



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
December 1, 2005

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Esquivel
Vice Mayor Larry Van Nostran
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Todd Rogers

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held November 8, November 22, and November 30, 2005
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated November 3, November 10, and November 17, 2005

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • RESIDENTIAL REFUSE SERVICE AND WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

[Continued from November 22, 2005]

Finance Director Larry Schroeder presented a brief report based on the memo contained in the agenda packet and stated the Solid Waste and Water Resources Committees had recommended adjustments to the single family water and refuse rates to cover the actual costs of providing these services. Pursuant to Proposition 218, notice of the hearing had been mailed to every resident with their utility bill. He advised that although the hearing had originally been scheduled for the meeting of November 22, 2005, the adjournment of that meeting had caused this item to be carried over to this date. It was the recommendation of the Committees that the City Council hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance No. 2005-15 and Resolution No. 2005-72, and adopt Resolution No. 2005-71.

1.1 • RESIDENTIAL REFUSE SERVICE & WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT – Cont.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 4:02 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-71; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL REFUSE RATES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2005-71. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-72; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3150, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND CHARGES

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION NO. 2005-72. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-15; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING WATER FEES AND REFUSE COLLECTION FEES

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2005-15. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ADDITIONAL ITEM:

LAKEWOOD SHERIFF STATION EXPANSION PROJECT

City Manager Howard Chambers reported that the City Council's Public Safety Committee had met to consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate with County of Los Angeles officials tomorrow with regard to a construction financing package for the Lakewood Sheriff Station Expansion Project. It was the request of the Committee that this recommendation be ratified by the City Council. He also recommended that schedules permitting, the meeting also be attended by the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

LAKWOOD SHERIFF STATION EXPANSION PROJECT - Continued

City Attorney Steve Skolnik provided advice regarding the procedure for adding discussion of an item not listed on the posted agenda. He stated that since the matter arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda and, due to the upcoming meeting, required immediate action by the City Council, it would be appropriate for the City Council to vote to add this item to the agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION FINANCING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY TO THE AGENDA. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Council Member Rogers determined from the City Attorney that although his employment with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would prevent him from voting or influencing the voting on this matter, it was permissible for him to pose questions.

Responding to a question from Council Member Rogers, the City Manager stated that there had been attempts to encourage the other cities in the Lakewood station region to participate in the station expansion project, but the other cities viewed it as a "Lakewood" project and declined to participate. Council Member Rogers suggested the other cities might be more receptive if such a request were to come from the County Supervisor's office.

Council Member Croft inquired about funding mechanisms and recovery periods. Mr. Chambers responded by stating that staff had been working closely with County staff to put together a proposal for presentation to the Board of Supervisors and was making every effort to be responsive.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran noted that the expansion project would not only be of great benefit to the City of Lakewood and the County Sheriff's Department, but to every city in the region.

The City Manager stated that the County Supervisor had advocated "doing the project right," but the shortfall in funding left that in question.

In response to questions from Council Member DuBois, Mr. Chambers stated that at stake was the mix of City funds, Sheriff's Department funds, County Supervisor's discretionary funds and funding made available through the Board of Supervisors.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER, MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COUNTY AND CLARIFY THE PAYBACK ISSUES.

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LAKWOOD SHERIFF STATION EXPANSION PROJECT - Continued
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois and Esquivel
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk