



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 27, 2011

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

INVOCATION was offered by Bishop Jerry Fisher, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Steve Croft

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 Karen Barnes, St. Joseph High School faculty member and administrator; and in memory of Doris Kock, Lakewood resident and member of VFW Post 8615 Auxiliary.

Council Member Wood announced that the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries would be holding a book sale on Saturday.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Council Member Rogers requested that Routine Item 5 be considered separately.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held September 13, 2011

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Encroachment Permit for 2932 Sandwood Street
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-5 Approval of Agreement with Jones & Mayer for City Prosecutor Legal Services

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that William Holt, who had been serving as City Prosecutor since 2002, had indicated he would be going into semi-retirement and had requested to be relieved from his duties. He noted that this was a specialized area of work, not performed by many firms. He stated that the proposed contract contained no retainer, was on a services rendered basis, and was comparable to the current rates. The recommendation of the City Manager and City Attorney was to accept the resignation of William Holt, repeal Resolution No. 2002-50, and appoint the law firm of Jones & Mayer as City Prosecutor, effective immediately.

Responding to a question from Council Member Rogers, Mr. Skolnik stated that the firm would designate one of their attorneys to act as City Prosecutor in Lakewood and that person would become a member of the City's Abatement Team.

Vice Mayor DuBois noted that Dick Jones of Jones & Mayer also provided counsel to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD 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

**2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-9;
REGARDING EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONAL
RESPONSIBILITIES**

Mayor Van Nostran stated that the proposed ordinance had been introduced and read by title at the City Council's September 13th meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-9; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REGARDING EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING THERETO

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2011-9. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers, Croft, Wood, DuBois and Van Nostran
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • REMITTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that as part of recent State legislation pertaining to redevelopment agencies, each city with an agency was required to enact an ordinance committing it to making certain payments. The proposed agreement would provide for the transfer of funds from the Agency to the City in an amount sufficient for the City to make the required remittances. She clarified that this was a limited obligation that was payable solely from Agency Tax Increment and not a pledge of any of the City's general fund revenues or other assets. She also pointed out that the agreement was conditional on the lifting of the current stay and if AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 were upheld by the California Supreme Court. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the proposed Remittance Agreement between the City and the Redevelopment Agency.

The City Attorney noted that even though the agreement would have no effect until a decision was rendered by the Court, the deadline to complete this part of the process was October 1st.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REMITTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers, Croft, Wood, DuBois and Van Nostran
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • CENTRE MARKETING AND OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that as part of a new marketing plan, an open house event was scheduled for October 6th to showcase the event space and new on-site caterer. Each area of the facility would feature specialized food and beverages, highlighting the suitability of the facility for many different sized events. She reported that leading up to this event, the Recreation and Community Services and Public Works Departments had worked together on several refurbishment projects for the Centre, including enhanced landscaping, the purchase of new banquet chairs, and a face lift for the sales and catering office.

Council Member Rogers noted that there was a marked improvement in the presentation and quality of food offered by the new caterer and inquired how business had been. Ms. Litzinger responded by stating they were receiving 96 percent positive feedback, and that business had begun to improve and more was expected with the new marketing of the Centre.

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

At 7:56 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:05 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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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 Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Karen Barnes and Doris Kock.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk