



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
May 13, 2003

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

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Mark Wiley, First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Wayne Piercy

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Esquivel urged residents to participate in the Memorial Day ceremony that would be held at Del Valle Park on May 26th at 11:00 a.m.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5 AND 7 THROUGH 12.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 25, and April 8, 2003

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated April 17, April 24, and May 1, 2003

RI-4 Approval of BMI Performance License Agreement

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-24; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON FOR JULY 22, 2003

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-7 Approval of Purchase of Video Camera from a Sole Source Vendor
- RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-25; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR GENERAL SERVICES
- RI-9 Approval of Consultants for Preparation of Updated Environmental Document for the General Plan
- RI-10 Approval of Amendment to The Audio Group Consulting Agreement for AV Upgrade at the Centre
- RI-11 Approval of Extension of Agreement with Management, Analysis and Planning, Inc.
- RI-12 Authorization for Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Funding

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

- RI-6 Approval of Amendment with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Water Main Replacement Project Engineering

Council Member Van Nostran reported that the Water Resources Committee had met earlier and, after considering the good bid prices received when the recent water main replacement project went out to bid, was recommending that funding be increased for water main replacement engineering services so that should the pricing on the next project be advantageous, the City would be prepared with additional work which could be added as funding permitted.

Director of Water Resources, Jim Glancy, confirmed for Council Member Piercy that the contract for engineering services was funded through the water fund.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TETRA TECH, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Mayor Esquivel announced Item 3.2 would be considered out of order.

3.2 • TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARRANT STUDY AT CENTRALIA STREET AND CLARETTA AVENUE

The Director of Public Works, Lisa Rapp, displayed slides and gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda packet stating in response to a request from area residents, a comprehensive traffic study had been completed by Willdan on the intersection at Centralia Street and Claretta Avenue. The Willdan study had been presented to the Community Safety Commission at its meeting held May 5, 2003. Willdan's conclusion was that the subject intersection met seven of the eleven warrants stated in the Caltrans traffic manual for the installation of traffic controls. It was the recommendation of staff and the Community Safety Commission that the City Council authorize staff to obtain a proposal for design services for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Centralia Street and Claretta Avenue.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the signal would be designed so that the phasing would only be triggered by vehicular or pedestrian demand on Claretta Avenue.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

Bill Albriton asked the City Council to consider the installation of a four-way stop until the traffic signal project could be implemented.

Council Member Wagner questioned Ms. Rapp about the project, determining that the design and public works project bid process required by law could take as long as twelve months and that Willdan had not recommended a four-way stop, even as an interim measure, since it would generate other types of problems at the intersection.

Dolores Albriton and Debbie Fields also expressed the desire to have a four-way stop put in.

Council Member Wagner suggested that the City Council approve the Commission's recommendation for the traffic signal and send consideration of an interim four-way stop back to the Community Safety Commission for further review and recommendation.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO REFER THE ISSUE OF AN INTERIM FOUR-WAY STOP BACK TO THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-7; LANDSCAPE DEL AMO MEDIAN

The Director of Public Works gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reported six bids had been received for a project to landscape the existing raised medians on Del Amo Boulevard between Palo Verde Avenue and Studebaker Road. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details for Project No. 03-7; award a contract to the low bidder, Tropical Creations, Inc., in the amount of \$149,898.05; appropriate \$20,000 from the General Fund for the project; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of contract change orders, not to exceed \$15,000.

Bill Albriton stated there were many medians on the east side of the City which needed landscaping to replace existing green asphalt.

City Manager Howard Chambers responded by stating that a five-year master plan was in place to upgrade medians.

Vice Mayor Rogers stated that the City Council had made a commitment to replace asphalt medians in the eastern portion of the City and had, in fact, just completed a project to landscape the median along Bloomfield Avenue.

Council Member Van Nostran stated that although the Del Amo Boulevard project was important since it was a major point of entry to the City from the east, in light of the budget situation in Sacramento and the City not yet knowing the extent of funding that may be lost, the project could be postponed until more is known about possible State funding take-aways.

Council Member Piercy noted that judging from the many comments he had heard from eastern Lakewood residents, upgrading the medians there was very important and was also a priority for residents in the area around this project. He stated that the Council should move forward with the five-year plan, including the Del Amo project.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 8:00 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 raised the issue of unanticipated expenses such as had been experienced during a previous median landscape project. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that staff had taken a number of preventive measures to ensure as much as possible that there would be no concealed conditions that could affect the project and cause unforeseen costs.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

Council Member Wagner stated that he agreed with Council Member Piercy that the project and the five-year plan should move forward, as it could be months before it was clear what would be the final outcome with the State budget.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-7; LANDSCAPE DEL AMO MEDIAN - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

1.2 • PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS

Finance Director Larry Schroeder gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated there were 30 organizations, a reduction from 36 in 2001, who qualified for permits to sell fireworks. These organizations were nonprofit or tax-exempt associations established primarily for patriotic, veteran, civic betterment, religious, welfare, youth or charitable purposes. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the issuance of permits for temporary fireworks stands to the 30 organizations who were in compliance with the Lakewood Municipal Code.

Council Member Wagner inquired if all of the organizations had provided adequate descriptions of how the funds raised last year had been spent. Mr. Schroeder advised that they had all submitted the documentation which had been reviewed by the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Bob McKittrick stated he represented Little League Baseball and thanked the City Council for the opportunity to raise funds to support the youth of the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • CARETAKER'S QUARTERS AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE M-1 ZONE

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reported that a request had been received from Carlo Development, LLC to amend zoning provisions of the Municipal Code pertaining to the required off-street parking spaces for and allowing caretakers quarters at self-storage facilities in the M-1 zone. He advised that currently the Municipal Code did not provide specific off-street parking requirements or address on-site caretaker's quarters for such a use. He reported that by nature of the type of business, specific parking requirements should be established and that on-site caretaker's quarters would reduce security concerns and improve access for customers. He stated that an Initial Study had been prepared and since the proposed ordinance had been found to have no significant effect on the environment, a Negative Declaration had been prepared for City Council approval. It was the recommendation of staff and the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council hold a public hearing, introduce the proposed ordinance and approve the Negative Declaration.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-4; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES AND CARETAKER QUARTERS IN THE M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) ZONE

Council Member Van Nostran stated that he had looked at a similar type of use in Long Beach and had observed that while there were a number of vehicles coming and going, there were not many cars parked at any given time.

Mayor Esquivel 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.

James Grom, Carlo Development, stated that his company was satisfied with the code amendment and felt it was a balanced proposal which met the needs of the company and the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • CARETAKER'S QUARTERS AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE M-1 ZONE -Continued
COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2003-4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.4 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 03-2; FIFTEEN COMPUTER SYSTEMS

The Director of Finance gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated two bids had been received for the purchase of 15 replacement computer systems that would be compatible with the City's current system. The bids had been reviewed to confirm that they were in compliance with specifications. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of fifteen computer systems to the low bidder, Affiliated Computer Services, in the amount of \$13,460.89.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 8:16 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 PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.5 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBMITTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

The Director of Community Development gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated the City had participated in the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the past 28 years. He reported that the Action Plan presented for fiscal year 2003-04, described the uses of available public and private resources to address community development priority needs. He briefly reviewed the

1.5 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBMITTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 - Continued

objectives of the Act and the City's short-term goals under the Action Plan, as well as the proposed projects to be funded. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Action Plan, approve the Action Plan for FY 2003-04, and authorize the City Manager to submit the CDBG funding application along with required certifications.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 8:20 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 PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ACTION PLAN AS SUBMITTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION AND REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • DECLARING INTENT TO ADOPT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES UNIFORM BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CODES BY REFERENCE

The City Manager advised that City Attorney John S. Todd had prepared a memorandum indicating that the County of Los Angeles had adopted new building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical codes which the City of Lakewood should adopt by reference. He stated that a resolution had also been prepared setting a time and date for the public hearing on this matter and that the proposed ordinance could be introduced at this time.

Council Member Wagner inquired if building permit fees were included as part of this item. Mr. Chambers responded by stating that fees were an issue that would be brought to the Council as a separate item.

2.1 • DECLARING INTENT TO ADOPT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES UNIFORM BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CODES BY REFERENCE - Continued

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2002 BUILDING CODE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2002 ELECTRICAL CODE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2002 PLUMBING CODE, AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2002 MECHANICAL CODE, AND AMENDING THE BUILDING, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, AND ELECTRICAL CODES OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2003-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2003-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-26; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO AMEND THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, MECHANICAL CODE AND THE ELECTRICAL CODE AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2003-5 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2002 BUILDING CODE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2002 ELECTRICAL CODE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2002 PLUMBING CODE, AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2002 MECHANICAL CODE, AND AMENDING THE BUILDING, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, AND ELECTRICAL CODES OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD," AND SCHEDULING A HEARING THEREON BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5000 CLARK AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2003

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2003-26. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • DECLARING INTENT TO ADOPT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES UNIFORM BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CODES BY REFERENCE - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO BRING ANALYSIS OF BUILDING FEE RATES TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

3.1 • DOCUMENT IMAGING PROJECT - SCANNING AND INDEXING OF BUILDING PLANS

The Community Development Director gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reported that as a part of the document imaging project for building records, Requests for Proposals had been sent out for a pilot project to scan and index building plans, consisting of large drawings or sheets. Three companies had submitted proposals and staff had selected Convert-A-Doc as the most qualified applicant. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the selection of and authorize an agreement with Convert-A-Doc for the scanning and indexing of Building and Safety record plans for a total cost of \$20,000 for implementation of Phase I of the large plans imaging project.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Rogers, Mr. Ebner stated that staff was looking into including the submission of a scanned image set of building plans as a future requirement of the plan check process.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:29 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:31 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m. to Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk