



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
May 27, 2008

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Croft 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 Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Larry Van Nostran

**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 earlier in the evening, the City Council had the pleasure of opening the Bloomfield Park Teen Resource Center. He stated that the new facility for Lakewood youth was a welcome addition to the services offered through the City's park system and that many funding sources, which included a competitive grant provided through the office of Supervisor Don Knabe as well as contributions from Lakewood organizations, had made the project possible.

Lisa Litzinger, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and highlighted the project upgrades. She noted that in addition to the grants, partnerships with the Lakewood Lions Club, Rotary Club of Lakewood and Soroptimist International of Lakewood/Long Beach supplied the donations for the computers.

Ms. Litzinger identified some of the Teen Resource Center features such as staff supervision, desktop computers, reading alcove and library, game tables and interactive games. She concluded by stating that Bloomfield Park now provided a space for teens to be safe and secure, to create and imagine, to socialize and to learn and play.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held May 13, 2008

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

- 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 Fireworks Display at Lakewood Mall on June 28, 2008
  
- RI-6 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
  
- RI-7 Authorizing Purchase and Installation of Network Security System Upgrade Hardware
  
- RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADJUSTING THE MAXIMUM FEES OR CHARGES FOR BIN AND SPECIAL REFUSE SERVICE
  
- RI-9 Approval of Appropriation for Repairs to Burns Community Center Parking Lot
  
- RI-10 Approval of Appropriation for Installation of Left Turn Prohibition on Carson Street at Lakewood Drive

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROJECT AREA NO. 2**

City Attorney Steve Skolnik stated that the proposed ordinance had been introduced at the last City Council meeting and was being considered for second reading and adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 2 was read by title by the Deputy City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2008-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.1 • CIVIC CENTER BLOCK PARTY PREVIEW**

The Recreation and Community Services Director displayed slides and reported that the Civic Center Block Party would take place on Saturday, June 28th from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and would include a Family Fun Zone comprised of attractions such as a rock climbing wall, inflatable slides and jumpers as well as traditional carnival games. She added that the Taste of Lakewood, benefitting the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries, would showcase twenty local restaurants and eateries. Entertainment would include a live 70's retro show and a 20 minute fireworks display sponsored by the Lakewood Center. A comprehensive staffing plan had been devised to ensure a safe and enjoyable venue for all in attendance. Support staff would include City staff, L.A. County Sheriffs, L.A. County Fire, CARE ambulance and L.A. County Public Works Department. Ms. Litzinger indicated that Clark Avenue would be blocked off from Del Amo Boulevard to Hardwick Street beginning at 6 a.m. but that parking behind City Hall would be accessible from Civic Center Way.

Mayor Croft stated that the block party was a great event and encouraged everyone to attend.

Vice Mayor Rogers inquired about the location of the fireworks due to the construction at the mall. Ms. Litzinger responded that fireworks would be discharged somewhat in the same area but that there would be less parking in that vicinity.

At 7:50 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 7:51 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Kenneth Harper addressed the Council regarding limited parking options for street sweeping.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. to Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk