



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 24, 2012

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

INVOCATION was offered by Omid Dadgar, Spiritual Assembly of Baha'i of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Royal Rangers Outpost 170

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor DuBois presented each member of the Royal Rangers Outpost 170 in attendance with a City pin and noted the 50th anniversary of the mentoring program. One of the members announced some upcoming fundraising events for this year's Camporama.

Julia Emerson, Public Affairs Manager, Southern California Gas Company, displayed slides and provided an overview of the Advanced Meter project. She stated that the metering system would be upgraded by adding a wireless communication device to residential and some business gas meters, thereby providing customers with access to gas usage information on a next day basis enabling better management of gas use, saving money and reducing the impact on the environment. She added that the upfront costs of approximately \$2 per month per residential customer would lead to long-term savings.

Council Member Van Nostran expressed concern regarding the impact of the \$2 per month in upfront costs to those on fixed incomes and noted his interest in seeing a comparison of bills one year after installation.

In response to Vice Mayor Croft's question regarding service interruption, Ms. Emerson stated that in most cases, there would be no need for gas shutoff and no change to service. Noting his concern for elderly customers and the potential for scams, Ms. Emerson confirmed for Vice Mayor Croft that there would be no need for utility workers to enter residents' homes to modify the meters and noted his request that a contact number be provided in the notice for verifying the identity of utility workers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Continued

Council Member Wood questioned the accuracy of transmissions and whether false readings had been studied during other cities' installations. Ms. Emerson stated that a billing investigation would be initiated if a bill discrepancy had been identified from the transmissions. Responding to Council Member Wood's concerns regarding the placement of the antenna, Ms. Emerson stated that the Gas Company had been working with City staff to identify appropriate locations.

In response to Council Member Rogers' concerns regarding notice from the Gas Company prior to the Public Utilities Commission's approval, Ms. Emerson stated that she would investigate whether notice had been provided to the City. Council Member Rogers requested that in the future, notice be given ahead of time to allow for the City being able to provide input to the PUC.

Yvette Shahinian of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez' office extended an invitation to the 10th Annual Congressional District High School Art Competition reception to be held on May 5th in La Mirada.

Council Member Wood, Vice Mayor Croft and Mayor DuBois highlighted the positive aspects of and expressed appreciation to those involved in the recent Lakewood Shreds, Volunteer Day and volunteer coach recognition events.

Mayor DuBois announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Carol Kumpf, mother of Graphic Technician Denny Kumpf, and James Ego, father of Linda Ung, Administrative Secretary in the Recreation and Community Services Department.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 27, 2012

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions

RI-5 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-14; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB 1386 (LOWENTHAL) AMENDING CALIFORNIA WATER CODE TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR GROUNDWATER STORAGE BY WATER DISTRICTS

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-7 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No.11-1; Watermain Replacement - 2011; T.A. Rivard, Inc.

- RI-8 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 09-7; Traffic Signal Modifications on Arterial Streets Citywide; Freeway Electric Inc.

- RI-9 Approval of Purchase of Scheduling Software for the Centre

- RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-15; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

- RI-11 Approval of Purchase of Swimming Pool Equipment

1.1 • APPROVAL OF SUBMITTAL OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

Carol Flynn Jacoby, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that the City had been notified of an entitlement grant in the amount of \$26,412 from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program and that funding for the Abatement Team deputy was an eligible expenditure. The Abatement Team worked to identify and “clean up” nuisance housing units and businesses that created a haven for criminal activities as well as addressed unsightly properties with residents who disturb the peace and safety of Lakewood neighborhoods. She stated the Special Assignment deputy was a key member of the team and a portion of the contract cost could be offset by the grant. It was staff’s recommendation that the City Council approve the submittal of the JAG Program funding for the Crime, Public Nuisance and Property Abatement Team deputy; receive public comment on the grant in the City Clerk’s Office until May 24; authorize the City Manager to apply for the grant and forward any additional public comment at the end of the review period; and direct the Administrative Services Director to appropriate \$26,412 in the 2012 JAG grant fund when awarded.

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Council Member Rogers stated that due to a job relocation, he would be replacing his appointee to the Recreation and Community Services Commission, Steven Richard, a longtime coach and sports official, with Ted Spaseff, a 34-year resident and former City staffer, who had managed a golf course and also volunteered for the Lakewood Education Foundation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-16; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING TED SPASEFF TO THE RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPLACING STEVEN RICHARD

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2012-16. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES

Mayor DuBois presented her organizational and committee appointments.

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

California Contract Cities

Association	Wood - Representative	DuBois – Alternate
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California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority	Van Nostran - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly	Croft – Representative	DuBois – Alternate
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Gateway Cities COG Board

DuBois - Representative	Wood - Alternate
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Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District	Croft - Representative
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Job Training Partnership Act

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League of California Cities

L.A. County Division	Wood - Representative	Van Nostran - Alternate
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City Selection Committee	Wood - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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3.1 • APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES - Continued

Annual League Conference Rogers - Representative Croft - Alternate

L.A. County Sanitation
District #3 & #19 DuBois - Representative Croft - Alternate

Southeast Water Coalition Rogers - Representative Croft – Alternate

STANDING COMMITTEES

Intergovernmental Relations DuBois - Chair Croft - Member

Lakewood Schools Croft - Chair Rogers - Member

Environmental Management Croft - Chair DuBois - Member

Public Safety Rogers - Chair Van Nostran – Member

Park Development Wood - Chair Rogers – Member

Water Resources Croft - Chair Van Nostran - Member

Community Promotion Rogers - Chair DuBois - Member

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS AS SUBMITTED. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

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3.2 • REVIEW OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS

Paolo Beltran, Senior Management Analyst, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and explained that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee had completed its discussions and recommended its goals for 2012, which established the work program of the Committee and the platform for City advocacy meetings and trips. He stated that the goals also focused on the efforts of the City’s legislative representatives and authorized participation in the coalitions of cities and other agencies that work to affect Federal and State decision making. He concluded by stating it was the Intergovernmental Relations Committee’s recommendation that the City Council adopt the 2012 Statement of Intergovernmental Relations Goals.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT THE STATEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS FOR 2012. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2. Approval of Successor Agency Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule

City Attorney Steve Skolnik explained that the changes had been made to the January to June 2012 and the July to December 2012 Recognized Obligation Schedule which required Council approval before it was provided for review and approval to the Oversight Board at its meeting to be held on April 30th and would then be submitted to the State Department of Finance for its review.

Diane Perkin, Director of Administrative Services, concurring with the City Attorney, stated it was recommended that the Council adopt the updated Recognized Obligation Schedule.

Responding to Council Member Van Nostran's inquiries, Ms. Perkin stated that the State had three days in which to return comments to the Oversight Board or provide approval of the Recognized Obligation Schedule.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT THE UPDATED RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3. Adoption of Successor Agency Multi-Year Budget/Administrative Budget

The Administrative Services Director made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that as with the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule, the Successor Agency's multi-year budget, the expenses of which were listed in priority order, was presented for Council approval and would be provided for review and approval to the Oversight Board.

The City Attorney verified for Council Member Van Nostran that both the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule and the administrative budget would be considered at the Oversight Board meeting.

Ms. Perkin stated that the County had set May 4th as the deadline to receive the documents in order to allow timely preparation of disbursement of payments.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS - Continued

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MULTI-YEAR SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Marjorie Jones addressed the Council regarding the tree in the parkway.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. to Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Carol Kumpf and James Ego.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry, CMC
Deputy City Clerk