



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 10, 2013

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

INVOCATION was offered by Council Member Jeff Wood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Lakewood High School Jr. ROTC

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Croft announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Eva Musicant, grandmother of Community Relations Manager Sheryl Musicant Stewart.

Mayor Croft reminded the community that the annual Patriot Day Concert would be held on Wednesday, September 11th at Del Valle Park at 6 p.m.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that there had been a lot said recently about vapor cigarettes and the businesses selling them. He requested that staff study the issue.

Council Member Wood announced that the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries would be holding a book sale on Saturday, October 5th at the Jacoboni Library.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held August 13, and August 27, 2013
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Permit for Mayfair High School Homecoming Parade

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-5 Approval of Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for MUNIS Accounting Software License and Support

RI-6 Approval of Agreement with Bellflower Unified School District for the Success Through Awareness and Resistance (STAR) Program

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

1.1 • CDBG PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated the Federal regulations required all recipients of Community Development Block Grant funds to prepare an annual performance report. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) summarized the program year accomplishments. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing to receive any public comments, and direct staff to submit the CAPER, with any comments received, to the local Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT THE CAPER, WITH ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED, TO THE LOCAL HUD OFFICE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-5; RELATING TO SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that a public hearing had been held on this ordinance at the last City Council meeting, and that it was presented for adoption at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RELATING TO SIGNATURE AUTHORITY was read by title by the City Clerk.

2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-5; RELATING TO SIGNATORY AUTHORITY - Continued

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2013-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

3.1 • LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin presented a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated that due to a distribution error on the part of the County of Los Angeles, the Successor Agency to the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency would experience a budget shortfall of \$836,224 necessitating a loan between the City and the Successor Agency. She noted that the proposed loan would be listed for repayment on the next two Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS) and that the previous loan between the City and the Agency had already been repaid. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the Loan Agreement between the City of Lakewood and the Successor Agency to the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency in the amount of \$836,224.00.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED LOAN BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

3.2 • STATUS REPORT ON MORATORIUM ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS TO ALLOW CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE (OFF-SALE) ESTABLISHMENTS

The Director of Community Development made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that in October of 2012, the City Council had, by ordinance, established a moratorium on the issuance of any Conditional Use Permit for any new alcoholic beverage facility (off-sale) in a location with a gross floor area of less than 6,500 square feet. She reported that the Community Development Department had been studying the potential adverse impacts in the rapid increase of many small alcoholic beverage establishments, but would require more time in which to complete said study. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council issue the written Report on Measures Taken to Alleviate the Conditions that Led to Adoption of Interim Ordinance No. 2012-3 and as Extended by Interim Ordinance No. 2012-4.

3.2 • MORATORIUM ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS TO ALLOW CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE (OFF-SALE) ESTABLISHMENTS - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO ISSUE THE REPORT AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAME FOR OCTOBER 8, 2013. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

3.3 • MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the City was part of three separate watershed groups, (Lower Los Angeles River, Los Cerritos Channel and the Lower San Gabriel River) and had been working closely with the other agencies in each group to develop the proposed Memorandums of Understanding for the development of a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for each group. She briefly reviewed the development process for the MOUs, noting that the deadline for submittal of the WMPs was June 30, 2014. She reported that the costs for development of the WMPs was apportioned based upon a formula considering the percentage of area within the watershed, with Lakewood's share for the three areas totaling \$154,248. She noted that the cost did not include any of the required monitoring or capital improvements ultimately identified in the WMPs. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the MOU with Gateway Water Management Authority to develop a Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program for the Lower Los Angeles River – Reach 1 Watershed Committee, the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Committee and the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Committee; and to appropriate \$154,248 for Lakewood's share for fiscal year 2013-14.

Mayor Croft inquired why the term for the Lower Los Angeles River MOU was longer than the other two. Ms. Rapp stated that there was a longer implementation schedule for the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that were developed by that watershed committee.

Council Member Piazza asked if a funding formula would be coming before the City Council for each year's costs. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that another allocation would be needed and that since the estimated costs would probably not be known in time for next year's budget, a separate request for allocation would be presented to the Council next year.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that while the City Council was wholly in support of clean water, they most definitely did not appreciate the State establishing extensive and costly unfunded mandates such as these without first identifying a funding source, especially at a time when so many local agencies were struggling financially. He inquired when the largest expenses were anticipated. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that it would be at least a couple of years down the road, following the completion of the initial studies and monitoring, before capital improvements could be identified.

3.3 • MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE THREE MOU'S WITH THE LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER, LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL AND LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEES. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

3.4 • FALL/WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the Fall/Winter Recreation catalog had just been mailed out, providing details about the programs offered from October 2013 through January 2014. She outlined some of the highlights of the season such as the annual College Fair in October; Lakewood Youth Sports Flag Football and Volleyball; Halloween carnivals at each Lakewood park; the Lollipop Lane Craft Boutique, with over 115 vendors; Winter Break activities for children; and the Project Shepherd Holiday Assistance Program.

Council Member Piazza congratulated Ms. Litzinger and the Recreation and Community Services Department staff for the great summer programming they had provided this year.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

2. Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 – ROPS 13-14 B

The Director of Administrative Services presented the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 (ROPS 13-14B).

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROPS 13-14B.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

2. Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 – ROPS 13-14 B - Continued

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3. Loan Agreement between the City and the Successor Agency to the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency

The City Attorney advised that this item was the companion to the City Council Item 3.1.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Eva Musicant.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk