



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 14, 2008

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 Dr. Fardad Mogharabi, Local Spiritual Assembly of Bahá'í

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop 393

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 expressed thanks to all involved in the golf tournament that had been held to benefit the Lakewood Education Foundation. Proceeds raised through the tournament would be used to assist Lakewood teachers.

Vice Mayor Todd Rogers stated that the Lakewood School Organizing Committee had provided \$50,000 in grants to Lakewood teachers over the past four years and the Lakewood Education Foundation would provide the ability to support even more teachers.

John Kelsall, President, Lakewood Rotary Club, made a presentation regarding Project Shepherd. He stated that the program was in its 36th year, and that 427 families had been assisted last year during the holiday season. He asked Mayor Croft to consider serving as the honorary chairman and requested information on Project Shepherd be included in the City's utility billing.

Mayor Croft stated that he would be honored to serve as the Honorary Chairman for Project Shepherd.

Lieutenant Terry Benjestorf thanked the City Council and staff for the support he had received during his three years as Lakewood's Service Area Lieutenant. He introduced his replacement, Lieutenant Steve Sciacca.

Mayor Croft advised that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Maggie Billingsley, the Lakewood 2008 Block Captain of the Year, who had passed away suddenly last week; and in memory of Henry Sanchez, brother of Lakewood's Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, who was killed in a boating accident.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Council Member Esquivel requested that Routine Item 1 be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 2 THROUGH 4.

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held September 9, and September 23, 2008

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2008. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2008. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

2.1 • AUTHORIZING CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT MONEY IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin stated that the proposed resolution was necessary to provide the up-to-date staff authorization information required for utilization of the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) as a pool for City investments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-65; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT MONEY IN THE CITY TREASURY NOT REQUIRED FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTMENT

2.1 • AUTHORIZING CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT MONEY IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-65. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Responding to questions from the City Council, Ms. Perkin stated that although the financial world was in turmoil, the City had very safe and secure investments.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired about the impacts on budget projections. Ms. Perkin responded by stating that certain changes and adjustments had been made about one year ago. She advised that since two-year investments had been purchased, the rate of return was set for this year as well.

3.1 • PAVING PLAN PRIORITIES FOR PROPOSITION 1B, LOCAL STREETS IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda. She reported that in 2006, voters had approved bond funding under Proposition 1B for local street and road improvements. Under the Proposition 1B, the City of Lakewood was allocated funding in two installments, with a second installment of \$1,268,812. Staff was recommending that the funding continue to be used for the City's residential street paving program. She noted that the residential paving program had completed approximately 88 percent of Lakewood's residential streets. Staff was recommending an adjustment in priorities for paving as water main replacement had not been completed in the next scheduled paving area. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt a revised paving priority plan and amend the FY2008-09 budget to include \$1,268,812 of Proposition 1B funds to be used for the residential paving program.

Council Member DuBois inquired if the funding could be counted on or might be subject to cuts by the State. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that it would be difficult to divert the funds since they were bond funds and restricted by the voters for a particular purpose.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • STATEMENT OF EXPENSE HEARING FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda. He stated the property had an accumulation of junk, trash, debris, rubbish, boxes, containers, household items, cast-offs, furniture, buckets, paper goods, and miscellaneous items stored in the driveway and rear yard area and visible from the street. He advised that although the resident had been assisted with a clean-up by volunteer groups in 2007, the accumulating had continued requiring the issuance of a Minute Finding and Order of the Building Rehabilitation Board to clean up the property. Upon the failure of the resident to perform the work, an abatement warrant had been issued by the court and a contractor was retained to perform the clean-up. The contractor, over a two-day period, had removed and disposed of 6.28 tons of debris at a cost of \$4,400, without the addition of any administrative costs. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council uphold and confirm the correctness and reasonableness of the costs of the abatement work.

John Atwater disputed the total number of hours worked and tons of debris.

Vice Mayor Rogers requested that staff look into possible resources to help Mr. Atwater and prevent the accumulation from occurring again.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 8:11 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:14 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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3.3 • REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING RELOCATION PLAN FOR 5812, 5812½ AND 5814 AUTRY AVENUE

The Director of Community Development advised that the Redevelopment Agency had approved a Relocation Plan for 5812, 5812½, and 5814 Autry Avenue and was recommending to the City Council that the Plan be approved.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RELOCATION PLAN FOR 5812, 5812½, AND 5814 AUTRY AVENUE AS PRESENTED.

**3.3 • REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
RELOCATION PLAN FOR 5812, 5812½ AND 5814 AUTRY AVENUE - Continued**

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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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 Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Maggie Billingsley and Henry Sanchez.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk