



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
November 25, 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. Bill Cox, Emmanuel Church of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Joseph Esquivel

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 encouraged residents to support Project Shepherd through contributions of cash, gifts for kids, staple food items or by participating in the fund-raising, Kris Kringle Golf Tournament on December 5th.

Patrick Sunpanich, representing State Assembly Member Tony Mendoza, announced that they would be holding an open house event on December 4th.

Vice Mayor Rogers advised that traffic circulation at the Lakewood Mall would be opened around the Costco construction area for holiday shoppers beginning on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Mayor Croft expressed wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded that even though economic times were tough, there was much to be thankful for in a caring community like Lakewood.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held October 28, and November 12, 2008

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

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

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-75; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MASSINGER STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-7 Authorization for Sole Source Purchase of Street Banners Marking Lakewood's 55th Anniversary

RI-8 Renewal of Agreement for As Needed Construction Emergency Services with Har-Bro

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 07-5, BOYAR PARK ACTIVITY BUILDING REPLACEMENT

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave a presentation based on the report in the agenda and stated three bids had been received for the Boyar Park Activity Building Replacement Project. The project called for the demolition of the existing A-frame building constructed over 50 years ago and construction of a new 4,000 square foot activity building. She advised that a protest letter had been received from the second lowest bidder, but the City Attorney had advised that there was no legal justification to reject the low bidder as non-responsive. She noted that although a significant part of the project would be funded with grant monies, an additional allocation was needed to fully fund the project. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications, addenda and working details for the project; reject the bid protest letter submitted by 2H Construction; award a contract to the low bidder, GMI Construction Services in the amount of \$1,982,240; authorize the Director of Public Works to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as necessary, in an amount not to exceed \$198,224; appropriate \$99,977 from the General Fund to the Boyar Park Activity Building Replacement Project account; approve an agreement with Meyer and Associates for construction phase architectural services in an amount not to exceed \$54,000; and approve an agreement with AESCO Technologies for construction phase geotechnical services in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 07-5, BOYAR PARK ACTIVITY BUILDING REPLACEMENT - Continued

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • REVIEW OF GOLDEN GUARDIAN TRAINING EXERCISE

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and a video regarding the City's participation in the recent Golden Guardian emergency preparedness exercise. She showed how the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was set up and reviewed the functions of the various EOC sections. She briefly reviewed preparedness programs for residents such as Survive for Seven and the CERT program. She concluded by stating that the most important part of exercises like Golden Guardian was to provide an opportunity to try out the assigned roles and supplies and use the experience to identify any areas that could be improved.

Council Member Van Nostran noted that it was important for as many staff persons to be trained as possible, since the type and timing of an emergency would determine just who would be able to get in to the EOC.

Council Member DuBois stated it was impressive to see the EOC staff step outside their everyday roles and follow the Emergency Operations Plan. Ms. Litzinger advised that Lakewood's emergency plan was standardized based on State and Federal regulations.

Mayor Croft stated it was good to take part in exercises like the recent Golden Guardian exercise since practice meant that the EOC staff would be much better prepared to deal with an actual emergency. He also noted the City's participation (including CERT volunteers) in the recent flu vaccination clinic staged by the Los Angeles County Health Department as an exercise for vaccinations during a potential pandemic.

Council Member Esquivel stated that the exercise had been both well planned and well executed. He inquired about the role of the City Council during a disaster.

Vice Mayor Rogers noted that while staff was responsible for the initial response to a disaster, the City Council would be kept informed and be standing by to make necessary policy decisions.

3.2 • CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR BOEING PROJECT PUBLIC STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Director of Public Works made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that since part of the Douglas Park Project being constructed by the Boeing Company would involve right-of-way areas in the City of Lakewood, a cash deposit had been made to cover the estimated cost of inspection for the street improvements. She reported that a proposal had been received from Willdan for the necessary inspection services. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize staff to approve the use of inspection services by Willdan in the estimated amount of \$41,760.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the proposed project had already been approved through the plan check process and that a new traffic signal, to be located at Paramount Boulevard and Cover Street was part of the project.

Mayor Croft confirmed from Ms. Rapp that the proposed work met all City requirements and that control of the rights-of-way would return to the City upon completion of the work. Mayor Croft requested that the City Council be kept apprised of the progress of the project.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS 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

At 8:05 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:06 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Beatriz Weidman addressed the City Council regarding the changes in tenants at the Lakewood Center Mall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk