



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
February 12, 2008

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Reverend Charles Atherton, Life Center Assembly of God

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Todd Rogers

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor DuBois announced that a reception had been held prior to the meeting to honor the Mayfair High School marching band for a championship win, recognize Dustin Plunkett for an award given by the Century Club, and to introduce the new Team Lakewood Sergeant Todd Knight.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held January 22, 2008

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 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project 06-9, Centre Waterproofing Project, CAM Painting, Inc.

RI-6 Approval of Information Technology Infrastructure Software Licensing and Hardware Acquisition

RI-7 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project 06-14, Well 27 Wellhead & Pump, Bakersfield Well and Pump

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

RI-8 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project 06-8, City Monument Signs, Bravo Sign & Design

RI-9 Approval of City of Lakewood Investment Policy

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION**

Council Member Van Nostran stated that a vacancy had occurred on the Community Safety Commission due to the passing of long-time Commissioner Chuck Haynes in December. He stated that he would be recommending for appointment, Jim Choura, who had a great deal of public service experience with the Long Beach Unified School District and the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-2, APPOINTING JAMES CHOURA TO THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-2; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING JAMES CHOURA TO THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION REPLACING CHARLES HAYNES

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • ADDITIONAL DEDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

Assistant City Manager Sandi Ruyle made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that for each fiscal year, the Captain of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station prepared a safety plan detailing the recommended types of services and number of deputies to assure public safety. Responding to recent increases in street robberies, the Captain and the Public Safety Committee had met to review the deployment plan.

Lieutenant Terry Benjesdorf reported that the result of the deployment plan review had been a recommendation to add two additional Special Assignment Officers and a Probation Officer. The SAOs could be specifically placed to address particular crime trends and known criminals, while the Probation Officer would assist with truancy issues, gang activity and any known probationers residing in Lakewood.

**3.1 • ADDITIONAL DEDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES - Continued**

The Assistant City Manager closed by stating it was the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that the City Council approve the amendment to the deployment plan as presented, direct the Administrative Services Director to prorate the additional cost in the amount of \$144,000 in the current budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with the Los Angeles County Probation Office.

Council Member Rogers, as a member of the Public Safety Committee, stated they had discussed this matter thoroughly with the Captain and that even though economic times were tough, the recent spike in the crime rate made a pro-active response, such as the proposed deployment amendment, necessary.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.2 • PROP. 1B LOCAL STREETS IMPROVEMENTS FUNDS**

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and gave a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated Proposition 1B, approved by voters in November, 2006, provided funds to local agencies for street improvements. Lakewood's allocation, based on population, would be \$1,345,308.54 for fiscal year 2007-08, and would be used to continue the City's residential paving plan. She noted that 116 miles of residential streets, or 81 percent, had been resurfaced since the program began in 2000 and the Prop. 1B funds would provide for the paving of an additional 5.8 miles. She stated that to receive the funding, an application must be submitted to the State for a capital project that was part of a locally adopted program or plan. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed paving plan and amend the current budget to include an amount of \$1,345,308.54 to be utilized for Proposition 1B projects.

Vice Mayor Croft stated that the contractor doing paving work in his area appeared to be doing a good job and had received positive reactions from the area's residents.

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NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.3 • EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She advised that in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the City was offering to residents a program called Community Emergency Response Team or CERT. The 20-hour program provided residents with education and training regarding disaster preparedness and response skills. 43 participants had received certificates of completion for Level 1 CERT Training. She also described other City programs for Emergency Management such as the Survive for Seven disaster planning program; the Cityline, reverse 9-1-1 system; the First Response Strike Team; First Aid and CPR training with Automated External Defibrillator training; National Incident Management System (NIMS) training; the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); Community Resource Command Vehicle; Emergency Animal Rescue Service (EARS); and participation in upcoming emergency exercises with the County of Los Angeles. She concluded by stating that the objective for the Emergency Management Program was to provide appropriate training to ensure that residents and City employees could provide relief and rescue services following a major disaster.

Vice Mayor Croft noted that he had received positive feedback from the CERT participants who were very enthusiastic about the program and the instructors from the Fire Department.

At 8:06 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:07 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Phil Wendel, American Red Cross, addressed the City Council regarding the Red Cross Home Town Heroes event.

April Burns presented material and addressed the City Council regarding a rent stabilization ordinance.

Anthony Baber spoke about problems with a contractor during a residential remodel.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk