



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
February 26, 2008

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 Rabbi Howard Laibson, Congregation Shir Chadash

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Larry Van Nostran

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 noted that the newly renovated and expanded Lakewood Sheriff's Station had been dedicated on February 23rd. She commended the City staff members that had a part in the project management, and offered a special thank you to Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Sheriff Lee Baca and Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, for their contributions to the project.

Mayor DuBois announce that Captain Dave Fender, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station was to be promoted and would soon be leaving the Lakewood Station. She extended thanks on behalf of the City Council for his leadership of the station.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held February 12, 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

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR GENERAL SERVICES

RI-6 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-4; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF COLDBROOK AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-8 Approval of Expenses and Appropriation of Funds for Centre Waterproofing Project

RI-9 Approval of Substitution of Contractor for Public Works Contract No. 07-6, Bloomfield Teen Resource Center Expansion Project

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • DEL VALLE PARK PICNIC SHELTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and presented a report based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that in July of 2007, a fire had destroyed Shelter No. 2 at Del Valle Park and although it had initially been believed that the structure might be repaired, it was determined that the structure would need to be demolished.

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin advised that an insurance claim had been filed for damage to the structure and that the demolition could not proceed until resolution of the claim. She outlined the claims process, noting that an independent estimate for demolition and rebuilding of the shelter had been obtained. She concluded by stating the settlement had been finalized, and the insurance agency would be responsible for the demolition costs.

Ms. Rapp noted that the insurance adjustor would contract with and compensate a contractor for the demolition, and that they were expected to pull City permits this week.

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger reported that there were three shelters at Del Valle Park, all of the same design and construction, and that all three were fully booked, by Lakewood residents, every weekend of the summer season. She advised that staff had investigated replacing the single destroyed shelter or whether funding could be found to replace all three shelters. She reported that there were some grant funds available for the project through Proposition 12 Bond Act of 2000 and Proposition A Act of 1996, and that with the insurance settlement, should be enough to complete a project to replace all three shelters. She displayed slides showing possible replacement styles.

3.1 • DEL VALLE PARK PICNIC SHELTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT - Continued

Ms. Rapp continued by reporting that there would be minor changes in the grading to improve park visibility and make the shelter sites ADA accessible. She noted that construction on the new shelters would be scheduled for the end of this summer's season. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve initiation of a project for the replacement of all three picnic shelters at Del Valle Park; approve the proposal of Meyer & Associates to provide design services for the project in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and authorize the use of two grant funding sources for the project.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired about the time frame. Ms. Rapp stated that the demolition would commence within days and, once completed, the site would be graded and seeded in preparation for the summer season, after which the other shelters would be demolished. She reported that the actual cause of the fire that destroyed Shelter No. 2 was unknown.

Council Member Rogers expressed concern that lighting in the new structure be sufficient to be a deterrent to anyone tempted to loiter when the park was closed.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • STATEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Administrative Assistant II Paolo Beltran made a presentation on the Statement of Intergovernmental Goals for 2008. He briefly reviewed the 2007 Goals and the progress made. He noted the priorities for the 2008 legislative session in the areas of Federal, State and Regional/County, such as preservation of funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, policies and program to protect the environment, and other legislation or programs that promote enhanced law enforcement services.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired about progress on the Del Amo Bridge Replacement Project. Ms. Rapp replied by stating that considering the project involved four cities and two counties, there had been a great deal of cooperation regarding the project. She advised that currently, the project was waiting for CalTrans to make a determination regarding a necessary design exception.

Ms. Rapp also confirmed for Council Member Van Nostran and Vice Mayor Croft that the Bloomfield Avenue project was still on schedule according to the material previously presented to the City Council.

3.2 • INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOALS AND PRIORITIES - Continued

Mayor DuBois asked about the objectives for the COPS programs. Mr. Beltran responded by stating that the funding levels had been declining each year and there had been threats that the program would be discontinued completely. He reported that letters would be going to the City's Federal representatives regarding the importance of this funding for Lakewood law enforcement programs.

In response to a question from Council Member Esquivel, City Manager Howard Chambers advised that the Governor had proposed a ten percent cut in funding for the State COPS program.

Council Member Rogers noted that there was a proposal to completely cut the Federal program and pass the funding on to the States to administer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2008 INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOALS AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:08 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:09 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

At 8:09 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed to a closed session.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b) in one case

At 8:20 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened. City Attorney Steve Skolnik announced that the following action had been taken in closed session:

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COSTCO AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH REGARDING THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS LOCATED AT DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND GRAYWOOD AVENUE AND AT DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND CLARK AVENUE.

He reported that the motion had carried with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk