



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
May 12, 2009

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Rabbi Howard Laibson, Congregation Shir Chadash

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Steve Croft

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 thanked the staff of the Recreation and Community Services and Public Works Departments and the members of the Pan American Association for their efforts to make last weekend's Pan American Fiesta a success.

Jay Day, representing Assemblyman Tony Mendoza, encouraged Lakewood residents to review new programs offered through the Assemblyman's website.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Mayor Rogers announced that he had attended a meeting with Governor Schwarzenegger regarding the State budget and potential impacts on cities. City representatives had made it clear that local governments were already in a state of fiscal crisis and not able to bear the burden of more State take-aways. He advised that the League of California Cities had requested the City consider the adoption of a resolution opposing the Governor's proposal and that since the request had come subsequent to the posting of the agenda for this meeting, the City Council would need to vote to add the item to this agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADD TO CONSIDERATION OF AN OPPOSITION RESOLUTION TO THE AGENDA. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-16.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-16; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FINDING A SEVERE FISCAL HARDSHIP WILL EXIST IF ADDITIONAL CITY PROPERTY TAX FUNDS ARE SEIZED AND ADDITIONAL UNFUNDED MANDATES ARE ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Council Member Van Nostran stated that since the implementation of term limits for Sacramento legislators, the State system had been unstable, with inexperienced legislators ducking problems and stealing funds from local governments, not caring if those local governments were able to meet obligations to their residents.

Council Member DuBois stated that the State financial situation needed to be sorted out, but it seemed that most legislators just weren't willing to address the problem.

Council Member Croft concurred that it was disheartening that the State could not seem to get their act together. And, that even though cities had previously banded together and taken an initiative to the voters to stop the State from grabbing local funds, there were still plans being made by State legislators to try and get around that law. He noted that having been proactive, Lakewood was not in fiscal distress like many other cities, but none of the cities can afford to keep bailing the State out of its own financial disasters.

Vice Mayor Esquivel stated that the City, like average people, had to balance its budget and live within its means. His message to the Governor and State Legislature would be, "Balance Your Budget!"

Mayor Rogers stated that Governor Schwarzenegger had asked cities to support budget reform five years ago and told them that he did not want to take money away from local agencies, and yet he was poised to do so again. He further stated that the State budget system was in need of a full tear down and complete rebuild, yet our legislators apparently had no plan to fix it. He stated he felt fortunate to live in and serve on the City Council for Lakewood, which had been weathering the challenging economic times, especially when many other agencies were struggling. He expressed concern for the future of programs like the Sky Knight Helicopter Patrol, the nation's first airborne law enforcement helicopter program, that depended on multi-agency support.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 14, and April 28, 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 Sole Source Purchase for Portable Aluminum Bleachers
- RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON FOR JULY 28, 2009
- RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING AND AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HELICOPTER PATROL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
- RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR SKY KNIGHT HELICOPTER PATROL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE CITIES OF BELLFLOWER, CERRITOS, HAWAIIAN GARDENS AND PARAMOUNT
- RI-8 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 08-4, Watermain Replacement 2008

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NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – FY 2009-2010

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated the City was entitled to funds through the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program, which required the preparation of an annual Action Plan. He stated the Action Plan laid out the City's short-term goals, including activities and projects during the coming year. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing to receive comments, then approve the Action Plan for FY 2009-10, and authorize the City Manager to submit the application along with required certifications.

1.1 • APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – FY 2009-2010 - Continued

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 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

1.2 • PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR SALE OF FIREWORKS

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin gave a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated 27 organizations had completed the application process for a permit to sell fireworks. She stated that the applications had been reviewed by the Public Safety Committee, and it was now recommended that the City Council approve the issuance of permits for temporary fireworks stands to the 27 organizations listed in the report.

Responding to a question from Council Member Croft, Ms. Perkin noted that the number of permits had dropped from a high of 36 permits in 2001, but permits for any new organizations would not be considered until the number dropped below the 25 permit limit specified in the Lakewood Municipal Code.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2009-2; APPROVING THE SPECIFIC PLAN FOR 3201-3225 CARSON STREET

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SPECIFIC PLAN 2007-2 was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-2.

**2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2009-2;
APPROVING THE SPECIFIC PLAN FOR 3201-3225 CARSON ST - Continued**
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:09 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:10 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 Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk