



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
February 8, 2005

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. John Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Cub Scout Pack No. 208

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor Wayne Piercy
Council Member Joseph Esquivel
Council Member Larry Van Nostran
Council Member Robert Wagner

URGENCY ITEM:

Mayor Rogers announced that an item of business had arisen subsequent to the posting of the agenda which required the immediate attention of the City Council. He advised that on Monday, February 7th, an estimate had been received for the emergency repair of the switchgear that operates Water Well #22, which remained out of operation until such repairs could be made.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE REPORTS SECTION OF THE AGENDA. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None:

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Kathy Frazier, Director of Schools for the ABC Unified School District, outlined activities planned for the District's 40th anniversary on February 26th and invited the City Council and residents to attend.

Mayor Rogers announced that a reception had been held prior to the meeting recognizing Community Safety Month and the programs and volunteers that serve in the City's safety programs.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held January 11, and January 25, 2005

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated January 20, January 27, and February 3, 2005

RI-4 Approval of Appointment to the Board of Directors for the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-1, REHAB STEEL WATER TANKS 1 & 2

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported four bids had been received for the rehabilitation of two steel water storage tanks located at the Arbor Water Yard. She advised that the tanks would be stripped inside and out and repainted in accordance with current AWWA standards. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans specifications and working details for the project; award the contract to the low bidder, AA-1 Services, Inc., in the amount of \$477,851.60; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders as needed not to exceed \$50,000.

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy confirmed for Vice Mayor Piercy that the project should be completed before the hottest part of the summer and that the Water Department would have adequate water supplies for the summer.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Mr. Glancy stated that the epoxy-based coating material had been tested for its project life-span of twenty years.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 04-3; TRAFFIC SIGNAL, LEFT TURN PHASING, CANDLEWOOD STREET AT LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD

The Director of Public Works gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated four bids had been received for a project to construct left-turn phasing for the east and west approaches of Candlewood Street at its intersection with Lakewood Boulevard. She advised that since Lakewood Boulevard was a State highway, a permit had been issued by CalTrans for the project. She reported that the lowest priced bid for the project had been submitted by Inspection Engineering Construction, Inc. (IEC), but during the routine reference check, it was discovered that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works had previously recommended denial of a contract to IEC. County records demonstrated that the owner of IEC had pled guilty to one count of commercial burglary in December, 2004. She referenced California Public Contract Code Section 1103 which defines "responsible bidder" as a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. Based upon this, staff was recommending the City Council award to the second lowest bidder on the project. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project; appropriate \$56,000 from the General Fund for the completion of the project; find that Inspection Engineering Construction, Inc. is not a responsible bidder and reject its bid; award the contract to Republic Electric in the amount of \$42,800; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders as needed not to exceed \$10,000.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 05-1; STORAGE AREA NETWORK HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

Finance Director Larry Schroeder gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported that formal bids had been solicited for the purchase of a new Storage Area Network and software for the IT Division of the Administration Department. He advised that no bids were received in time and manner specified in the bid documents. He reported that to re-bid this project would negatively impact the timely completion of scheduled projects by as much as six weeks, and therefore requested that the City Council authorize staff to enter into direct negotiations for the procurement of equipment in an amount not to exceed the amount as currently provided in the FY 04-05 budget.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 05-1; STORAGE AREA NETWORK HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THAT AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.4 • APPEAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 771, FOR A FOUR-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 11540 216TH STREET

Mayor Rogers announced that at the request of staff, this matter be continued to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of April 12, 2005. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

2.1 • MAXIMUM ALLOWED FLOOR AREA RATIO IN THE R-1 AND R-A ZONES

Mayor Rogers announced that Ordinance No. 2005-1, pertaining to the maximum allowed floor area ratio in the R-1 and R-A zones was presented for second reading and adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED FLOOR AREA RATIO IN THE R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND R-A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-LIMITED AGRICULTURE) ZONES, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2005-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

VICE MAYOR PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2005-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY TREE PLANTING

The Director of Public Works gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated that staff had previously made a presentation to the City Council on the status of the City's urban forest and had received direction to evaluate the feasibility of planting additional trees in fiscal year 2004-05. Staff had assessed the work program planned for the fiscal year, including the planting of 600 street trees, and concluded that with an additional budget allocation, there would be sufficient manpower to plant an additional 400 trees. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council increase the authorized number of trees to be planted in FY 2004-05 from 600 to 1,000 trees and to approve an additional appropriation of \$64,000 for this project.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Piercy, Ms. Rapp stated that the types of trees necessary were available and that her staff would be able to get them planted.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • COUNTYWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES COST UPDATE

Mayor Rogers advised that this item would be continued to a future meeting's agenda. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

3.3 • LEASE OF WATER RIGHTS TO SOUTH MONTEBELLO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Director of Water Resources gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported that the City owned groundwater annual extraction rights which, for this year, were anticipated to exceed demand. The South Montebello Irrigation District had expressed an interest in leasing the City's excess 750 acre feet of extraction rights at a rate of \$160 an acre foot. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the lease of 750 acre feet of Central Basin groundwater extraction rights to the South Montebello Irrigation District for \$120,000.

Council Member Wagner commended the staff and the City Council for moving the Water Resources Department into the position where it owns enough groundwater rights to completely supply its needs, rather than be in the position of many water purveyors of being dependent on the purchase of imported water.

3.3 • LEASE OF WATER RIGHTS TO SOUTH MONTEBELLO IRRIGATION DISTRICT - Continued

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.4 • URGENCY ITEM: REPAIR OF EATON/CUTLER-HAMMER VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE

The Director of Water Resources gave an oral presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and reported that the switchgear that operated Water Well #22 had failed, leaving the well inoperable. He advised that the previous day, an estimate for the repair of the switchgear had been received in the amount of \$10,150 for parts and labor. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the repair by Eaton/Cutler-Hammer in the amount of \$10,150; authorize a 20 percent contingency; and appropriate \$12,180 from the water fund for the emergency repairs.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Mr. Glancy advised that the repair work on Well #22, located at Downey Avenue and Candlewood Street, should be completed in about one week.

At 8:00 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:05 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk