of the Pat McCormick Pool at Bolivar Park. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council: adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award a contract to the low bidder, Condor, Inc., in the amount of \$128,800; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as necessary, not to exceed \$13,000; and to appropriate an additional \$38,000 from the General Fund to the project account.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 06-10, McCORMICK POOL REPLASTERING AND EQUIPMENT UPGRADE PROJECT - Continued

Responding to a question from Council Member Croft, Ms. Rapp stated that the new chemical equipment was necessary due to the composition of the water serving the park.

In response to a question from Council Member Rogers, Ms. Rapp advised that the reason both bids were over the engineer's estimate was due to the increase in market prices over the course of the year since the estimate had been prepared.

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS 1 THROUGH 4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 07-3, WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT - 2007

The Director of Public Works made a presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported sixteen bids had been received for the installation of about 2.5 miles of water mains in residential streets bounded by Carson Street, Harvey Way, Nipomo and Stevely Avenues. The work was scheduled to commence in February and be completed in July. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council: adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award a contract to the low bidder, T. A. Rivard, Inc., in the amount of \$1,260,900; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as needed, no to exceed \$125,000; and appropriate \$345,000 from the Water Fund to the project account.

Noting the favorable bid price, Mayor Van Nostran inquired about the cause. Water Resources Director Jim Glancy stated that while the general rule of thumb for water main replacement projects was about \$1 million per mile, the good bid in this case was most likely due to the competition of so many bidders.

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:54 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 CROFT SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • FRONT YARD SETBACKS IN THE M-F-R (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE

Mayor Van Nostran advised that the proposed ordinance was presented for second reading and adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-12; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING SECTION 9460 OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO FRONT YARD SETBACKS IN THE MFR ZONE was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-12. 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 ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2006-12. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • AMENDMENTS TO HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that staff had met with State representatives for the Home Investment and Partnership Program (HOME) to discuss possible changes to the program that could generate more interest in the community. One part of the program provided qualified applicants' loans up to \$75,000 to perform substantial rehabilitation to their properties, but had previously been available only in restricted areas. A proposed new component would offer "gap" financing for first-time homebuyers. Since funding through the HOME Program was limited, it was proposed that this be considered Phase I, with a Phase II to be developed utilizing other funding sources. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the expansion of the program boundaries to a city-wide basis, and to authorize the initiation of a HOME funded First-Time Homebuyer Assistance program.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS 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 • SR 91/I 605 MAJOR CORRIDORS STUDY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Director of Community Development gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the City, along with other impacted cities, had previously participated in a Needs Assessment Study of State Route 91 and Interstate 605 through the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. Proposed at this time was a Major Corridor Study, which could be used to assist in obtaining Federal funding. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve participation in the Memorandum of Understanding for the preparation of a Major Corridor Study, and appropriate \$11,000 of AB2766 funds and \$9,000 from the General Fund for the assessment.

Vice Mayor DuBois stated that she had been part of the COG committee that reviewed this issue and that the need for action to alleviate future freeway congestion was urgent.

Responding to a question from Council Member Croft, Mr. Gonsalves stated that there was no completion date yet available. He noted that the Major Corridor Study done on the 710 freeway had taken several years to complete.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL 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

3.3 • WEST SAN GABRIEL RIVER PARKWAY NATURE TRAIL - PHASE II, NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 06-6, BELAIRE-WEST LANDSCAPE, INC.

The Director of Public Works displayed slides and gave a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that Phase II of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail was complete. She noted that staff was requesting an extension of the contract retention period to extend the plant maintenance period. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the extension of the contract retention period to March 22, 2007, and accept the work of Belaire-West Landscape, Inc. in the final contract amount of \$468,621.20.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a brief presentation on the activities planned for opening day of Phase II of the Nature Trail. The opening was scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd and would coincide with Earth Day activities.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

3.3 • WEST SAN GABRIEL RIVER PARKWAY NATURE TRAIL - PHASE II – Cont.
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.4 • AGREEMENT WITH L. A. COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS GRANT APPLICATION

The Director of Public Works made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that through the efforts of Lakewood's Congressional Representative Linda Sanchez, the City had been allocated funding for bus stop improvements, including benches, trash cans, canopies and solar lighting units. To obtain the funding, it was necessary for the City to enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated the locations for the new furnishings would be determined by ridership and would be spread throughout the City.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT 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

3.5 • CHANGE ORDER FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-6, LAKEWOOD SHERIFF STATION EXPANSION, SERVICE GARAGE AND SERVICE GARAGE START-UP COSTS

The Director of Public Works gave a report based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated that Phase 1 of the Lakewood Sheriff Station Expansion Project was nearly complete and Phase 2 ready to begin in early March. She reported that although at the time the project was bid there was not sufficient funding available for Phase 3, the Service Garage, that funding had since become available. She stated that a change order had been negotiated with the general contractor, Pinner Construction, for the Phase 3 work. She noted that Phase 2 of the project was scheduled for completion in September, with Phase 3 being completed in December, 2007. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve an immediate change order with Pinner Construction in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to begin the shop drawings and permit process for the service garage; and approve a change order to the contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,530,000 for construction of the service garage contingent upon County of Los Angeles final approval.

**3.5 • CHANGE ORDER FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-6,
LAKEWOODSHERIFF STATION EXPANSION, SERVICE GARAGE AND
SERVICEGARAGESTART-UP COSTS - Continued**

In response to a question from Mayor Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that Captain Fender would be coordinating with neighboring stations for vehicle services during the Phase 3 construction.

Vice Mayor DuBois commended the project team, including Lisa Rapp, Howard Chambers and Captain Dave Fender for their hard work on this project.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. 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 8:22 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meetings of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency and the Lakewood Public Financing Authority. At 8:24 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk