



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
February 9, 2010

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. John C. Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

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 announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Patricia Piercy, former City Commissioner and wife of former Mayor and Council Member Wayne Piercy.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held January 26, 2010
- 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 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 09-2, Street Resurfacing in Bloomfield Avenue, All American Asphalt
- RI-6 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 09-3, Street Resurfacing in South Street, All American Asphalt

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • OVERVIEW REPORT ON CALIFORNIA'S STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND LAKEWOOD PAVING PROGRAM UPDATE

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that an assessment of local streets and roads had been funded through several organizations such as the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties. The objectives of the study were to determine the conditions; forecast the cost to put or keep them in acceptable condition; ascertain safety, traffic and regulatory needs; and identify funding shortfalls. She noted that statewide, cities and counties were responsible for 81 percent of publicly maintained roadways. She reviewed the funding sources for street maintenance and the continuing efforts by the State to re-direct those funds. The assessment concluded that the current condition of local streets and roads had dropped just below "good" into the "at risk" category and would deteriorate into "poor" condition by 2033 at the current funding levels. She provided an update on Lakewood's pavement management program and noted that 92 percent of Lakewood's 196 miles of streets and alleys had been re-paved since 2000. She reviewed the major streets that had been completed and those awaiting funding. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution in support of the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-4; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Council Member Croft noted that during the recent severe weather, the residential streets had been draining well and that residents had positive comments to make about the paving program.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2010-4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • PREVIEW OF 2010 EARTH WALK EVENT

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She characterized the Earth Walk event as a family-friendly special event, with hands-on participation activities and vendor displays pertaining to gardening, recycling and conservation. She concluded by inviting residents to come out on Saturday, March 20th at Monte Verde Park and explore the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail.

3.3 • WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He outlined the complex systems for water sources and delivery and noted that although the State had received significant rainfall so far this season and snowpack water content was good, after so many years of less than normal rainfall, the State's reservoirs remained well below storage capacity. He addressed the issue of water diversion to the Sacramento Delta for species protection, based upon Federal court orders, and its impacts on farmland in the Central Valley and water availability in Southern California. He advised that the snowpack that served the Colorado River was at only about 82 percent of normal, with the River experiencing one of the driest periods in the last 100 years. He concluded by stating that although local rainfall was helpful, it was important to continue to conserve water wherever possible.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Mr. Glancy confirmed that reservoirs upstream on the Colorado River could hold off on releasing water downstream until they had reached at least two-thirds of capacity.

Mayor Rogers inquired if there was a noticeable reduction in water use during rainy periods. Mr. Glancy responded by stating that since nearly 50 percent of residential water was used outside, there was a 20 to 30 percent drop in water consumption.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired about the possibility to capture more stormwater. Mr. Glancy stated that a good job was being done with the resources available, and that to do more would require expanding the spreading grounds for groundwater recharge. Mr. Glancy noted that although removal of concrete along the San Gabriel River would allow more stormwater to be absorbed into the ground, it would slow the flow of flood water down so much that the River channel would need to be seven times its current width in order to prevent flooding along the banks.

At 8:23 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:30 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Bob Clayton addressed the City Council expressing support of the Mayor's letter to the editor of the Press-Telegram.

Joseph Cho, Cerritos City Council Member, addressed the City Council regarding Korean War Veterans appreciation days.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Patricia Piercy.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk