



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 24, 2009

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:38 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 Campfire USA, Friends 2gether in the Fun Club

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

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Members-elect Diane DuBois, Steve Croft and Todd Rogers. Each Council Member signed the oath and was presented with a Certificate of Election.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Croft reviewed some of the challenges and accomplishments during his term as mayor. He thanked the residents of Lakewood for their support of Measure L on the November 2008 ballot and for their patience and cooperation during the implementation of the RV parking restrictions and new street sweeping procedures. He stated that at the beginning of his mayoral term he had urged Lakewood residents to show their community spirit by offering volunteer service. He noted that overall, more than 3,000 Lakewood volunteers had given over 26,000 hours of service to benefit the community. He recognized Captain Guyovich and the members of Team Lakewood law enforcement for the drop in serious crimes from the previous year. He stated that the Council continued to seek opportunities to make Lakewood a more sustainable, greener city through ongoing programs like the use of rubberized asphalt in street paving which recycled used tires and an eight percent drop in water use under voluntary conservation; and through construction projects like the installation of the photovoltaic system to provide solar energy to power water system pumps. He noted that even during tough economic times, the City was still able to attract new retail development as evidenced by the February opening of Costco and an expanded Forever 21 store opening later in the month. He stated that due to the City's fiscally conservative policies, Lakewood was not having to suspend projects or make cuts in quality of life services, and was poised to put into service any funding made available to the City by the Federal stimulus funding. He concluded by stating that 2009 was the 55th anniversary for the City of Lakewood and that core values such as contracting for services, volunteerism,

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conservative fiscal policies, and a focus on families and youth continue to make Lakewood the remarkable city it is today. Mayor Croft offered a special thank you to his wife, Tess, his daughter, Ana, and the other family members in the audience.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Croft announced that nominations would be taken for the office of Mayor for 2009-2010.

Mayor Croft stated he was pleased to nominate Todd Rogers to serve as Mayor for the coming year. He further stated that Council Member Rogers, beginning his third term on the City Council, had a unique perspective on governing based on his experience in teaching and law enforcement. He also noted that as founder and co-chairman of the Lakewood Education Foundation, Council Member Rogers had helped establish the grant program for Lakewood teachers, benefitting students in Lakewood schools.

MAYOR CROFT MOVED TO NOMINATE TODD ROGERS TO SERVE AS MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, TODD ROGERS WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

Mayor Rogers presented outgoing Mayor Croft with a plaque and scrapbook commemorating his year of service as Mayor.

Mayor Rogers offered some comments on the year to come, stating his appreciation for colleagues who shared the same goals and values, and were willing to work together for the benefit of the community. He stated that we would continue to work with Team Lakewood law enforcement personnel to improve safety at the neighborhood level. The Criminal Nuisance Abatement Team would work hard to prevent neighborhood blight, especially targeting abandoned, bank-owned properties. He stated that he wanted residents to feel confident about the future and to know Lakewood as a safe, fiscally sound, family-oriented, and well-managed place to live. He further stated that in a tough economic time when there was so much bad news, he wanted to highlight stories about the achievements of Lakewood people and the good and generous things going on in the community. He concluded by stating the City Council would continue to work on infrastructure improvements, offer quality recreation programs, strive to be a greener and more sustainable city, protect drinking water, emphasize economic development and shopping locally, and to focus on person-to-person community building through programs like the Lakewood Education Foundation. He introduced his wife, Sally, sons, Scott and Brett, and other family members and supporters in the audience.

Mayor Rogers announced that nominations were open for the office of Vice Mayor.

Council Member Van Nostran stated he would be pleased to nominate Council Member Joseph Esquivel to serve as Vice Mayor. He stated that as a 45-year resident of Lakewood with 18 years of service on the City Council and years of volunteer service to the community as a volunteer coach and Chairman for Project Shepherd, Council Member Esquivel was well qualified.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED TO NOMINATE JOSEPH ESQUIVEL TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, JOSEPH ESQUIVEL WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held January 27, February 24, and March 10, 2009
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234
- RI-5 Approval of Radar Equipment Purchase
- RI-6 Approval of Tolling Agreement with County of Los Angeles and California Contract Cities for Liability Trust Fund
- RI-7 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 08-6; Centre Walk-In Refrigerator/Freezer Replacement Project
- RI-8 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions
- RI-9 Approval of Cost Allocation and Master Fee Schedule
- RI-10 Approval of Sheriff's Station Lease
- RI-11 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, ESTABLISHING RULES, REGULATIONS AND CHARGES GOVERNING WATER CONSERVATION AND REPEALING PRIOR ACTIONS
- RI-12 Approval of Appropriation for Gateway Cities COG SB375 Initial Strategy Assessment
- RI-13 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-5; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
- RI-14 Acceptance of Willdan Proposal for Design Services on Centralia Street Rehab

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-15 Authorization to Issue Prop. 218 Notice on Water Rates

RI-16 Approval of Release of Improvement Security for Tract 62736, 11124 Del Amo Boulevard

RI-17 Approval of Agreement for Demolition of Improvements on Redevelopment Agency Acquired Properties

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • 2009 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves gave a brief report based on the memo in the agenda and stated local planning agencies were required by law to submit an annual progress report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. It was the recommendation of Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council receive and file the 2008 Annual Progress Report and direct staff to submit it to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • SUBMITTAL FOR JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

Assistant City Manager Sandi Ruyle made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that \$195,728 had been allocated to the City of Lakewood through the Justice Assistance Grant Program. Eligible uses of the funding, to assist in local law enforcement, included new training, personnel or equipment. Proposed uses for Lakewood included adding an additional Special Assignment Officer, training for PAVE Program deputies, and new officer safety equipment. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the submittal of the grant application, open a public comment period and accept comments until April 24, 2009, and authorize the Director of Administrative Services to appropriate \$195,728 when the grant has been awarded.

1.2 • JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING - Continued

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Rogers stated that the proposed resolutions were necessary to implement the re-organization of the City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-7; 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. 2009-8; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF TODD ROGERS, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF JOSEPH ESQUIVEL, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2009-7 THROUGH NO. 2009-9. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:26 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:27 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. to Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk