



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
September 23, 2003

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Reverend C. Kit Wilke, Cross Roads Community United Church of Christ

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Vice Mayor Todd Rogers

**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:**

Ron Piazza, President of the Lakewood Rotary Club, made a brief presentation on Project Shepherd. He stated that in its 31 years of operation, Project Shepherd, a cooperative effort involving many Lakewood businesses, churches, schools, the City and the Lakewood Rotary Club, nearly 10,000 needy families had received assistance. He thanked Mayor Esquivel for his participation as Project Shepherd Chairman, and Council Member Piercy for acting as the Warehouse Coordinator. He concluded by requesting that the City of Lakewood continue to act as a co-sponsor and permit the use of the City's water bills system to distribute information on Project Shepherd to the City's residents.

Mayor Esquivel stated it was an honor to participate in such a great program.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held August 26, and September 9, 2003

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated August 28, September 4, and September 11, 2003

RI-4 Mayfair High School Parade Permit

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

RI-5 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-73; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 3 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF 209TH STREET BETWEEN SEINE AVENUE AND ELAINE AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-74; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 12 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF 214TH STREET BETWEEN LONGWORTH AVENUE AND NECTAR AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-75; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 12 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF 216TH STREET BETWEEN CUL-DE-SAC WEST OF NECTAR AVENUE AND CUL-DE-SAC EAST OF ROSETON AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-76; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING REGULATIONS FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF PIMENTA AVENUE BETWEEN CAMERINO STREET AND MICHELSON STREET

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-77; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF CLARK AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-78; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DEERFORD STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-8 Approval of Consulting Agreement for the Mae Boyar Park, Phase I Renovation Project

RI-9 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project 03-1, Traffic Signal Left Turn Phasing on Del Amo Boulevard at Palo Verde Avenue

RI-10 Approval of Architectural Agreement for The Centre Waterproofing Improvement Project

RI-11 Approval of Water Service Plan for Long Beach PacifiCenter Development

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

Alan Gafford addressed the City Council regarding Routine Item 9, stating that timing on the new signal did not seem correct for east/west bound traffic.

Council Member Piercy stated that he lived in that area and had already brought the matter to the attention of the staff.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR STATE CITIZENS' OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT 2003-04**

Crime Prevention Manager Carol Jacoby presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and stated that Citizen's Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds were available to the City of Lakewood in the amount of \$122,597 for the 2003-04 budget year. She reported that the funds could be used for front line law enforcement services and must be appropriated pursuant to written recommendations from the Lakewood Sheriff's Station Captain and the City Manager.

Lieutenant Mark Weldon presented the recommendations of Captain Dave Fender, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, including providing funding for the Summer Park and Bike Patrol and for Enhanced Criminal Enforcement and Suppression programs.

Ms. Jacoby stated that the Public Safety Committee had reviewed the program requests. She concluded by stating it was the recommendation of staff that following a hearing to receive input from the public, the City Council approve the recommended programs for front line law enforcement services and direct the Finance Director to appropriate funds to the Supplemental law Enforcement Services account for disbursement.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:49 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 AND 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

### **3.1 • INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOAL TO SUPPORT LOCAL CONTROL OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and stated the Intergovernmental Relations Committee had recommended that the City Council's 2003 Intergovernmental Goals be amended to include support for legislation that enhances local control of public education. He noted that such legislation could take many different forms such as amendments to the school district reorganization regulations or charter school proposals. It was the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee that the City Council amend the 2003 Intergovernmental Goals.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • 2002-03 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT**

Chuck Ebner, Director of Community Development, presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that the City's General Plan, a State-mandated document used to plan for physical, social and economic development required a report annually on the its status and implementation progress. He briefly reviewed the Annual Report and advised that the Planning and Environment Commission's review had found that the General Plan was being implemented successfully and continued to serve as a guide to development on the community. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council receive and file the General Plan Annual Report for 2002-03.

Council Member Piercy, noting the increases in both single-family homes and in apartments and condominiums, asked how many more were required by State regulations. Mr. Ebner responded by stating the State target goal was to add 866 units by 2005. He noted that considering the areas available for development in the City, the State and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), who were responsible for setting target numbers, needed to take a more realistic look at what was possible to actually achieve.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.3 • TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS ON CANDLEWOOD STREET**

Director of Public Works, Lisa Rapp, presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that with the opening of the new Target store scheduled in October, staff had been working with a traffic consultant to improve traffic circulation on Candlewood Street. A study of the area had resulted in recommendations to re-stripe the street to eliminate the two-way left turn lane and replace it with dedicated left turn lanes to channel left turns to selected locations. A second recommendation was the installation of a traffic signal on Candlewood Street at the Chili's/Boston Market driveway on the north and the Pacific Theatre driveway on the south. The signal would channel left turns to this site and would provide pedestrian access to additional parking on the south side of the street. The final recommendation was to remove walls to provide rear access along the northern property line, a plan which was fully supported by the Lakewood Center Mall management. She stated that the re-striping would be completed prior to the Target opening and staff would expedite the signal design and acquisition of signal equipment. She noted that staff was still looking at the intersection of Candlewood Street and Lakewood Boulevard, but, since Lakewood Boulevard was a State Highway, progress was slowed by the need to meet and coordinate with CalTrans. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize Willdan to prepare the traffic signal plans under their existing agreement, for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 and appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund for signal design and equipment and for restriping.

Responding to a question from Council Member Wagner, Ms. Rapp stated that there was overflow parking available on the south side of the street between the Black Angus and Souplantation restaurants.

Council Member Wagner inquired about the possibility of covering the drainage channel along the northern boundary to increase parking. Mr. Ebner responded by stating that the drainage channel was located on an easement granted by the residential property owners to the north and would be very costly to acquire rights to cover and would not yield much space for parking.

Council Member Van Nostran noted that the matter had been considered a number of years ago but the neighboring residents had been opposed to moving the parking area right up against their rear yard walls.

The Assistant City Manager noted that staff would continue to work closely with the Mall management.

**COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.**

Responding to questions from Vice Mayor Rogers, Ms. Rapp stated that not only would the installation of the traffic signal concentrate left-turn movements at a central location, causing traffic to move in a more orderly fashion, it would have a calming effect on traffic, reducing speeds on the street.

**3.3 • TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS ON CANDLEWOOD** - Continued  
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.4 • CALHOME FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER GRANT APPLICATION**

The Director of Community Development presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and stated the State Department of Housing and Community Development was offering grant funds which could be used for first-time homebuyer mortgage assistance. The CalHome grant would allow the City to offer financial assistance to families wanting to purchase single-family homes or condominiums in Lakewood. Families whose incomes were not in excess of 80 percent of the median County income could borrow up to \$40,000 at three percent interest, with the loan to be repaid upon sale of the property. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution authorizing submittal of an application for funding under the CalHome Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-79; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CALHOME PROGRAM GRANT AND THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT IF SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CALHOME PROGRAM

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Mr. Ebner stated the loan could be used to cover the down payment and/or closing costs for a low income family that could otherwise qualify for a home mortgage.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2003-79. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.5 • DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF STATION EXPANSION PROJECT**

The Public Works Director presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and stated that since full funding had been identified for the expansion of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, the next phase would be the completion of design development details and construction documents. She advised that since the scope of work for this phase was quite extensive, a new agreement would be required. It was the recommendation of staff

**3.5 • DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF STATION EXPANSION PROJECT - Continued**

that the City Council approve a professional services agreement with Charles Walton Associates in an amount not to exceed \$886,000 and to appropriate that amount from the General Fund to the project account.

Council Member Van Nostran asked if the \$10.6 million figure included the cost of the new vehicle service garage. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the new garage, which would be constructed first, was included in that cost.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER 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

At 8:28 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:29 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Alan Gafford addressed the City Council regarding left-turn phasing at the intersection of Bellflower Boulevard and South Street and parking at the Lakewood Center Mall.

The Public Works Director advised that left-turn phasing for that intersection was in the design process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk