



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
June 10, 2008

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Monsignor Joseph Greeley, St. Pancratius Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Diane DuBois

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:

Ben Harvey, Regional Manager Local Public Affairs for Southern California Edison, reported that Edison representatives were in active discussions regarding alternatives for the pole located on Palo Verde Avenue at Centralia Street and were getting close to a resolution of the issue.

Mayor Croft stated that he appreciated Edison's willingness to participate in meaningful discussions to resolve the matter.

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 Meetings held May 6, and May 27, 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 Directing Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes
- RI-6 Approval of Street Closures for July 4th Block Parties

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-7 Approval of Video Production Services and Facilities Fee Schedule

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-20; A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REFORM OF THE BOND RATING SYSTEM TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MUNICIPAL BONDS

RI-9 Approval of Engineering and Architectural Design Services for City Hall Data Center

RI-10 Approval of Request for Extension of Time for Vacation of the Alley West of Hayter Avenue Between Del Amo Boulevard and Hardwick Street

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CODES

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda by stating that new building codes had been adopted by the State and County, thereby necessitating an update to the Lakewood Municipal Code. He advised that the County of Los Angeles had recently adopted those codes and made certain modifications to customize appropriately for the geography and topography within the County. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 2008-2.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2008 BUILDING CODE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2008 ELECTRICAL CODE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2008 PLUMBING CODE, AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2008 MECHANICAL CODE AND AMENDING THE BUILDING, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL CODES OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD was read by title by the City Clerk.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. As there was no response, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2008-2. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • NON-JUDICIAL FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the purpose of the proposed fine was to provide an alternative to processing citations through the judicial system, where certain violations were not prosecuted by the District Attorney's office as misdemeanors, but rather as infractions with much reduced fines. The resolution was proposed in order to set a fine level that would act as a deterrent.

Responding to a question from Council Member DuBois, Mr. Skolnik stated that there was an appeal process in place for use by anyone who felt their citation was not justified.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that he had experience with a similar resolution in another city and that following adoption of an initial resolution, they had modified it to include a second level of fines for lesser offenses. He suggested that the resolution be referred back to the Public Safety Committee to see if such a modification was needed prior to the adoption of the proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-21; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-8 TO ESTABLISH A NON-JUDICIAL FINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 3105 OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

At 7:54 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 7:55 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Neil Hagemester addressed the City Council about street sweeping in areas with alleys.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. to Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk