



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 28, 2008

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Croft 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 Cub Scout Troop 247

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Croft made a statement regarding the economic recession and its impact on the City of Lakewood. He encouraged Lakewood residents to have confidence that the city had taken the appropriate steps to weather the economic storm. Expenditures had been adjusted for reduced revenue and the City's investments were secure. He advised that the City Council and City staff would be carefully monitoring activity in Sacramento, where legislators were known for seizing local revenue to help balance the State budget, and the conditions of the retail economy, a significant source of revenue to the City. The other major concern was the housing market and people losing their homes to foreclosure. He concluded by stating that the City Council was committed to riding out the challenges ahead while finding creative ways to preserve the quality of life valued by Lakewood residents.

Trey Lindle and Skip Kuhn, representing the Macerich Corporation, owners of the Lakewood Center Mall, provided a brief update on the Costco project. Mr. Kuhn stated that after dealing with some complex issues regarding the relocation of utility lines before the pad for the stores could be created, the project was on track and the store was scheduled to open in early February of 2009.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that there had been rumors in the community that environmental concerns were delaying the project. Mr. Kuhn stated those rumors were untrue and that the only environmental issue that had been dealt with was the high water table at the site.

Council Member DuBois noted that the opening date had been pushed back several times and inquired how firm the February timetable was. Mr. Kuhn stated the new timetable was firm and would not be extended again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Continued

Assembly Member Warren Furutani addressed the City Council stating that although the State's budget had finally been passed, it was a budget that pleased no one, and with the worsening economic crisis, State legislators expected to be called into an emergency session after the November 4th election. He reported that the point had been reached where spending cuts alone would not balance the budget and that the hope was to spread the cuts as widely and thinly across the board as possible. He thanked the City Manager and his staff for providing him with good information and he noted that feedback from the City was always welcome.

Mayor Croft expressed appreciation to Assembly Member Furutani for his openness and willingness to work with the City.

Council Member DuBois thanked Assembly Member Furutani for his attendance at many local functions.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held October 14, 2008

RI-2 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-3 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-66; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF AUTRY AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-67; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENMEADOW STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-5 Approval of Modification of Decision Regarding Nuisance Abatement Costs

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-68; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-7 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-8 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-69; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-70; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE LAKEWOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2008-3, DEL VALLE PARK PICNIC SHELTERS REPLACEMENT

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that due to a vandalism-caused fire earlier this year, one of the picnic shelters at Del Valle Park had suffered damages which caused it to be demolished. By utilizing available grant funding for parks project and the insurance settlement for the burned shelter, a project was put together to replace all three of the picnic shelters at Del Valle Park. She stated that four bids had been received for the replacement of the three picnic shelters. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the subject project; award a contract to the low bidder, Romberg Excavation & Operations in the amount of \$249,981.00; authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with AESCO Technologies, Inc. for construction phase geotechnical services, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000; approve an amendment to the agreement with Meyer & Associates in the net additional amount of \$19,000 for construction phase professional services; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as necessary, not to exceed \$18,000.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the actual structures had been ordered and would be purchased separately and that this contract included the excavation, demolition, and installation of the shelters. Ms. Rapp also stated that by the terms of the grant funding, the project must be completed by no later than March, 2009.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 8:13 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2008-3 - Continued
VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

2.1 • RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2009 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City Attorney Steve Skolnik made a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated there were three resolutions presented for adoption to properly begin the process for the City's March 2009 General Municipal Election. He noted that the nomination period for candidates would open on November 10th and close on December 5th. Staff was also recommending that the City Council authorize the retention of Martin & Chapman Company for election services and supplies.

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-71; 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 3, 2009, 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

b. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-72; 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 3, 2009

c. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-73; 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 3, 2009

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2008-71 THROUGH NO. 2008-73, AND AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF MARTIN & CHAPMAN COMPANY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

3.1 • APPLICATION FOR RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONCRETE GRANT

The Director of Public Works gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated the City was eligible to apply for grant funds for use of rubberized asphalt concrete. The grant program recognized projects which promoted markets for recycled-content tire products, diverting waste tires from landfill disposal. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution to approve submittal of the grant application.

Council Member DuBois inquired if this was the material currently being used for street resurfacing in Lakewood. Ms. Rapp confirmed that this was the material being used and, due to this program, over 79,000 old tires had been diverted from landfill sites.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-74; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR USE OF RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONCRETE

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-74. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • ALLOCATION OF TRANSIT FUNDING FOR TRANSIT STOP IMPROVEMENTS

The Director of Public Works displayed slides and gave a report based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that the City had received an allocation for Federal funds, through the Federal Transportation Administration, for the purchase of transit stop improvements. The required matching funds were available through Proposition A transit funds. She noted that these funds could not be used for any purpose other than transportation projects and staff had proposed the purchase and installation of bus shelters, benches and litter receptacles. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of additional transit stop furniture in the amount of \$475,200; authorize staff to approve change orders to TDS Engineering for installation of additional bus shelters, as needed, not to exceed \$150,000; and authorize the use of \$250,000 in Proposition A funding for this project.

Therese Hughes, Senior Field Representative for Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, stated that Congresswoman Sanchez was thrilled to have been instrumental in securing the Federal grant funds for this project. She concluded by stating that not only were shelters and benches an important component in an effective transit system, the use of solar-powered lighting for the shelters made for a green-friendly project.

3.2 • ALLOCATION OF TRANSIT FUNDING FOR TRANSIT STOP IMPROVEMENTS – Continued

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NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 8:29 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:30 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

William Pearl author of LBReport.com, expressed concern about Federally-mandated flood insurance being re-instated in the area.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk