



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 27, 2009

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. Bill Cox, Emmanuel Church of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop 134

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Phil Hawkins, representing the Central Basin Municipal Water District, made a brief presentation regarding new educational programs in water conservation available at no cost through the District.

Mayor Croft announced that Southern California Edison would be installing the new utility pole on Palo Verde Avenue soon and that the “monster pole” would be removed by the end of February.

Mayor Croft offered congratulations to Council Member Diane DuBois on being selected as the new Gateway Cities Council of Governments representative to the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board.

Mayor Croft stated that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Richard Poper, an architect who had served for ten years as a member of the City’s Development Review Board.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Council Member Esquivel requested that Routine Item 1 be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 2 THROUGH 9.

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

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ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-6 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE 2009 EDITION OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION

RI-8 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project 08-9, Enhanced Vapor Recovery System

RI-9 Approval of Emergency Water Agreement for Disaster Preparedness Bottled Water

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 9, and December 16, 2008, and January 13, 2009

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9, 2008. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD DECEMBER 16, 2008 AND JANUARY 13, 2009. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR CITIZENS' OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT

Assistant City Manager Sandi Ruyle made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda stating Lakewood was entitled to \$133,118 under the State Citizens' Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant. She reported that the funds would be transmitted to the City quarterly and were for use in front line law enforcement, pursuant to a written request from the Captain of the Lakewood Station.

Lakewood Station Captain Christy Guyovich provided a brief overview of the allocation of the funding for projects such as the summer park program and enhanced criminal enforcement and suppression and for special event patrols like the Pan American Festival, City Block Party and Park Halloween Festivals.

Ms. Ruyle concluded by recommending the City Council hold a public hearing, approve the programs recommended by the Captain, and direct the Administrative Services Director to appropriate COPS Grant funds to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services account.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Renada Redfoot, Phyliss Bowles and Theresa Patterson addressed the City Council regarding home burglary activity in their neighborhood.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY INVESTMENT POLICY

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin gave a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the previously adopted investment policy had served the City well and that no changes were recommended at this time. She reviewed the yield and trends over the past year, noting the diversification of the portfolio. She noted that they would be looking for investments of shorter duration to not be locked into long-term, low-interest investments. She concluded by stating that pursuant to the policy, a review of the investment advisor had been conducted and services been found to be satisfactory.

Responding to a question from Mayor Croft, Ms. Perkin stated that the new liquidity funds were equal to U.S. Treasury obligations which were backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

3.1 • ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY INVESTMENT POLICY - Continued

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that residents frequently inquired about the status of the City's finances in light of the current economic crisis. Ms. Perkin stated that the City was well positioned to weather the tough economic times due to running a lean, tight operation, setting aside funding for capital projects over the years, and reserves. She stated that having planned well in the past to prepare for difficult times, Lakewood was in a good financial position.

3.2 • WATER SUPPLY STATUS REPORT

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that with snow and rainfall playing a key role in the State's water supply and this year's snow water content currently being 76 percent below normal, lake surface water storage was extremely low. Additionally, environmental issues surrounding fish habitats were further reducing the amount of imported water available in Southern California. He stated that Lakewood residents should be encouraged to seek ways to reduce water use. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council direct staff to continue to monitor the reliability of local water supplies to determine the need for implementing additional conservation measures.

Council Member Van Nostran asked about the balance between agricultural needs and wild life considerations. Mr. Glancy stated that with Federal regulations and restrictions, the water supply reserved for agriculture may only be 15 percent of normal supply.

Mayor Croft inquired about special programs that might be available to assist residents in converting to water-saving devices. Mr. Glancy responded by stating there may be another program coming that would offer ultra low flow toilets to area residents.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Deputy City Manager Lisa Novotny presented a report on the 2006 Global Warming Solutions Act, legislation aimed at correcting climate change through the reduction of emissions and greenhouse gases. She advised that the Air Resources Board had adopted a scoping plan in December of 2008, with specific activity mandates which would impact governments, businesses and private citizens. She noted that there were many things that the City of Lakewood was already doing to improve air quality such as alternative fuel vehicles in the City's fleet, the photovoltaic program at a water well site, more efficient street lighting and LED traffic signals. She noted that the scoping plan had a number of aggressive emission reduction deadlines and that careful monitoring would be necessary to track public policy in this area.

3.3 • CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Continued

Mayor Croft thanked Ms. Novotny for staff's efforts to track and analyze legislation in this complex area and act as a watchdog for the City's interests.

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At 8:35 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:36 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Derrick Alatorre introduced himself as the new representative to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

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CLOSED SESSION:

Continued from 6:00 p.m. Regular Adjourned Meeting

At 8:39 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, for a conference with legal counsel pertaining to anticipated litigation in two cases.

At 8:58 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik announced that Mayor Croft had moved and Vice Mayor Rogers had seconded to take action authorizing the City to be a moving party to the amended Central Basin water judgment; to enter into a joint prosecution agreement; to enter into a retainer agreement with Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosny & Kruse; and to appropriate funding for the litigation.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. in memory of Richard Poper.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk