



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
November 9, 2004

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**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 Vice Mayor Wayne Piercy

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Joseph Esquivel

**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 presented a proclamation to Mr. John Vidmar, First Counselor of the Cerritos Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in recognition of National Family Week.

Cindy Skovgaard, representing Pathways Volunteer Hospice, gave a brief presentation on the history of Pathways and noted that it was their 20th year of service to the community.

Mayor Rogers thanked City Attorney John S. Todd for his 50 years of service to the City and noted that his legacy would continue to be felt in each decision made by the City Council. He encouraged participation in the upcoming recognition dinner to be held on November 18th and a pre-Council Meeting reception on December 14th.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

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

RI-1 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-2 Approval of Registers of Demands dated October 21, October 28, and November 4, 2004

RI-3 Approval of Consulting Agreement for the Mayfair Park Roof Replacement Project

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2004-84; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH CITY LIGHT & POWER LAKEWOOD, INC.

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2004-85; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO APPLY FOR APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COVERED ELECTRONIC WASTE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING PAYMENT SYSTEM

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION PERTAINING TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 745, FOR A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20927 NORWALK BOULEVARD, RESOLUTION NO. 2004-86**

Mayor Rogers announced that this item would not be heard by the City Council, at the request of the appellants, who had withdrawn their appeal.

**3.1 • BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS TO ADJUST FOR THE “TRIPLE FLIP” AND “VLF SWAP”**

Finance Director Larry Schroeder displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda. He stated that based on action by the State Legislature called the “triple flip,” the City of Lakewood would be required to adjust budget appropriations. To meet the requirements, the City would have to make a contribution, in the form of a loan, to the State in the amount of \$701,161. The loan was slated to be repaid by the State in fiscal year 2006-07. A contribution would also be required of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council appropriate \$2,593,166 less in sales tax revenue for FY 2004-05, amending the budgeted amount from \$11,500,000 to \$8,906,834; appropriate an additional \$2,593,166 in ERAF in-lieu of Sales Tax; appropriate \$4,496,367 less in VLF revenue for FY 2004-05, amending the budgeted amount from \$4,900,000 to \$403,633; and appropriate an additional \$3,934,037 in property tax in-lieu of VLF backfill.

Council Member Wagner noted that if the Members of the State Legislature spent as much time trying to stay within their budget as they have spent in trying to move funds around, State finances would be in much better shape. He noted that with the voters’ recent passage of State Ballot Proposition 1A, they would not be able to do another fund grab like this one again.

**3.1 • BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS TO ADJUST FOR THE “TRIPLE FLIP” AND “VLF SWAP” - Continued**

VICE MAYOR PIERCY 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 • CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR THE MAE BOYAR PARK PHASE 2 RENOVATION PROJECT**

Director of Public Works, Lisa Rapp, displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda. She stated that the Mae Boyar Park Renovation Project had been planned in phases and that Phase 1 was nearly complete. The second phase would include replacement of the “A” frame building with a similar size, energy efficient building. She advised that although there was a grant application pending and the project was not fully funded, proceeding with the design of the plans and specifications would mean the project would be ready to go, should the grant funding application be successful. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve a consulting agreement with Meyer and Associates, not to exceed \$98,000, for design and construction documents required for the Mae Boyar Park Activity Building Project.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN 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 • AGREEMENT FOR HARDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

The Director of Public Works Lisa Rapp presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda and reported the City had been using a contractor to provide hardscape maintenance services such as sidewalk and curb & gutter repair, and curb ramps. The current contractor had not been able to continue to provide service at prices in the previous agreement, due to increases in the cost of cement and fuel, so contractors had been requested to make proposals to provide such service to the City. Six proposals had been received with the lowest unit prices being submitted by CJ Construction, Inc. of Whittier. Staff had checked to ensure that they were properly licensed for the work and that references were satisfactory. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve an agreement with CJ Construction, Inc. for Hardscape Maintenance.

**3.3 • AGREEMENT FOR HARDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES - Continued**

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that CJ Construction had been in business for quite some time and had, in fact, previously done work for the City in the late 1980's.

Council Member Wagner inquired about the reasoning for the small bid amount. Ms. Rapp responded by stating it was the intent of staff to start off slowly with a small amount of work and, if found to be satisfactory, assign other work over the course of the fiscal year.

Mayor Rogers inquired about the sizable spread between bidders. Ms. Rapp advised that staff had spoken to the highest bidder, who admitted that they "blew it" and estimated too high.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL 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

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At 7:53 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 7:55 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Debbi Fields expressed thanks to the City Council for the recent installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Centralia Street and Claretta Avenue.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk