



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
June 9, 2009

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Rogers 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 Vice Mayor Joseph Esquivel

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Rogers announced that the City's annual Concert In The Park series would begin next Thursday at Del Valle Park.

Mayor Rogers also announced the upcoming golf tournament sponsored by the Lakewood Education Foundation, with proceeds to be used for grants to teachers in Lakewood schools.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

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

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held May 26, 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 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-17; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ARABELLA STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
- RI-6 Approval of Agreement for Engineering Design and Construction Services for Truck Impacted Intersections

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

RI-7 Approval of Street Closures for Block Parties for July 4th

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM JOINT USE AGREEMENT**

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that as part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, additional funding had been made available through the Community Development Block Grant program for redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed residential properties. Although not eligible to receive a direct allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through a Joint Use Agreement with the cities of Bellflower, Downey and Paramount, the City of Lakewood would qualify for Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding in the amount of \$479,587. The funding could be used to acquire foreclosed and abandoned residential properties that would be demolished and developed into affordable housing units at a later date. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the application; approve a Joint Use Agreement with the cities of Bellflower, Downey and Paramount; approve an NSP Sub-recipient Agreement with the City of Paramount; approve an Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan; adopt the proposed resolution approving the application for funding; and authorize the City Manager to execute and submit all required documents on behalf of the City.

Responding to a question from Mayor Rogers, consultant Andrea Castro stated that the Program would be aggressively funded and the City should hear by mid-July if the application had been approved, with March, 2011 as the deadline to encumber the funds.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.1 • ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, funds could be allocated to cities through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. The qualifying project proposed for application was the HVAC replacement at the Centre, a project whose completion could save as much as 20 percent in energy costs and reduced emissions. She noted that the specifications for the project would require an update to bring the drawings up to current codes and equipment specifications. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve an application for the Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, authorize the Mayor to execute the grant application, and approve an amendment to the agreement with Meyer and Associates for the Centre HVAC Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$61,000.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR TCSP GRANT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION**

The Director of Public Works displayed slides and presented a report based on the memo in the agenda. She provided an overview to the traffic signal system and areas of need. She reported that with the help of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, the City had been the recipient of Federal funding through the Transportation, Community and System Preservation Grant for traffic signal modernization at six intersections. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize staff to approve a Willdan proposal to provide design and other services for the Grant under the existing agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$150,860; and authorize the use of Prop. C transit funds in the amount of \$350,000 for the required matching funds.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired about funding for the traffic improvements near Fire Station No. 45. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that although design for those improvements had been completed and were awaiting approval by CalTrans, that project would not qualify for funding under this grant.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.3 • CIVIC CENTER BLOCK PARTY PREVIEW**

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation on the upcoming Civic Center Block Party. She reported that the 6th annual Block Party would be held on June 27th and would carry on the summer programming country western theme, with a country western band and line dancing. She stated that it was a very popular, family-oriented event with live music, a fun zone for kids, the Taste of Lakewood restaurant showcase benefitting the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries and an aerial fireworks show. Attendance at last year's event was 19,000. She noted that the completion and opening of the Costco store had required the relocation of the fireworks area, but that all Fire Department clearances had been received.

Responding to questions from the City Council Members, Ms. Litzinger stated that the parking lot area necessary for the fireworks zone would be closed to vehicles the entire day and that the viewing area would be approximately the same as prior years.

Council Member DuBois expressed pride in the City staff for making the event bigger and better than ever. Especially, as noted by Mayor Rogers, since the event was nearly lost due to funding concerns.

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At 8:12 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:13 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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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 Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk