



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
November 8, 2011

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

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Monsignor Joseph Greeley, St. Pancratius Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Todd Rogers

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Van Nostran announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Maudie Alford, Public Works staffer Sherri Harris' mother, and Paciencia Ferrer, mother of Lourdes Mulhearn from the City's Administration Department. He advised that the meeting would also be adjourned in memory of Larry Allison, long time editorial page editor for the Long Beach Press-Telegram.

Finally, he announced that the meeting would also be adjourned in memory of Mace Siegel, who had been a friend to Lakewood, a business and civic leader, and Chairman of the Board of Macerich, owner of the Lakewood Center Mall. Mayor Van Nostran shared memories of Mr. Siegel's many accomplishments, such as the reconstruction project that enclosed and refurbished the mall and his successful effort to bring Costco to Lakewood Center. He expressed sadness and deepest condolences to Mr. Siegel's family, friends and colleagues.

Council Member Rogers stated that Mace Siegel, who had been named a Legend of Lakewood, had been a man who genuinely cared about Lakewood and that his impact would be felt for generations to come.

Council Member Croft also offered condolences, commenting that Mr. Siegel had been a very accomplished individual who was also humble and very generous to the community.

Vice Mayor DuBois described Mace Siegel as a gentle man, whose generosity and caring would be missed and stated that there would never be anyone like him.

Council Member Wood commented that he did not have the opportunity to interact with him but knew that Mr. Siegel had left an imprint on the Lakewood community and expressed gratitude for his many contributions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Mayor Van Nostran introduced two Macerich senior executives, Executive Vice President Eric Salo and Doug Roscoe, Senior Property Manager, in charge of Lakewood Center, who offered their deepest sympathy and expressed condolences. Mr. Salo explained that he learned of the lasting value of relationships from Mr. Siegel and promised to continue those relationships with the City. He stated they were proud to be part of Lakewood and shared in Mr. Siegel's passion for the community and thanked the Council for their recognition of him.

Mayor Van Nostran introduced Assembly Member Tony Mendoza, who gave an update on the 2011 Legislative Session in Sacramento. Assembly Member Mendoza highlighted the Young Legislators Program, thanking the City for its participation, and provided an update on AB177, the Accountability Act, and on the budget.

Council Member Rogers thanked Assembly Member Mendoza for the courage he displayed during the past year regarding the Redevelopment Agencies issue and for his support of local government.

Council Member Croft echoed Council Member Rogers' comments adding that Assembly Member Mendoza did not succumb to pressure and was a true leader who was willing to make tough decisions.

Council Member DuBois expressed gratitude noting that it had not been the first time that Assembly Member Mendoza had stood up for Lakewood and stated it had been a pleasure to participate in his Young Legislators Program.

Council Member Wood stated that Assembly Member Mendoza could return to the district with his head held high and thanked him for his conviction.

Mayor Van Nostran also thanked Assembly Member Mendoza stating that the City looked forward to the continued relationship.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held October 25, 2011

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR CITIZEN'S OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT

Deputy City Manager Carol Jacoby reported that during the 2011 budget year, the State Legislature had appropriated funds for the Citizen's Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant from Vehicle License Fees. She added that the change in funding source created uncertainty since it was based upon the amount of fees collected through vehicle registrations and that the City's entitlement was estimated at \$129,660. Front line law enforcement services included youth at risk, anti-gang activities, crime suppression, traffic enforcement and community crime prevention programs. Ms. Jacoby stated that the funds must be appropriated pursuant to written requests from the Lakewood Sheriff Station Captain and the City Manager specifying the front line law enforcement needs. The projects requested included the summer 2012 Park Deputy Patrol and enhanced mission specific criminal enforcement directed for Lakewood "hot spots." The Public Safety Committee had reviewed these program requests and were recommending that the City Council open the public hearing to take input on the requests for funding; approve the recommended programs for front line law enforcement services; and direct the Administrative Services Director to appropriate these funds to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services account with the City budget for disbursement of the COPS monies.

Mayor Van Nostran 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.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS FOR FRONT LINE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • ADAPTIVE RECREATION/SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and presented an update on the Adaptive Recreation and Special Olympics programs, both of which invited mentally and physically challenged children, teens, and adults to participate in mainstream activities in a positive and non-threatening setting, thus enriching their quality of life.

Members of the City Council expressed their pride in the athletes and coaches of the Adaptive Recreation and Special Olympics programs commending all participants and recognizing Chuck Martucci for guiding the program.

3.2 • FIFTH AMENDMENT TO RECREATION LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LAKEWOOD EQUESTRIAN CENTER

The Director of Recreation and Community Services reported that the Lakewood Equestrian Center had been providing pony rides, lessons and parties since 1987. Due to difficult economic times, Sandie Mercer Ranch, Inc. was requesting a 5th amendment to the lease agreement. Staff reviewed the situation and determined that a reduction in rent would still be in line with current rental rates. It was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve and authorize the execution of the Fifth Amendment to the Recreation Lease for the Lakewood Equestrian Center with Sandie Mercer Ranch, Inc. subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.3 • SHOP LAKEWOOD UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Lisa Novotny gave an oral presentation on the Shop Lakewood program. She introduced John Kelsall, CEO, Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, who gave a brief overview of the program and presented its new website, which had already received 8,800 hits.

Lakewood Center Senior Manager Doug Roscoe commended the program and pledged Macerich's support to the Shop Lakewood program.

In response to Council inquiries, Mr. Kelsall stated that the outreach for the program would be handled by phone calls and site visits. He noted that in order to participate in the program, it was not necessary for the merchants to be Chamber members.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO SHOP IN LAKEWOOD. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

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At 8:29 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:35 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Maudie Alford, Paciencia Ferrer, Larry Allison and Mace Siegel.

CLOSED SESSION:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Pursuant to Government Code §54957

Mayor Van Nostran announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957 to evaluate the performance of the City Manager.

At 9:30 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. The City Attorney announced that no action had been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy City Clerk

Recorded by:
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