



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 28, 2014

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 Dr. John C. Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Cub Scout Pack 75

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Croft announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of David Norwood, husband of Annette Norwood, Senior Marketing Manager for the Lakewood Center Mall; and also in memory of Charlie Brooks, husband of Lakewood DASH driver Elaine Brooks.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that there was an item of business to be added to the agenda. He stated that pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, it could be added since the incident occurred subsequent to the posting of the agenda and immediate action was necessary, providing there were at least four affirmative votes.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO ADD TO THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA A REPORT FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION ABOUT A SHOOTING INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Captain Merrill Ladenheim, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, reported to the City Council that there had been a shooting on Sunday, January 26th at about 1 p.m., where shots were fired from a vehicle into a house. He stated that this was an isolated incident with no gang nexus and that there were no injuries. He advised that the neighborhood where the incident occurred had been very cooperative and helpful in the ongoing investigation. He further stated that he would provide a status report when the investigation was concluded.

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Vice Mayor Rogers inquired if a neighborhood meeting regarding the incident had been or would be scheduled so that concerned residents could have the opportunity to ask questions. Captain Ladenheim replied that it was too early in the investigation, as individual interviews were still being conducted.

Captain Ladenheim displayed slides and gave a brief presentation on Lakewood crime statistics, comparing figures from 5, 10 and 15 years ago which demonstrated that the City was safer than ever. He did note the upturn in the number of burglaries, which he attributed to the early release of non-violent prisoners through the State's realignment process.

Mayor Croft encouraged all residents not already involved in a Neighborhood Watch group to contact City Hall to either join or start a group on their street.

Council Member DuBois stated that while the City had always taken an aggressive posture on public safety issues, it was always good to take a fresh look to see if more could be done.

Council Member Wood determined from Deputy City Manager Carol Jacoby that the City took a very pro-active stance in communicating with Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, including weekly telephone briefings and emails.

Council Member Piazza stated that although the low crime statistics looked good, each victim needed to know that everything possible is being done to keep the City safe.

GATEWAY CITIES COG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE

Jack Joseph, Deputy Executive Director of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), stated that the program, meant to attract businesses and industry, had been developed at no cost to the member cities of the 28-city sub-region.

Victor Grgus, Project Manager for the Gateway COG Prospector website, stated the site would allow business owners searching for new locations to view all available commercial sites in the region.

Daniel Payan, Project Intern, provided a technical demonstration of the new website.

Mayor Croft stated that it would also be a great tool for City Council Members to share with people looking for new business opportunities.

Council Member Wood determined from Mr. Payan that the number of visitors to the new website could be monitored and from Mr. Grgus that the site census data was updated twice a year.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Mayor Croft stated that Routine Item 11 would be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 10, 2013, and January 14, 2014
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Agreement for Emergency Water During Disasters with DS Waters of America
- RI-5 Approval of Lease of Water Rights to South Montebello Irrigation District
- RI-6 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
- RI-7 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
- RI-8 Approval of Proposition A Fund Exchange and Assignment Agreement
- RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND AMENDING EXISTING PAY RATES IN ATTACHMENT B OF RESOLUTION NO. 2013-29
- RI-10 Approval of Agreement for Utility Billing Analysis with Utility Cost Management

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

- RI-11 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND CITY OF LAKEWOOD, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 11. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2014-1, ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 113 AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20909-37 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE AND 12521-12541 CENTRALIA STREET, AND THE RELATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She reported that an application had been received from the owners of the Casa Madrid apartments to allow the construction of a three-story, 22-unit apartment building to be located at the corner of Bloomfield Avenue and Centralia Street. The site, vacant since 1996, would require a change of zoning from C-4 (General Commercial) to PD-MF (Multiple-Family Dwelling Unit- Planned Development); an amendment to the City's General Plan to show a transition from Commercial to Medium/High Density Residential (including the adjacent alley); a Lot Line Adjustment to incorporate the adjacent vacated alley into the site; and approval of a Development Plan and Precise Plan. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that following a public hearing, the City Council adopt the proposed resolution to amend the General Plan; introduce the proposed ordinance to enact the zone change; and approve the Development Plan, Precise Plan, Lot Line Adjustment, and the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PARCELS GENERALLY LOCATED AT 20909-20937 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE AND 12521-12541 CENTRALIA STREET FROM COMMERCIAL TO MEDIUM/HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A VACATED ALLEY TO MEDIUM/HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, DESIGNATED AS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2014-1

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM C-4 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO PD-MF (MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ON THAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20909-20937 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE AND 12521-12541 CENTRALIA STREET AND TO M-F-R (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR A VACATED ALLEY, DESIGNATED AS ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 113

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3, INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2014-1, AND APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PRECISE PLAN, LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FACILITIES

The City Attorney advised that the proposed ordinance had been introduced and a public hearing held at the City Council meeting on December 10, 2013, and was presented for second reading and adoption at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-10; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FACILITIES IN THE M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) ZONE was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2013-10. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY INVESTMENT POLICY

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She stated that the Policy had last been reviewed in January, 2013, and that no new changes were proposed at this time. She showed that a one-year and five-year review of portfolio performance demonstrated that the City's portfolio had exceeded the 1-3 year Treasury benchmark. She concluded by stating that portfolio management services by Public Financial Management (PFM) continued to serve the City well.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE POLICY AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • 2014 LAKEWOOD YOUTH SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She stated that Lakewood's 33rd annual Youth Hall of Fame would be held on February 24th. The program recognized the achievements of high school and collegiate athletes who either lived or went to school in Lakewood, with a Board of Nominees reviewing and selecting each year's honorees. She noted that the 2013 Athlete of the Year was J.P. Crawford, of the Lakewood High School baseball program, and a Major League Baseball first-round draft pick.

3.2 • 2014 LAKEWOOD YOUTH SPORTS HALL OF FAME – Continued

Council Member Piazza noted that it was amazing that Lakewood had produced not only one of the best high school baseball players, but a previous winner who went on to play football in the Rose Bowl, and a speed skater competing in the Olympic Games.

Council Member Wood stated that as a member of the Board of Electors, he was proud of how the program inspired and became a goal for local athletes.

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SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Registers of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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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 8:40 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of David Norwood and Charlie Brooks.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk