



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 22, 2013

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:54 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Roger Garrett, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Camp Fire Greater Long Beach – Zitupi Waku Club

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Steve Croft
Vice Mayor Todd Rogers
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Ron Piazza
Council Member Jeff Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

John Diatalevi, President, Lakewood Rotary Club, made a brief presentation regarding Project Shepherd. He stated that the program was entering its 41st year of providing assistance to families in need during the holiday season and involved the cooperative efforts of the City, Lakewood businesses, churches, schools and residents. He concluded by requesting that Mayor Croft serve as honorary chairperson. Mayor Croft accepted by stating that he would be honored to serve.

Council Member Piazza congratulated Mr. Diatalevi and noted the presence of Rotary Club past presidents in the audience.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held October 8, 2013

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-51; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING SAFE HARBORS UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
- RI-6 Approval of Agreement for Water Main Design Engineering Services with Tetra Tech, Inc.
- RI-7 Approval of Use Agreement with L.A. County Flood Control District for West San Gabriel River Nature Trail
- RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-52; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DASHWOOD STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
- RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-53; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers, Piazza, DuBois, Wood and Croft

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-7; REGARDING LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID)

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit established stringent requirements for identifying and removal of stormwater pollutants; established timelines for permit compliance; and required cities to adopt a Low Impact Development (LID) ordinance, replacing the requirements of the Standard Urban Storm Drain Stormwater Mitigation Plan ordinance. The goals of the LID ordinance included lessening the impacts of development by using smart growth practices; establishing standards for stormwater pollution mitigation for new and redevelopment projects; retaining and infiltrating water on-site where feasible; controlling pollutants, pollutant loads, and runoff volume by minimizing impervious surface area; and controlling runoff from impervious surfaces through infiltration, evapotranspiration, bioretention and/or rainfall harvest and use. She stated that the proposed ordinance authorized a permit and inspection program; a requirement for a covenant assuring that best management practices would be maintained by future owners; and allowed for permit and reinspection fees to be set by resolution. She concluded by stating that staff recommended the City Council introduce the Low Impact Development Ordinance.

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-7; REGARDING LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) – Continued

Ms. Rapp confirmed for Council Member DuBois that the proposed ordinance was mandatory and met the basic requirements of the Watershed Management Plan.

In response to Vice Mayor Rogers' question, Ms. Rapp and Community Development Department Director Sonia Southwell explained that design manuals specifically addressed the issue of standing water by requiring that the water should quickly infiltrate the soil and must occur within 72 hours. Ms. Rapp added that the permit required an inspection be conducted every two years or sooner, if necessary.

Vice Mayor Rogers, recognizing that the proposed ordinance was mandatory but worthwhile in the interest of the environment, inquired whether a study had been conducted regarding the potential for the increased cost of developments. Ms. Southwell stated that since the County was only in the beginning stages of the program, no information was currently available but that costs would be closely monitored.

Ms. Rapp responded to Vice Mayor Rogers' inquiry by stating that a developer would pay the fee every two years for cost of service and that staff of the Administrative Services Department would determine fees based on inspection fees of a similar nature currently in place. Diane Perkin, Director of Administrative Services, added since there had been no history to base such fees on, costs for the program would be monitored.

Having discussed similar questions at the Environmental Management Committee meeting, Council Member Piazza noted that because San Bernardino County had already had an ordinance in place for some time, information could be obtained on how the business and the development communities had been impacted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-7; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD , CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2013-7. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers, Piazza, DuBois, Wood and Croft

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-8; PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND SIMILAR DEVICES

City Attorney Steve Skolnik stated that as directed by the City Council at its last meeting, the proposed ordinance, putting electronic cigarettes and similar devices by definition on the same footing as cigarettes which were already regulated in terms of usage in public places, had been prepared and was presented for introduction. He added that the intent was that the public hearing and adoption of the ordinance would take place at the next regular meeting if it were successfully introduced at tonight's meeting.

Greg Wood, David Joo, owner of GenkiVape, and Pamela Cube expressed their opposition to a ban on the use of electronic cigarettes and similar devices citing the cigarette smoking cessation benefits and their belief in the safety of such devices.

Responding to Mayor Croft's inquiry, the City Attorney clarified that the proposed ordinance did not ban or prohibit the use of such devices.

Vice Mayor Rogers, noting his concerns regarding the lack of courtesy by some, contended that because people may not be supportive of e-cigarette usage, the proposed ordinance would at least regulate where such devices were allowed.

Council Member Piazza stated that in reaching out to the business community, particularly the restaurant industry, he determined that they would like to keep such devices out of their businesses.

Council Member Wood, having spoken to some residents, expressed his support of the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-8; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF SMOKING TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND SIMILAR DEVICES

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2013-8. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers, Piazza, DuBois, Wood and Croft

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • LOLLIPOP LANE CRAFT BOUTIQUE REVIEW

Lisa Litzinger, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a presentation highlighting the success of the recent Lollipop Lane Craft Boutique. She noted that over 118 vendors participated in the craft fair and that marketing for the event consisted of banners at the parks and inclusion in the recreation catalog. Ms. Litzinger reported that the shuttle service made 270 round trips and over 4,000 holiday shoppers attended the event.

Council Member DuBois remarked that having arrived later in the day, she could vouch for the fact that the boutique was very well attended because of the lack of parking at the site.

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers, Piazza, DuBois, Wood and Croft

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Linda Manus addressed the City Council regarding solar panels installed on her property and the necessity for a shade assessment in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry, CMC
Deputy City Clerk