



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
November 17, 2015

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Marius Calugaru, Life Center Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop 212

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of former City Manager, Milt Farrell; in memory of Mary Loya, a Cerritos College Board of Trustees member representing Lakewood; in memory of Peter Lemieux, step-father of crime prevention staff member Natascha Martin; and in memory of Cal State Long Beach student, Nohemi Gonzalez, and all the innocent victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, Beirut and other parts of the world.

The Mayor also announced the annual tree lighting event to be held on Friday, December 4th highlighting some of new features which included falling snow, face painting, food trucks, and carnival games. He thanked staff and the Community Promotions Committee for their efforts in organizing the event.

Mayor Wood introduced Jalesia Duran, Miss Greater Lakewood and Sigma Kappa Vice President of Programming at Cal State Long Beach, who made a presentation on the sorority's efforts to collect cards and letters to send to U.S. troops as part of the Thank a Soldier campaign.

Council Member Rogers highlighted the success of the Lakewood Education Foundation's fundraising efforts. He thanked the community for their support, reporting that over \$40,000 had been raised to provide 104 grants to teachers enabling them to enhance educational opportunities for students in Lakewood schools.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Mayor Wood stated that Routine Item 6 would be considered separately.

VICE MAYOR PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5 AND 7 THROUGH 8.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held October 27, 2015

RI-2 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-3 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions

RI-4 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 2014-5, Del Valle Memorial, E.C. Construction

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-65; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING A JOB CLASSIFICATION AND AMENDING EXISTING PAY RATE IN ATTACHMENT B OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-66; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF BRIERCREST AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-67; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-68; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A FUNDING FOR BOLIVAR PARK SCHOOL AGE AND PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-6 Consideration of Option for Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System

ROUTINE ITEMS: – Continued

Council Member Rogers stated that because of his employment with L.A. County and out of an abundance of caution, he would recuse himself on the item.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 6. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

1.1 • CONSIDERATION OF VACATION OF ALLEY LOCATED NORTH OF 207TH STREET

Steve Skolnik, City Attorney, advised that a report regarding the alley vacation had been presented at the meeting of the City Council held on October 13th. He concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution ordering the vacation of the portion of the alley north of 207th Street between Arline Avenue and Seine Avenue.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-69; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD VACATING A 20 FOOT BY 40 FOOT SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ALLEY NORTH OF 207TH STREET, BETWEEN ARLINE AVENUE AND SEINE AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION, AND SHOWN ON MAP ATTACHED HERETO

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIAZZA SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-69. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2015-2020

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that subsequent to the City Council approval of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, an amendment sought to shift \$185,743 in Community Development

1.2 • AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2015-2020 - Continued

Block Grant funds previously budgeted for the Palms Park Improvements, requiring the adoption of a Substantial Amendment. She reported that the funds originally allocated to Palms Park improvements plus the \$435,612 allocated to the Burns Center improvements totaled \$621,355 in CDBG funds that were proposed to be allocated. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council conduct a public hearing, approve the activities and direct staff to consider all comments received in preparation of the amendment.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 7:50 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 PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • CONSIDERATION OF RYNERSON PARK PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS AREA PROJECT

Lisa Litzinger, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that the City had been selected as one of ten California cities to receive the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Healthy Play Matching Grant, which would enable the installation of a new family play and fitness structure at Rynerson Park. CPRS and PlayCore would provide a one-to-one match toward the purchase of fitness and playground equipment. She stated that staff recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing and approve the purchase and installation of play and fitness equipment and surfacing at Rynerson Park at a contract price of \$194,265.76 from GameTime; approve \$13,300.00 for the completion of a playground safety audit and the purchase of playground sand, and site furnishings for the new play space; authorize the preparation of the site plans in the not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000 with Meyer and Associates; authorize the preparation of the site survey for a cost of \$2,900 with Willdan; and appropriate \$231,000 for the project.

Responding to Vice Mayor Piazza's inquiry, Ms. Litzinger stated that expanding the adult workout area could be accomplished at a later date.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:01 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 PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.3 • CONSIDERATION OF RYNERSON PARK PLAYGROUND AND FITNESS AREA PROJECT – Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

VICE MAYOR PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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A moment of silence was observed in memory of Milt Farrell, Mary Loya, Peter Lemieux, Nohemi Gonzalez, and the victims of the recent terrorist violence in Paris, Beirut and other parts of the world.

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CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:04 p.m., Mayor Wood announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

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CLOSED SESSION: - Continued

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Govt. Code §54957.6

Designated Representative: City Manager Howard Chambers

Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

The City Council sitting as the City Personnel Board to decide personnel appeal

At 8:30 p.m., the City Council reconvened and the City Attorney advised that there was no action to announce.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk