



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
June 8, 2010

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

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Michael Conan, Lakewood Christ Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Steve Croft

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Esquivel announced that the Lakewood Civic Center Block Party would be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger reported that the Block Party would feature a live concert, the Taste of Lakewood restaurant showcase, a family fun zone for kids, and a fireworks show.

Mayor Esquivel announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of City staff members Ken Tate, who served as the Parks Superintendent, supervising landscaping and park maintenance for the Recreation and Community Services Department; and Mary Love, who provided support for Utility Billing as a Senior Account Clerk in the Administrative Services Department. Also to be recognized through a moment of silence would be Alice Glancy, mother of Water Resources Director Jim Glancy; Leonard Bermudez, father of the Purchasing Division's Edward Bermudez; and Jan DuAmarell, wife of Bruce DuAmarell with the Public Works Department.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held May 11, and May 25, 2010
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB 1234

RI-5 Directing Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-18; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF AMOS AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-19; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 214TH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-20; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE EAST SIDE OF NECTAR AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-7 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 08-05, Well 27 Treatment Plant, SoCal Pacific Construction Corporation

RI-8 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-9 Approval of Sole Source Purchase of Athletic Field and Courts Lighting Equipment Replacement

RI-10 Approval of Purchase of Desktop Computers

RI-11 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO TAX DEFER MEMBER PAID CONTRIBUTIONS

RI-12 Approval of Modification of the Decision of the Tax Administrator Pertaining to the Trade Winds Hotel

RI-13 Approval of Street Closures for Block Parties for July 4th.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • L.A. COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, GRADING, GEOTECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ENGINEERING FEES

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell gave a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated that since current building-related fees for Lakewood were approximately twenty percent below the charges from the County of Los Angeles to provide the services, staff was recommending the fees be aligned with the fee structure used by the L. A. County Department of Public Works. She noted that if approved, the new fee schedule would go into effect 60 days after adoption. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution incorporating by reference the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works fee schedule for building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, grading geotechnical and material engineering fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-22; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND SAFETY FEE SCHEDULES FOR BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, GRADING, GEOTECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ENGINEERING FEES

Responding to a question from Council Member DuBois, Ms. Southwell stated that this action would bring the fees charged in line with the cost to provide the service, meaning the service would no longer operate at a deficit and would not need to be subsidized.

Council Member Rogers noted that building-related services had been kept low for a long time, and that changing the fees was not a profit-making effort, but rather that the City could no longer afford to subsidize the services. Ms. Southwell stated that the County performed a fee-cost analysis to ensure that their fee schedule accurately represented the actual cost to provide the services.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:48 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 COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2010-22. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SCHEDULE

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin gave a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated Revenue Cost Specialists had performed a cost allocation and cost of services study to ensure that the City was accounting for the true cost of providing various services. As a result of the study, a number of new and increased administrative fees, primarily water related, were proposed as reasonable and necessary reimbursements for the

1.2 • ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SCHEDULE - Continued

cost of providing certain services. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution to establish and/or increase administrative fees to cover the cost of providing the services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-23; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR SERVICES RELATING TO WATER TESTING AND HYDRANT RENTAL, FILM PERMITS, AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMITS, AND INITIATIVE PROCESSING FEE; AND INCREASING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR SERVICES RELATING TO WATER TESTING, HYDRANT RENTAL AND BILLING, AND DOCUMENT CERTIFICATION

Council Member Croft clarified with Ms. Perkin that the proposed fees were based on an independent study that looked at actual costs to provide services.

Ms. Perkin confirmed for Council Member Rogers that most of the water-related fees would only impact commercial and industrial customers.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2010-23. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 08-1, ARBOR WATER YARD PAVEMENT REHAB

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp made a presentation based on her memo in the agenda and reported that ten bids had been received for the Arbor Water Yard Pavement Rehab project. The proposed project would provide for the removal and replacement of pavement at the Arbor Water Yard, as well as the re-grading of unpaved areas and construction of lateral concrete gutters to improve site drainage. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award a contract to the low bidder, United Paving Company in the amount of \$223,241; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, not to exceed \$50,000.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 08-1, ARBOR WATER YARD PAVEMENT REHAB - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.1 • PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF MOTOROLA DIGITAL RADIOS

The Director of Public Works displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that the City was required by the Federal Communications Commission to convert its two-way radio licenses from wide-band to a narrow-band frequency no later than January, 2011. She noted that since the current radios were not narrow-band compatible and that a digital system was proposed. She reviewed the advantages of a digital system, including increased clarity and coverage, GPS tracking, caller ID, text capability and multi-channel capability. She pointed out that the multi-channel capability would allow the incorporation of the DASH vehicles, eliminating the need for a separate communication system. The proposed system was available for purchase through a piggy-back agreement with the County of Los Angeles. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Motorola for digital radio equipment in the amount of \$93,521.62; issue a purchase order to Advanced Electronics for engineering and installation services and the GPS system in the amount not to exceed \$44,808.25; and approve the appropriation of \$138,330 of Justice Assistant Grant ARRA funds for the project.

Council Member Croft inquired about the texting feature. Ms. Rapp stated that the feature was only available within the system, not to any outside contacts, and would utilize numerically assigned messages, such as "out-of-service," for routine use.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.2 • PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER BRANDING CAMPAIGN

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the California Park & Recreation Society had developed a statewide campaign to brand parks and recreation as an essential community service. She advised that the Recreation and Community Services Department would be incorporating the brand in their marketing and promotion of their programs and services throughout the summer and on banners located in eight City parks.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

At 8:15 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:16 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 Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ken Tate, Mary Love, Alice Glancy, Leonard Bermudez and Jan DuAmarell.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk