



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 27, 2012

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:54 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Dr. John C. Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Jeff Wood

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

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Van Nostran characterized the beginning of the year as one of the “big unknown” due to the uncertainty of his mobility from the amputation of his foot. Citing modern medicine, determination and the support of his family and friends, he stated that he got back on his feet. He introduced and thanked his wife, Charlene, granddaughters Katy Geyer and Alyssa Kent, and members of his church family, Nancy and Gunter Kirstenpfad, who were in the audience, as well as others throughout the Lakewood community for their support. He added that the year turned out to be one of the most rewarding of his career.

He identified some highlights for the year such as a drop in overall serious crime; new businesses locating in the City bringing new jobs; the repaving program which improved eight miles of streets; creative use of grants to make park upgrades; the 30th anniversary of the Weingart Senior Center; and expansion of the City’s website enabling easier conduct of business online. He thanked fellow Council Members, City staff, the L.A. County Sheriff’s and Fire departments, and the Lakewood volunteers for their service to the City.

Mayor Van Nostran also provided an update on some troubling developments including the loss of between two to three million dollars a year with the elimination of redevelopment and a still sluggish recovery in sales tax dollars which created significant challenges for the years ahead.

He noted that one of the biggest accomplishments during his term as mayor had been persuading longtime City Manager Howard Chambers to rescind his retirement and stay on for another three years, which he added would be a challenging time for Lakewood and every city in California. He concluded by expressing confidence that the new mayor and the Council would face the difficult challenges ahead with intelligence and determination.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL - Continued

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Van Nostran announced that nominations were open for the office of mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO NOMINATE DIANE DUBOIS TO SERVE AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, DIANE DUBOIS WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

Mayor DuBois presented outgoing Mayor Van Nostran with a plaque, DVD and scrapbook commemorating his year of service as Mayor.

Mayor DuBois thanked her Council colleagues for the opportunity to serve the residents of Lakewood as Mayor. Having lived in the City for fifty-two years, she expressed her appreciation for the sense of small-town community; having a city government staffed by people who were guided by the belief that difficulties could be overcome and a good quality of life could be provided to the residents even during tough economic times; and the leadership and collegiality of the City Council.

She stated that she looked forward to a very active year as the City faced the economic challenges ahead. She identified some of the preservation and enhancement projects in the coming year which included new roofs at several park centers, a new tot lot playground and picnic shelter at Bloomfield Park utilizing Federal community development funds; road repaving; long-term investment from the water fund with the installation of solar panels at the water yard to power the office and shop operations; and more online services to make it easier and more convenient for Lakewood residents and businesses to interact with City government. She expressed her support for the City's efforts to recruit new businesses; for the "Shop Lakewood, Stay Lakewood Loyal" program; and for volunteer efforts in the community.

Mayor DuBois thanked her husband, Bruce, daughters and sons-in-law, Sheri and Chuck Vandermause, who had flown out from Texas, and Judy and Jim Ingram, and her grandchildren, Brian and Kelly, who were in attendance, for their care and support.

She concluded by stating that with the difficult economic road ahead, the challenges of the coming year would make their efforts all the more worthwhile and that she looked forward to working with her Council colleagues, the City Manager, City Attorney Steve Skolnik, City staff and the residents of Lakewood.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO NOMINATE STEVE CROFT TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 13, 2012

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Appointments of Alternates to Oversight Board for Successor Agency

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE EAST SIDE OF SUNFIELD AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CARSON STREET NORTH SERVICE ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the proposed resolutions were procedural documents that were legally necessary to enable the City's financial transactions and could be enacted with a single motion and vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-12; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF DIANE DUBOIS, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-13; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF STEVE CROFT, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2012-11, NO. 2012-12, AND 2012-13. 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. Consideration of Multi-Year Budget

Diane Perkin, Director of Administrative Services, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that pursuant to the requirements of AB 1x 26, staff had put together a budget listing all the items included on the Successor Agency's Enforceable Obligations and Recognized Obligations Schedules, and budgeted for the cost of administering the Successor Agency over the next three fiscal years. The budget expenses were listed in the priority order as provided for in AB 1x 26. She concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the multi-year Successor Agency budget.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MULTI-YEAR SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUDGET. 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 Amendment to Successor Agency Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule

The Administrative Services Director made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and explained that AB 1x 26 required the adoption of a listing of all recognized obligations and corresponding payment schedules. It was recommended that the City Council adopt the updated January to June 2012 Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) and the June to December 2012 ROPS pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATIONS PAYMENT SCHEDULE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER 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: Bob Clayton, 4234 Fleethaven Road, expressed his appreciation for the Council and the City.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry, CMC
Deputy City Clerk