



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
June 22, 2004

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Bill Cox, Emmanuel Church of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Robert G. Wagner

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that as part of the budget items for consideration on this meeting's agenda, City Attorney John S. Todd had included a memorandum advising the City Council that he intended to retire from his position, after 50 years of service, at the end of the calendar year. The Mayor read the following statement:

“John S. Todd, who conceived the plan for municipal contracting followed by more than 130 California cities, has announced his retirement, effective December 31, 2004. It is fitting that this legend of California local government and our city attorney, will retire during Lakewood's 50th anniversary year. No other Lakewood official has made a deeper or larger impression on the development and progress of our community. John had been a Lakewood civic leader long before incorporation of the City. He was a guiding force in the efforts to prevent annexation of our community by Long Beach in 1953. He served as a member of Lakewood's first elected body – the Lakewood Park, Recreation and Parkway District. When the members of the first Lakewood City Council were elected in March 1954, he became their trusted advisor and he has remained Lakewood City Attorney for more than five decades. His shoes will never be filled. We will promptly find a successor, but we have no illusions about finding a replacement for this towering figure in the history of local government. Millions of residents of cities in California and around the nation have John to thank for giving them the benefits of efficient, economical and flexible local government. John taught the world about how to make local government work to the advantage of every taxpayer through the Lakewood Plan for service contracting. In this, John's legacy belongs with other legends of California government: with Hiram Johnson, Pat Brown, Earl Warren, and Ronald Reagan. All were innovators in the tradition of our remarkable friend and city attorney, John Sanford Todd. The City Council accepts John's announcement with sorrow but also with the knowledge that a half-century of his leadership will have a lasting impact on Lakewood.”

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Mayor Rogers stated that with the consensus of his colleagues on the City Council that John S. Todd be named upon his retirement as "Lakewood City Attorney Emeritus" and that staff be directed to organize a commemorative event that would suitably honor John's career in Lakewood. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

City Attorney John S. Todd stated that it was a very difficult decision to make and that although he felt the City of Lakewood was his baby, he was leaving the City in very capable hands. He noted that there were still many things he wanted to accomplish and that he felt it was time to move on.

Council Member Van Nostran stated that having served with John for 30 of his 50 years, he had come to really appreciate John's commitment to the City as "Mr. Legal Lakewood."

Mayor Rogers announced that an item of business had arisen subsequent to the posting of the agenda which required the immediate action of the City Council. With the announcement of the retirement of the City Attorney, ex parte communications regulations for city attorney contacts were needed.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO ADD THE ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE LEGISLATION 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

Mayor Rogers encouraged residents to attend the Lakewood 50th Anniversary Block Party and Fireworks Extravaganza to be held on Saturday, July 3rd, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Civic Center.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Council Member Van Nostran requested that Routine Item 6 be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 8, 2004

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated June 3, and June 10, 2004

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2004-29; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-43 ESTABLISHING STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-6 Approval of Appointment of Director on the Workforce Investment Board

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO TABLE ROUTINE ITEM 6 TO THE NEXT MEETING.

Mayor Rogers noted that a motion to table was not debatable.

Council Member Wagner questioned the motion. He inquired of the City Attorney whether an item that had been placed on the agenda at the request of the Council Member could be eliminated simply by tabling the item. City Attorney John S. Todd stated the item had not been removed from the agenda but had only been tabled and could be removed from the table prior to the end of the next meeting, making it a proper motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel, Piercy and Van Nostran

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

City Manager Howard Chambers displayed slides and presented an overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2004-05. He advised that although times were bleak because of the State budget crisis, he was pleased to present a balanced budget proposal that had been developed in one of the smoothest processes ever. He acknowledged the efforts of the Department Directors to continue to provide services to Lakewood residents while keeping costs down. He discussed impacts expected from the California State budget crisis, including the proposal made to cities by Governor Schwarzenegger and tax swap issues. He reviewed the overarching focus areas of the budget: Intergovernmental Relations; Economic Development; Street Maintenance; Water Quality Protection; Public Safety; Sheriff Station Renovation; Education for Lakewood Youth; Neighborhood Preservation; Information Technology Upgrades; and Park Facility Improvements. He also covered proposed Capital Improvement Projects, such as Street Maintenance; Water Utility Improvements; Hardscape; Boyar Park Activity Building Renovation; Centre Waterproofing; Rynerson Park Picnic Shelters; Pillars of Community Project; Mayfair Park Reroofing; Centre Improvements; Parking Lot Resurfacing; ADA Rights of Way Improvements; and Sports Lighting Upgrades.

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05 - Continued

Mayor Rogers offered kudos to the City Manager and his staff for being able to maintain the priorities of the City despite pressures all around, and to his Council colleagues for being unified in establishing those priorities.

The City Attorney outlined the documents included for approval as part of the budget package and their purpose.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. 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 ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2004-30. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

c) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-30; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF RESERVE FUNDS INTO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2004

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2004-31. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

d) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-31; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DETERMINING THE TOTAL ANNUAL APPROPRIATION SUBJECT TO LIMITATION OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2004-32 AND ITEMS 1.1.E.1 THROUGH 1.1.E.3; 1.1.E.5; 1.1.E.8 THROUGH 1.1.E.10; 1.1.E.12 THROUGH 1.1.E.14; 1.1.E.28; 1.1.E.31 AND 1.1.E.37.

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05 - Continued

- e) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-32; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005
- 1) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-33; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING LOANS TO LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 - 2) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-34; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY TO CITY LIGHT AND POWER LAKEWOOD, INC., THAT BASIC FEE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET
 - 3) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-35; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2002-38 PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND ESTABLISHING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, DEFINING THE CONDITIONS AND HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT, AND ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 - 5) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-36; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2003-39 PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ENACTING A PERSONNEL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES
 - 8) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-38; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 76-102 PERTAINING TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S RETAINER AGREEMENT
 - 9) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-39; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING AND RENEWING A COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 - 10) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-40; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND COMMUNITY FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER PROVIDING COUNSELING SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND JUVENILE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05 - Continued

12) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-41; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND LAKEWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

13) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-42; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND PATHWAYS VOLUNTEER HOSPICE. INC. PROVIDING IN-HOME MEDICAL SERVICES FOR TERMINALLY ILL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

14) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-43; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND SU CASA FAMILY CRISIS AND SUPPORT CENTER PROVIDING COUNSELING SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND JUVENILE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

28) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-44; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE FEE OR PAYMENT FOR SPECIAL COLLECTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS AND ADJUSTING THE FEES OR PAYMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-45; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADJUSTING THE FEES OR CHARGES FOR BIN AND SPECIAL REFUSE SERVICE

31) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-46; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION SERVICES

37) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-47; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND JOE A. GONSALVES AND SON, INC.

Vice Mayor Piercy thanked the City Manager and his staff for the good job performed on the City budget. He noted, however, that he had a problem with one of the items included in the budget for an educational consultant. He stated that he subscribed to some of the objectives listed for the item, but had requested that this item be pulled from the budget until the City Council could meet to study the issue in more detail and then amend the budget at a later date, if necessary. He noted that although the City Council had agreed not to fill the proposed position until further study was completed, the item had remained part of the budget package. He stated that with the fiscal uncertainties caused by the State budget crisis, he felt the Council should not fund this position at this time.

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05 - Continued

VICE MAYOR PIERCY MOVED TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION BY WITHDRAWING ACTIVITY 425 FROM THE BUDGET TO BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER TIME. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MAIN MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE ITEM 1.1.E.4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

4) Authorization for Prepayment of PERS Employer Costs

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE ITEMS 1.1.E.11; 1.1.E.15 THROUGH 1.1.E.27; 1.1.E.29 THROUGH 1.1.E.30; 1.1.E.32 THROUGH 1.1.E.36; AND 1.1.E.38 THROUGH 1.1.E.43.

11) Approving an Agreement Between the City and ARC of Southeast Los Angeles County

15) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Construction Management/Inspection Services with BDA Associates

16) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Engineering and Traffic Survey Services with Newport Traffic Studies

17) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Hardscape Maintenance with Kalban, Inc.

18) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Engineering Services with Associated Soils Engineering, Inc.

19) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for HVAC Preventative Maintenance Services with Process Cooling & Heating

20) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Environmental Services with S.C.S. Consultants

21) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Transportation Planning and Engineering Services with LSA Associates, Inc.

22) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Fire & Security Alarm Services with Sonitrol of Long Beach

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05 - Continued

- 23) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Fire Safety Equipment Maintenance with Cal-Pacific Fire Equipment Company, Inc.
- 24) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Elevator Maintenance with Schindler Elevator
- 25) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Street Banner Marketing Program with Sierra Installations, Inc.
- 26) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Cooling Water Treatment Services with Water Systems Services Company
- 27) Approval of Agreement for Auditing Services with Diehl Evans
- 29) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Services for Affordable Housing by and Between the City and the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency
- 30) Approval of Agreement for Document Imaging System Maintenance and Support
- 32) Approval of Agreement with AirFlite, Inc. for Schweizer/Hughes 300 Helicopter Maintenance
- 33) Approval of Renewal of Agreement for Safety Consulting Services with Pacific Health & Safety Consulting, Inc.
- 34) Approval of Extension of Agreement for School Consulting Services with Management, Analysis and Planning, Inc.
- 35) Approval of Agreement for Computer Management Services with ACS State and Local Solutions, Inc.
- 36) Approval of Agreement for Page Composition, Printing and Preparation for Mailing of the City Newsletter
- 38) Approval of Agreement with J. D. Franz Research Services for Community Surveys
- 39) Approval of Video Production Services and Facilities Fee Schedule
- 40) Approval of Agreement with NexLevel for Update to the Strategic Information Technology Plan
- 41) Approval of Renewal of Agreement with Fair Housing Consulting Services
- 42) Approval of Renewal of Agreement for Business Revolving Loan Fund Administration with Kermit Hathcoat

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05 - Continued

43) Approval of Extension of Reimbursement Agreement for Long Beach Transit Fixed Route and Dial-A-Lift Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

6) ORDINANCE NO. 2004-7; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2004-7.

Council Member Wagner stated he would not support the ordinance as it represented a substantial increase that was higher than the current actual cost of living increases.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION FAILED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel and Van Nostran

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner, Piercy and Rogers

Council Member Wagner noted that the remaining item 1.1.E.7 would be acted upon following the scheduled closed session at the end of the meeting.

2.0 • NO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION REGULATIONS

[Added by unanimous vote of the City Council]

Council Member Van Nostran stated that he had asked the City Attorney for an opinion on this matter since his retirement from this position meant that there could be many law firms eager to secure the contract. He noted that a policy had been adopted during the cable television process to establish a code of conduct which had been very effective and that a similar type of code would assist the Council through this process.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, BY POLICY, WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY GIFTS OR OTHER BENEFITS OFFERED BY ANY APPLICANT FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY POSITION, THAT ANY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WHO RECEIVED SUCH LOBBYING SHOULD ADVISE THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS OF SUCH PRIOR TO ANY ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT, AND THAT ALL APPLICANTS BE ADVISED OF SUCH A POLICY.

2.0 • NO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION REGULATIONS - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW CITY ATTORNEY BY EVALUATING APPLICANTS AND MAKING RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • ROOM RENTAL WAIVER AND CITYTV CABLECASTING OF GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STATE BALLOT PROPOSITION FORUM

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda and stated the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce had requested a waiver of fee and the cablecasting of a State ballot proposition forum they planned to hold in mid-October in the City Council Chambers. It was the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee that the City Council waive the room rental fees for use of the Council Chamber and Centre main lobby area, and approve the cablecasting of the forum based on established guidelines and conditions.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

Council Member Wagner emphasized the need for an impartial and unbiased moderator. Mr. Stover confirmed that the Chamber would utilize an impartial party not associated with the Chamber.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL STORM WATER INSPECTION PROGRAM

Senior Management Analyst Scott Pomrehn presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda and reported that the City Council had been presented in January with the details of a new stormwater inspection program that was required as part of the City's NPDES permit. He stated that although the original action plan had called for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works to provide inspection services, until the County adopted a revised stormwater ordinance, there was no mechanism for funding this program. In re-evaluating the program, staff proposed to complete the restaurant inspections using in-house staff and requesting the County staff to inspect all other facilities such as gas outlets, auto service and other facilities. Each local restaurant would be provided with a copy of the inspection form and educational materials prior to inspection. The first round of inspections would be completed by August 1, 2004. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize staff to conduct the Stormwater Inspection Program using a combination of services from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and City staff.

Council Member Piercy inquired if additional staffing would have to be recruited to complete the work. Mr. Pomrehn advised that current staff would be trained to conduct the routine inspections and that he would be able to do the more complicated inspections, with Code Enforcement staff assisting when necessary.

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

3.3 • REAFFIRMATION OF STATED GOALS FOR LAKEWOOD EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY SYSTEM

Mayor Rogers stated he had placed this item on the agenda because he felt there was a need to address three main points.

1. Comprehensive Update:

Council Member Wagner reviewed ad hoc committee activities since the October 2003 session with MAP. He noted that the MAP study had indicated that although there was no evidence that any of the existing school districts had discriminated deliberately against Lakewood students, there were numerous deficiencies that had been noted in the educational delivery system. He noted that the worst deficiencies had been identified in the Paramount Unified School District, whose performance was abysmal. He stated that two of the items that had been approved by the City Council had been support for deannexation from PUSD and that the superintendent of each district be provided with a copy of the MAP report during a meeting with the consultant and City staff. He reported that staff had been asked to monitor

3.3 • REAFFIRMATION OF STATED GOALS FOR LAKEWOOD EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY SYSTEM - Continued

activities by ABC Unified School District during consideration of the sale of surplus property, one of which could impact Willow Elementary in Lakewood, and that it had been during that process that it became evident that increased staff support would be required to interact effectively with the school districts. He stated that the Ad Hoc Committee had met with the consultant to compile an evaluation for an initial approach to de-annexation, but due to scheduling conflicts and the need to act before the end of the school year, the consultant and the City Manager had made contact with the two districts that would receive students if the City were to withdraw from the PUSD. He noted that a detailed memo had been prepared outlining all of the Committee's activities over the past eight months and that a study session had been scheduled for July to receive an update from the consultant. He concluded by stating that for the City to make an impact for better educational opportunities for Lakewood students, it was clear that additional staff support, in the form of an educational liaison position, was necessary.

Mayor Rogers added that he felt the committee had followed the charges given to it by the City Council and had stayed true to the goals stated by the City Council. He thanked Chris Steinhauer of the LBUSD for his assistance with the inter-district transfers and acknowledged the support of the PUSD in allowing those children who wished to do so, to leave the district.

2. Re-affirmation of Goals

Mayor Rogers pointed out that even after 50 years as a city, the vast majority of Lakewood residents still supported the formation of a Lakewood school district and that it must remain as a long-term goal. A more immediate goal would be to reduce the number of districts from four to three.

Council Member Van Nostran observed that attitudes had changed since the school district issue was initially looked at and that there were opportunities to make improvements. Not in favor of amending the budget later, he stated that the Council needed to make provision now for the additional staffing required to accomplish the Council's goals.

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE AND ADD TO THE GOALS THE ADDITION OF AN EDUCATIONAL LIAISON POSITION PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER AND TO TABLE INDEFINITELY THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE.

Vice Mayor Piercy stated he supported a different philosophy and felt that the City Council Members should work directly with the elected policy-makers for the districts, the School Board Members. He felt efforts could be even more successful by working through the elected officials rather than through the staff.

Council Member Wagner expressed concern about issues becoming too political between elected officials and noted that it was vital to connect with the superintendents and staff.

3.3 • REAFFIRMATION OF STATED GOALS FOR LAKEWOOD EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY SYSTEM - Continued

Mayor Rogers stated that it was the desire of every Council Member to see better educational opportunities available to Lakewood students and that he felt the recommendation of the City Manager was a good one. He stressed the need to work together and work with the districts to provide the best education possible for all Lakewood students.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE EFFORTS TO FILL THE EDUCATIONAL LIAISON POSITION.

Mayor Rogers expressed opposition to action on this matter until after a study session could be held with the consultant.

THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

3. Status of Ad Hoc Committee

Council Member Wagner noted that significant reorganization would be necessary with the retention of an educational liaison staff member and that the City Council should discuss the configuration of a new committee.

Vice Mayor Piercy advocated a committee of the whole that would work directly with elected boards of each district.

Council Member Wagner maintained the position that a committee of the whole would be unwieldy and that not all districts would be willing to cooperate in full board-to-council meetings.

Council Member Van Nostran stated the pros and cons of committee formation needed to be explored more fully during a study session.

Mayor Rogers suggested the Committee matter be deferred to a study session to be scheduled in July. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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At 9:27 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 9:29 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Phyliss Boules addressed the City Council about improvements in the eastern portion of the City.

Mayor Rogers noted a few of the recent improvement projects which affected the eastern portion of the City and advised Ms. Boules to communicate to the staff and they would address any specific concerns.

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CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957 to evaluate the performance of the City Manager.

At 10:18 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-37; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 76-66 PERTAINING TO THE CITY MANAGER

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2004-37 AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE SAME COST OF LIVING INCREASE AVAILABLE TO OTHER EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk