



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
February 24, 2009

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

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Sam Wilder, West Lakewood Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Diane DuBois

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:

Mayor Croft announced that a reception had been held prior to the meeting to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Lakewood's award-winning video production unit, CityTV; to honor the winners of the library bookmark contest; and to recognize Christopher Quan from Mayfair High School as the winner of a Veterans of Foreign Wars speech contest.

Mayor Croft also announced that the Costco store in the Lakewood Center Mall would be opening on Thursday, February 26th.

Carol Ly and Rueben Treviso, representing the Long Beach office for the U.S. Census 2010, gave a brief presentation on the census process and the available temporary employment opportunities.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Mayor Croft advised that Routine Item 8, Water Conservation Rate Structure Revisions would be considered at a future meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held February 10, 2009

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

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 Agreement for Lakewood Little League Use of Rynerson Park

RI-7 Approval of Release of Improvement Security for Tract Map 62736, 11124 Del Amo Boulevard

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • CONFIRMING ELECTION TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 1 & AREA NO. 3

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin stated that the proposed resolutions would provide a written confirmation of the City's existing formula for tax increment allocation for Redevelopment Project Areas No. 1 and No. 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ELECTING TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-4; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ELECTING TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. 3

Ms. Perkin confirmed for Vice Mayor Rogers that the 80 percent referenced in the resolutions was due to the Housing Set-Aside requirements.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2009-3 AND NO. 2009-4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR SOUTH STREET PAVEMENT REHAB

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and gave a brief presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda. She provided an update on the City's street resurfacing program indicating that 92 percent of City streets had been repaved since 2000. She reported that design had been completed for Bloomfield Avenue and that staff was proposing to proceed with design for rehab of South Street. Both projects would then be available for proposed Federal stimulus funding, should it become available. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council accept the proposal of Willdan to provide design services for pavement rehabilitation for South Street between Lakewood Boulevard and the eastern City limit, and to authorize the use of Proposition C funds, in the amount of \$350,000, to be used for the project.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that he had received feedback from residents regarding the recent resurfacing of residential streets around Lakewood High School which highlighted the extra effort the contractor had expended to assist residents in moving vehicles for the project. He asked that the City Council's thanks be extended to Silvia Construction for being so helpful.

Mayor Croft noted that he had recently met with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez to discuss Federal funding that might be available to cities through the Federal stimulus package and the types of project that could qualify.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • 25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR LAKEWOOD PRODUCTION UNIT - CITYTV

Administrative Coordinator Linda Price made a brief presentation outlining some of the accomplishments of CityTV, the City's cable television production unit. She reported that the three most significant areas of achievement were to realize the power of video to communicate, educate and inform Lakewood residents; to boost the sophistication of video packaging to present a programming schedule consistent with a professional channel; and to produce "evergreen" programming with an average shelf life of ten years. She noted that programming had expanded to 24/7 in 2000 and that currently, only five percent of programming was imported material. She concluded by stating that it was the mission of CityTV to continue to find innovative methods, such as streaming video through the City's website and posting clips on You Tube, to tell the City's stories.

Mayor Croft stated that CityTV programming was not only entertaining, but a great learning tool for residents. He noted that over the past 25 years, CityTV had earned more than 195 first place awards.

3.3 • REVIEW OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS

Deputy City Manager Lisa Novotny gave a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated the City Council's Intergovernmental Relations Committee had completed recommendations for 2009 goals and priorities. She noted that although the main emphasis was on State issues, there were a number of Federal and Regional issues included. She stated that the State legislature had finally passed a State budget that would take the State through the next 18 months, and Proposition 1A had protected most City funding. She reported that State priorities included fighting attacks to local control over land use; supporting underground water storage and funding; supporting legislation to protect communities from sex offenders; and pursuing education legislation. Of concern at the Federal level was a proposal that would put Lakewood residents back into a zone which would require mandatory flood insurance, and being ready with qualifying projects for stimulus funding.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that in addition to legislation to protect communities from sex offenders, legislative changes to regulations for the location of group homes was needed. He noted that current legislation for location of group homes provided no local input process, allowed an over-concentration in neighborhoods, and did not take into consideration the impacts of multiple homes located on a single street or neighborhood.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADD GROUP HOME REGULATIONS TO THE STATE PRIORITIES FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS AND TO APPROVE THE GOALS AND PRIORITIES AS AMENDED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.4 • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves displayed slides and made a brief presentation on economic developments at the Lakewood Center Mall. He stated that announcements had been made that the clothing chain, Forever 21, would be occupying the site formerly housing the Mervyn's store; that a Nordstrom Rack would be coming to the Mall in 2010; and that the grand opening of the Costco store, the first to be located within a regional shopping mall, was scheduled for Thursday, February 26th. He stated that the Macerich Corporation, which owned and operated the Lakewood Center Mall, also was making plans for the development of the property along Del Amo Boulevard, the site of the closed Lakewood Center Theatre South and the Circuit City building.

Mayor Croft stated that it was good news that even during very difficult economic times, the Lakewood Center Mall was still able to attract good tenants.

3.4 • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - Continued

Council Member Van Nostran noted that thanks were due to Mr. Mace Siegel of the Macerich Corporation for his continuing commitment to quality development at the Lakewood Center Mall and a good working relationship with the City.

Council Member DuBois remarked on the vision of the Macerich Corporation to allow the Lakewood Center Mall to keep re-inventing itself to stay current.

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At 8:27 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:29 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Martin Orens addressed the City Council regarding challenges relating to the extended care facility/group home located on his street.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that although the City was preempted from taking any action to regulate this type of use in residential neighborhoods, the City Council was committed to doing whatever possible, especially with regard to the issue of over-concentration, to prompt changes in State law that would provide protection for neighborhoods.

Council Member Van Nostran stated that although the City was preempted in this area by the State, Lakewood had been successful in the past in prompting positive changes in State law.

Mayor Croft noted that the City could work through agencies such as the League of California Cities and the California Contract Cities Association to identify other communities with similar issues and concerns.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Kevin Siegert.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk