



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
January 22, 2002

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by Reverend Mark Price, St. Timothy Lutheran Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Robert G. Wagner

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Wagner announced that an "open house" would be held on January 23rd to explain the changes in Federal flood insurance mandates.

Mayor Wagner also announced that he had formed a joint committee to hear from residents about recreational vehicle parking issues. There were two hearings scheduled, on January 29, and February 5, 2002, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Wagner also issued a reminder for the upcoming Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be held on February 8, 2002, at 7:30 a.m.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 11, 2001, and January 8, 2002

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated January 3, and January 10, 2002

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-2; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACTION FOR BETTER CITIES' VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION CHECK-OFF PROGRAM

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-6 Approval of Extension of Contract with Fair Housing Consultant

RI-7 Approval of Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Vehicle Refueling Appliances

RI-8 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • SAN GABRIEL AND LOS ANGELES RIVERS WATERSHED AND OPEN SPACE PLAN**

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner displayed slides and gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda. He stated the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy had been established by AB1355 in 1999, and charged with developing a parkway and open space plan. The Plan, which had been approved by the Conservancy in October, 2001, would take effect when adopted by a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population in the Conservancy area. He noted that adoption of the plan would impose no costs upon the City. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing on the Open Space Plan and adopt the proposed resolution.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOS ANGELES RIVERS WATERSHED AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2002-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

## **2.1 • INTERNET ACCESS STUDIOS**

The Director of Community Development reported that at the time the ordinance was introduced, issues had been raised about regulations to provide parental controls on accessibility to minors with this type of use. It was the recommendation of staff that further action on the ordinance be postponed until these additional provisions can be prepared.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING INTERNET ACCESS STUDIOS

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

## **3.1 • WEST SAN GABRIEL RIVER RECREATION AREA PROJECT**

Dave Rodda, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda.

Landscape Superintendent Al Williams presented the conceptual plan and noted that the area would not be a traditional park use, but a 16-acre, natural riparian river habitat with an eight-foot wide trail along the river side of the area that would connect with the existing bike path.

Responding to questions from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Mr. Williams stated there would be approximately 100 feet between any developed area and the rear fence line of the bordering residences.

Mr. Rodda responded to a question from the Vice Mayor by stating that it would be extremely costly, over \$300,000, to install a wall along the property line and would detract from what would be a beautiful open space view for the adjacent residents when the project was completed.

Mr. Rodda reported that staff had already spoken to some of the residents whose property backed up onto the proposed recreation area and would be mailing individual notices of a meeting for all affected residents to be held on February 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Monte Verde Park. He noted that one of the reasons Lakewood had been successful in receiving grant funding was because this project had moved through the planning phases and was one of the first river-related projects to be ready. He concluded his presentation by requested the City Council enter into a grant agreement for \$1 million in grant funds provided through the River Parkway Grant Program for the San Gabriel River and adopt the proposed resolution approving an application for a competitive grant from the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

**3.1 • WEST SAN GABRIEL RIVER RECREATION AREA PROJECT - Continued**  
RESOLUTION NO. 2002-4; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RIPARIAN AND RIVERINE HABITAT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000 FOR THE WEST SAN GABRIEL RIVER RECREATION AREA PROJECT

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp stated that staff had a proposal from Purkiss Rose-RSI for the design of the grading, trail layout and irrigation for the most easterly eight acres. She noted that Purkiss Rose-RSI had previously provided the landscape architecture for Rynerson Park and for Monte Verde Park, which had been an award-winning design.

Mayor Wagner commended Mr. Rodda and his staff for their work on the project and moving forward in such a timely manner. He noted that when added to the completed work at Rynerson and Monte Verde Parks, the new river area would make a wonderful park area.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.2 • INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS PRIORITIES; STATEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS**

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reviewed the status of 2001 intergovernmental priorities and the recommended priorities for year 2002, as proposed by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. He expressed concern that in the effort to balance the State's budget, the Governor was attempting to have previously approved grant funding "extinguished," including that committed for the Mae Boyar Park project. Mr. Stover reported that an attempt would be made to convince the State to instead defer the funding until the State was in a better economic position.

Mayor Wagner noted that with the exception of the law enforcement related issues, all of the other programs listed within the intergovernmental goals were primarily self-defense issues against take-away actions of the State government. He noted the tremendous waste of resources that could be well used to improve conditions locally if the City was not constantly required to fight the State to try to prevent the taking away of local funding.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT THE STATEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS.

**3.2 • INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS PRIORITIES; STATEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS - Continued**

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:13 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

John Rosique, Jr. stated he had received a letter of invitation to the RV hearings and expressed concern that not enough people had received the letter or knew about the hearings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to Tuesday, January 29, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk