



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
August 25, 2009

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Bishop Jerry Fisher, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop #134

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers thanked the participants of the Lakewood Education Foundation Golf Tournament which raised grant funds for teachers in Lakewood schools.

He invited everyone to attend the Patriot Day event to be held at Del Valle Park on Friday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m.

He introduced the Good Neighbors program recognizing those whose acts of kindness, such as helping elderly neighbors with taking out the trash each week or mowing the lawn, made a big difference to their friends and neighbors.

Mayor Rogers stated that Frank Versace, a former Recreation and Community Services Commissioner and Lakewood Meals on Wheels volunteer and board member, had died recently and that the meeting would be adjourned in his honor.

ADDITIONAL ITEM:

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Mayor Rogers announced that an item of business had arisen subsequent to the posting of the agenda which required the immediate action of the City Council. He reported that the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce had recommended that John Kelsall, President and Executive Director of the Chamber, be appointed to the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board. Since this request was brought to the Council's attention after the posting of the meeting agenda, the Mayor called for a motion to add the item to the agenda.

ADDITIONAL ITEM: - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADD TO THE AGENDA APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KELSALL TO THE SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KELSALL TO THE SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held August 11, 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

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

1.1 • ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2009-48; PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Diane Perkin, Director of Administrative Services, presented a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated that staff had analyzed increases in operating expenditures, debt service requirements and the cost of capital projects as well as a reduction in consumption in response to the water conservation campaign to determine the proposed water rates.

1.1 • ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2009-48; PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND CHARGES - Continued

The analysis was reviewed in early August and found to remain valid. She concluded by stating that it was the recommendation of the Water Committee that the City Council approve the proposed 8.9% rate increase from \$1.91 to \$2.08 per unit which would be effective on September 1st.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-48; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE "NORMAL QUANTITATIVE RATE" CONTAINED IN SECTION 10 OF THE CITY'S "WATER SERVICE PROCEDURE MANUAL"

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-48.

Council Member Croft, Council Member Van Nostran and Mayor Rogers noted the importance of trying to keep rates down but that with increasing costs for maintaining water quality, it was important not to fall behind in infrastructure needs.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

1.2 • URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2009-4; AMENDING THE LIST OF MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS TREATED AS INFRACTIONS

City Attorney Steve Skolnik explained that the City was slated to begin the curbside recycling program in the near future and that to be in the best position to eliminate scavenging, the proposed urgency ordinance changed such a violation from a misdemeanor to an infraction punishable by substantial fines including court costs. It was set up as an urgency ordinance because normal non-urgency ordinances required two readings and thirty days to become effective and it was essential that the proposed ordinance be in effect as soon as the curbside recycling program began. The ordinance had been considered by the Public Safety Committee earlier this evening where it was suggested that a language change be made but that in all other respects the committee recommended this be adopted as presented.

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, responded to Mayor Rogers' inquiry by stating that the first delivery of recycling containers would begin the week of October 5th on the regular trash day and that the first collection of recyclables from residents would begin on the following week.

1.2 • URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2009-4; AMENDING THE LIST OF MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS TREATED AS INFRACTIONS - Continued

Mayor Rogers added that it was critical to get this done at this point because of recent concerns over scavenging and problems that neighboring cities were having. He stated it was important to be proactive and to give the enforcement people the necessary tools while not taking away from existing law enforcement duties.

Mayor Rogers 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.

MAYOR ROGERS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-4; AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 5338.1 OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO THE LIST OF VIOLATIONS TREATED AS INFRACTIONS was read by title by the Deputy City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-4 AS AMENDED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

3.1 • BOYAR PARK ACTIVITY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Rapp displayed slides and provided an update on the Boyar Park Activity Building construction. She described the new building as being designed in the Craftsman style and stated that it was slightly larger than the original building to meet ADA and new code requirements. She added that the building's materials were highly vandal resistant, easy to maintain and that the new food staging area replaced the original tiny kitchen. Ms. Rapp highlighted the new activity building features such as the staff office, offering greater visibility of the park; small conference room available for use by small groups; AV systems installed in the activity room; data and security systems included; security cameras for watching the building exterior; ADA restrooms that can be accessed off the lobby; new trash enclosures at the southeast corner of the parking lot and an exterior shaded board game area on the west side.

Council Member Croft commended staff for all their work on the beautiful new building.

At 8:07 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:08 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 8:09 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Frank Versace.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry
Deputy City Clerk