



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 14, 2009

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Council Member Larry Van Nostran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Joseph Esquivel

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that earlier in the evening, the new picnic shelters had been dedicated at Del Valle Park.

Mayor Rogers introduced Tom Poe from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Mr. Poe stated that the Church was sponsoring a community food drive on April 25th, entitled, "Project Pantry," which would benefit Lakewood's Project Shepherd and food banks in two other communities.

Katherine Chavez, IT Manager for Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), encouraged attendance at the upcoming SCAG General Assembly on May 7th and 8th.

CIVIC CENTER BLOCK PARTY

Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council had reviewed preliminary plans for the City's Annual Civic Center Block Party, an event that had always been very popular in the community. He noted that the Council and staff would be working to maintain the integrity of the event in the face of the fiscal realities facing both the City and Lakewood residents.

Council Member Croft stated that he would agree that major expenditures need to be looked at carefully, especially in tight times, but the Block Party had always been very much of a 'home town' type of event and that the City Council would work closely with the staff to maintain that feel, even if some scaling back was necessary. He stated that the City was fortunate to have good partners for the event like the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries and the Lakewood Center Mall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Continued

Council Member Esquivel expressed concern that should the City not be able to offer the fireworks show portion of the event, that many people would not attend.

Council Member DuBois stated that every effort would be explored to cut costs without diminishing the event. She noted that the City was weathering the times of economic hardship fairly well and that it was an important time to provide community events for Lakewood families.

Council Member Van Nostran stated that there were a number of unanswered questions, especially surrounding a fireworks display since the site used in the past was now occupied by the Costco store.

Mayor Rogers stated that the projected date of the event was June 27th and that the final arrangements would yield an event of which the community could be proud.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 24, 2009
- 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 Engineering Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Plant #13 Booster Station Rehabilitation Project
- RI-6 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 08-3; Del Valle Park Picnic Shelters Replacement Project
- RI-7 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 08-10; Weingart Sr. Center Fitness and Activity Rooms Flooring Replacement Project
- RI-8 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with ThyssenKrupp for Centre Elevator Repairs
- RI-9 Approval of Purchase of Replacement Parking Citation System

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CENTRALIA STREET AND THE EAST SIDE OF BRIERCREST AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING, BUS LOADING, PASSENGER LOADING, TIME LIMITED PARKING, AND HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON THE EAST SIDE OF BRIERCREST AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE OF CENTRALIA STREET, WEST SIDE OF LOMINA AVENUE, AND NORTH SIDE OF HARVEY WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-11 Approval of Expansion of Scope of Work for Willdan Agreement

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2009-1; AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO FEES FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated the City had adopted the County's Industrial Waste ordinance and fee schedule in 1991. He reported that although the fees had initially covered the cost for the County to provide the plan check, inspection and enforcement services required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP), that was no longer the case. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing and introduce the proposed ordinance to amend the Municipal Code pertaining to Industrial Waste inspection fees.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 7230 PERTAINING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE ORDINANCE

Responding to a question from Council Member Croft, Mr. Gonsalves stated that in addition to increased costs to provide the required services, the County had also increased enforcement of the regulations, requiring additional staffing.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2009-1 - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2009-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • AUTOMATED CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTION

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and made a presentation on a proposal for automated curbside recycling and refuse collection. She reviewed the State legislation that required cities to divert a percentage of their refuse from landfill sites and noted that additional restrictions were under discussion at the State level. She covered current collection practices and recycling opportunities and the current programs for meeting diversion requirements, including the Long Beach SERRF Waste-to-Energy facility and CR&R materials recovery facility. She reviewed a proposal made by the City's waste hauler, EDCO/B-Z Disposal, which would provide a phased program that would incorporate curbside recycling and automated collection. In Phase 1, residents would be provided with a special, rolling bin for their recycled materials which would be collected by an automated truck. Residents would receive a second cart for automated trash collection during Phase 2, and unlimited greenwaste collection using the residents' existing trash containers. If approved, Phase 1 would begin in October, 2009. EDCO would continue to provide existing special services for bulky item pickup and Christmas tree recycling. Residents would also still have the option to take their recyclable materials to one of the neighborhood buy-back centers for cash. She noted that during previous surveys, a large majority of Lakewood residents had indicated support for a curbside recycling program and that the proposed program would not increase the cost of trash collection for Lakewood residents. She concluded by stating it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council accept input from residents regarding the proposal and direct staff to bring contract documents for consideration at the April 28, 2009 City Council meeting.

Responding to questions from Council Member Croft, Ms. Rapp stated that residents would not need to separate recyclables, that everything could go into the recycling cart, which would be separated at an EDCO facility and that there would be no extra charge for residents wanting a smaller cart.

In response to questions from Council Member DuBois, Ms. Rapp stated that currently City staff works with EDCO to manage the allocation of refuse delivered to the SERRF facility and that under the proposed contract, EDCO would have full responsibility and would guarantee that the City would continue to meet diversion requirements.

Michael Bradon, Tom Johnson and Dennis Sanchez expressed support for a curbside recycling program. They noted that since recycling would be much easier, more people were likely to participate.

3.1 • AUTOMATED CURBSIDE RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTION - Continued
Mayor Rogers stated that increasing recycling efforts was the right thing to do for the City and for the environment. He advised that programs that had major impacts on the lifestyles of Lakewood residents were not changes that the City Council took lightly. He noted that EDCO had offered to help support an enhanced enforcement effort to combat recyclable scavenging. He inquired what further options the City would have if State diversion requirements increased beyond what could be met by this program. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the next step would be a mandatory program for commercial customers. Mayor Rogers closed by stating that the Council appreciated the good relationship between the City and EDCO and the forthright manner in which they had approached the difficult issues raised by the presentation of the proposal.

Council Member Croft stated that the City of Lakewood had been pro-active in the early days of waste diversion with programs like SERRF, and that the time had come to step up to the next level. He noted that by not waiting for further State-imposed regulations that were anticipated, the City was able to put together a custom program to best meet the needs of Lakewood residents.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • TRANSFER OF T3 VEHICLE TO THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Assistant City Manager Sandi Ruyle displayed slides and gave a brief report based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that the City had purchased two T3, three-wheeled, front wheel drive, standup electric personal mobility vehicles. The T3's had been used by deputies in and around the Lakewood Center Mall, at City events and around schools during heavy traffic periods. Staff was proposing the transfer of the T3 devices to the Sheriff's Department which would allow the devices to be maintained by the County. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the transfer of two T3 units, including all rights, title and interest, to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Responding to a question from Council Member DuBois, Ms. Ruyle stated that a contractual agreement would ensure that the T3 units would remain available for the exclusive use by Team Lakewood.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES

Mayor Rogers presented his organizational and committee appointments.

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

California Contract Cities

Association DuBois - Representative Esquivel – Alternate

California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority Van Nostran - Representative Croft - Alternate

Consolidated Youth Services Network

Policy Board Rogers - Representative Croft - Alternate

Advisory Board Carol Flynn Jacoby (Admin.)

So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly Croft – Representative DuBois – Alternate

Gateway Cities COG Board

DuBois - Representative Esquivel - Alternate

Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District Esquivel - Representative

Job Training Partnership Act

SELACO WIB Esquivel - Policy Board
Pam Hyland - Advisory Board

League of California Cities

L.A. County Division Croft - Representative DuBois - Alternate

City Selection Committee Croft - Representative DuBois - Alternate

Annual League Conference Esquivel - Representative Croft - Alternate

L.A. County Sanitation

District #3 & #19 Rogers - Representative Esquivel - Alternate

Southeast Water Coalition

Rogers - Representative Croft – Alternate

STANDING COMMITTEES

Intergovernmental Relations

Rogers - Chair Esquivel - Member

Lakewood Schools

Rogers - Chair Van Nostran - Member

Environmental Management

Esquivel - Chair DuBois - Member

Public Safety

Rogers - Chair Van Nostran - Member

3.3 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES - Continued

STANDING COMMITTEES

Park Development/Community Services DuBois - Chair Esquivel – Member

Water Resources Croft - Chair Van Nostran - Member

Community Promotion Esquivel - Chair Croft - Member

VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.4 • FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING UPDATE

Deputy City Manager Lisa Novotny displayed slides and gave a brief presentation on plans to maximize opportunities for the City to receive Federal stimulus funding. She reviewed the different types of funding available and noted that rather than coming directly to the City, applications would have to be submitted to a variety of State and Federal agencies who would be administering the programs. She stated that some of the submittal deadlines had occurred even before the President had signed the legislation into law. Funding opportunities included programs for law enforcement, energy efficiency, transportation, neighborhood stabilization and water. She noted that in addition to the \$15.588 million in stimulus funding that the City would be applying for, staff was also working with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez to seek funding for traffic signalization and road projects.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired about the City's chances in receiving the funding. Ms. Novotny responded by stating that although some of the proposed funding required the City to go through a competitive grant process, the prospects on many of them looked very good. She advised that some of the funding could be received as early as this summer, and others would be distributed over a period of several years.

Council Member DuBois stated that Lakewood was very fortunate that the staff was on top of this issue and prepared to respond quickly to meet the tight deadlines.

Council Member Croft stated that by looking forward to gauge future needs and planning for infrastructure maintenance projects even during difficult times, Lakewood was prepared to accelerate projects when funding opportunities became available.

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At 8:51 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:52 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 Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk