



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 14, 2014

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 Dr. Fardad Mogharabi, Spiritual Assembly of Baha'i of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop 140

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Ron Piazza

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced the recent passing of Donald Rhodes, a 33-year resident and husband of past commissioner Joy Janes. He stated that Mr. Rhodes had been active in many civic groups such as the YMCA and Friends of the Lakewood Libraries.

The Mayor also announced the passing of Pat Esquivel, who had moved to Lakewood in 1963, with her husband, Joe, one of the longest serving council members. He stated that Mrs. Esquivel had been well-known throughout the community and had devoted many years to helping Pathways Volunteer Hospice and Lakewood Meals on Wheels.

Mayor Rogers expressed sympathies to the families and friends of both longtime residents in whose memories the meeting would be adjourned.

Mayor Rogers expressed gratitude to the participants and supporters of the Lakewood Education Foundation golf tournament, the proceeds of which directly supported Lakewood classrooms. Council Member Croft and Council Member DuBois congratulated the Mayor on personally raising over \$1100 by participating in a modified version of the ice bucket challenge.

Mayor Rogers introduced Assembly Member Anthony Rendon, who provided an update on the 2014 Legislative Session in Sacramento and detailed his involvement on successfully putting a comprehensive water bond before voters in November as well as sponsoring other legislation related to groundwater, parks and the environment.

The Council thanked Assembly Member Rendon for his efforts on issues that had a direct impact on Lakewood and acknowledged the value of an effective partnership with his office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Continued

Mayor Rogers introduced Yolanda Castro, Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board, who summarized the services provided by the WIB and highlighted some of the staff focused activities in Lakewood.

Council Member Croft and Vice Mayor Wood commented on the importance of the WIB's mission to help job seekers gain the necessary skills leading to self-sufficiency and long-term employment.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held September 9, and September 23, 2014
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions
- RI-5 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
- RI-6 Approval of Street Closure for October 31st Block Party
- RI-7 Approval of Encroachment Permit for Centralia Street
- RI-8 Adoption of Youth Employment Plan Associated with Grant from the Regional Park and Open Space District for West San Gabriel River Parkway, Phase III
- RI-9 Approval of Maintenance Service Agreement for Telephone and Voicemail Systems with Standard Tel Networks
- RI-10 Adoption of Administrative Policy – ADA Grievance Procedure

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • APPEAL OF DECISION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 898

Sonia Southwell, Director of Community Development, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the appellant/applicant, Beatriz Armado, had previously received approval for Conditional Use Permit No. 898 to construct guest quarters in the rear yard of her property. At its July meeting, the Planning and Environment Commission (PEC) held a public hearing, found that the guest quarters were being used contrary to the conditions of approval and following the hearing, revoked the permit. She concluded by stating the City Council had three available actions, which were to deny the appeal and was required to be based solely on the testimony and evidence as presented at the Commission's July hearing; to allow the applicant to continue to use the guest quarters subject to conditions; or to allow new testimony and evidence to be presented at a future public hearing.

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.

Beatriz Armado expressed regret for the work that had been done noting that the discrepancies had been removed and conveyed her willingness to comply with the CUP. She stated that her motivation had not been financial but rather to be near family members.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DENYING THE APPEAL OF THE REVOCATION CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 898 AND UPHOLDING THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION DECISION TO REVOKE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 898, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-58. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that the Lakewood's emergency preparedness program ensured that City employees and residents could provide appropriate relief and rescue services following a major disaster. Program goals included well-trained disaster response employees, up-to-date disaster response plans, and City facilities well-equipped with disaster response supplies and equipment. These goals were obtained through community education programs, disaster response training to employees, emergency planning and keeping current through County and regional involvement.

MAYOR ROGERS STATED THAT THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE ITEM WAS ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

3.2 • APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR COMPLIANCE INSPECTION SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROGRAM WITH JOHN HUNTER AND ASSOCIATES

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and explained that in 2012, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a new Municipal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, which regulated the discharge of storm water and urban runoff in Los Angeles county. The new permit contained several updated requirements and new programs that cities must implement in order to reduce storm water runoff and various pollutants. Due to the increased requirements and the need for special technical expertise, it was recommended that the City use a single consultant to ensure adequate and consistent implementation of the required commercial and industrial inspections. Because of time constraints, the Public Works Department had been seeking professional consulting services to get the initial inspections completed in order to comply with the MS4 permit requirements. Staff had currently been working with John Hunter and Associates, an environmental consultant, currently providing stormwater assistance and inspection services to several local municipalities. She concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council approve a service agreement with John Hunter and Associates, Inc. and appropriate \$60,500 from the general fund for compliance and stormwater inspection services.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • STATUS REPORT ON DEL VALLE PARK MEMORIAL PLAZA

The Public Works Director displayed slides and provided an update on the progress of the Del Valle Park Veterans Memorial jet refurbishment. After a site visit to Tucson, Arizona, and meeting with Mike McDougall of Fighting Classics, it had been determined that the local airport was secure, the hangar was well equipped and that Fighting Classics had the capacity and experience to accomplish the project. Ms. Rapp explained that reference checks had been completed and an agreement had been negotiated, with the challenges of insurance requirements, scheduling and site preparations remaining. The first phase of the project would involve the disassembly and removal of the jet while Phase 2 consisted of the restoration of the jet in Tucson. She stated that staff would carefully monitor all phases of the work with regular site visits and consultation on issues that may arise. She concluded by stating that construction plans for the Memorial Plaza were about 30% complete.

Council Members expressed excitement in seeing the project move forward and acknowledged staff's meticulous efforts and attention to detail.

MAYOR ROGERS STATED THAT THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE ITEM WAS ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Jenny Bapp addressed the City Council regarding the use of bond measure funds at Lakewood schools.

Mayor Rogers thanked Ms. Bapp for her extensive research and noted that staff would assist in facilitating further inquiries into funds related to school bond measures.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC

Acting City Clerk