



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
October 8, 2002

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by Assistant Pastor Larry Harris, Calvary Chapel Lakewood

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Larry Van Nostran

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Council Member Wagner had some remarks regarding the candidates' forum which was sponsored by the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters. He thanked the Chamber and the League for sponsoring the event, noting how important it was for local voters to have the opportunity to hear the views of the candidates running for the 39th Congressional District seat. He stated, however, that he had some serious concerns about the way the forum was moderated and the tendency of the moderator to interact excessively with one of the candidates. He concluded by stating that while he supported the forum as a medium that could generate interest and enthusiasm in the election process, he planned to write a letter of protest to the League of Women Voters regarding the format, noting that the forum should be an expression of the views of the candidates, not a debate between a candidate and the moderator.

Mayor Van Nostran expressed regrets on the recent passing of Theresa Hersek, President of the Board for the Bellflower Unified School District, and announced that the meeting would be adjourned in her memory.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held September 24, 2002

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated September 19 and September 26, 2002

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITIONS 51 AND 52**

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated that although Proposition 51 on the November 5 election ballot was proposed as a transportation initiative, it would create a special fund which would also be used to spend millions of dollars on area-specific projects and programs that had nothing at all to do with the transportation process or transit needs. He continued by stating that Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe had requested that the City join the Board of Supervisors in opposing Proposition 52, which would provide for election day registration, a practice which would greatly expand the opportunities for election fraud and add a layer of confusion to an already complex election process. It was the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee that the City Council oppose Propositions 51 and 52.

VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2002-85, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 51; AND RESOLUTION NO. 2002-86, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 52.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-85; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 51 REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF SALES AND USE TAX RAISED FROM SALES OR LEASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-86; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 52 REGARDING ELECTION DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

Council Member Wagner noted that the *Long Beach Press Telegram* had endorsed Proposition 52 using the argument that it was necessary to get people out to vote. He remarked that statistically, only about one-quarter of the persons eligible were not registered, while less than half of the registered voters actually voted on election day. He stated that considering the potential for election fraud in same day registration, it would make more sense to look for ways to encourage those who are registered to get out and vote.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.1 • WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STATUS REPORT**

Jim Glancy, Director of Water Resources, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reported that the Governor had recently signed legislation which would increase the Water Replenishment District's (WRD) accountability to its ratepayers. He reviewed the provisions of the legislation which included an additional audit to be completed by June 30, 2004; continuance of the technical advisory committee; and the development of a five-year capital improvement plan. He noted that the WRD had completed several good projects over the past year, but expressed concern about a plan to store water from outside agencies in the basin. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council receive and file the report.

Responding to a question from City Attorney John S. Todd, Mr. Glancy stated that although there was an existing court decision which limited the amounts of water that could be pumped from the basin, WRD officials believed that any water in excess of the amount previously set by the court could be controlled by the WRD.

Council Member Rogers inquired if water producers could pump stored water on a contractual basis. Mr. Glancy responded by stating that was an option that may be considered.

Council Member Piercy commended State legislators for taking positive action to ensure that the WRD would be accountable to its ratepayers and also commended Mr. Glancy for his role in the oversight process as a member of the technical advisory committee.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY SAFETY CENTER OPENING**

City Manager Howard Chambers displayed slides and made a brief presentation on the October 5th opening of the new Sheriff's Community Safety Center in the Lakewood Center Mall.

Operations Lieutenant Larry Brogan provided a brief review of the types of training and uses planned for the center and expressed the appreciation of the Sheriff's Department to the City Council for their leadership and vision in making the community safety center concept a reality.

**3.2 • COMMUNITY SAFETY CENTER OPENING - Continued**

The City Manager recognized the City staff members who had worked hard to make the Center an attractive, functional place, especially Lisa Rapp, June Anderson, Bruce DuAmarell and the Public Works Department staff.

Mayor Van Nostran stated he was very pleased with the finished center and was certain the Sheriff's Department would do a fine job of operating the facility.

Council Member Rogers stated that the establishment of the Community Safety Center was a commitment and a reaffirmation of Lakewood's zero tolerance for crime at the mall. He encouraged any residents that had not been to the mall lately to visit and experience the improvements in safety and security.

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At 8:12 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:13 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mark Gardner, Brea, invited the City Council to attend a Falun Gong rally in Los Angeles.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. in memory of Theresa Hersek, to Tuesday, October 22, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk