



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 26, 2002

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Sam Wilder, West Lakewood Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Campfire "Animal Kingdom"

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

Mayor Van Nostran announced that a reception had been held prior to the meeting to honor Captain Robert Osborne, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, who was leaving the Lakewood Station to accept a promotion at Sheriff's Headquarters. Recognition was also given to the incoming Commander, Captain Dave Fender. Captain Fender had a long relationship with the City, having previously served as the Team Lakewood Lieutenant.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 12, 2002

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated March 7, and March 14, 2002

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-10; 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 WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON THE EAST SIDE OF CLARK AVENUE BETWEEN CANDLEWOOD STREET AND THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF 5400 CLARK AVENUE

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-5 Approval of Renewal Agreement with the Long Beach Unified School District for the Regional Occupational Program (ROP)
- RI-6 Approval of Engineering Services Agreement for Well Drilling Design
- RI-7 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
- RI-8 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 01-3, Water Main Replacement
- RI-9 Approval of Agreements for Network Security System Maintenance and Testing
- RI-10 Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Transportation Planning and Engineering Services with LSA Associates
- RI-11 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 01-8, Mayfair Pool Equipment Replacement

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Council Member Wagner called attention to Routine Item 9, noting the cost to the taxpayers required to protect the City's computer system from hackers.

1.1 • REGULATING INTERNET ACCESS STUDIOS

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated the City Council had first reviewed the proposed ordinance in January, 2002, at which time it was tabled pending an amendment to impose a parental control provision. The revised ordinance was re-introduced on February 26th and referred to the Planning and Environment Commission for review and report. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council amend the ordinance to provide that the required on-site attendant be at least 21 years of age, citing that since the clientele was primarily teenagers and young adults, a more mature manager was necessary.

City Attorney John S. Todd advised that the ordinance had been significantly re-written to require either parental controls or filtering software to protect minors from inappropriate internet materials. He noted that if the City Council chose to amend the ordinance as recommended by the Planning and Environment Commission, another reading of the ordinance would be required.

1.1 • REGULATING INTERNET ACCESS STUDIOS - Continued

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

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Don Nelson urged the City Council to consider the gaming aspect of the cyber cafes. He stated the locations facilitate competitions between the patrons with betting, buying and selling occurring at the sites.

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: Rogers, Esquivel, Piercy, Wagner and Van Nostran

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO AMEND SUBSECTION 9347.D.10 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 02-1; CISCO EQUIPMENT FOR NETWORK SECURITY SYSTEM

Larry Schroeder, Director of Finance, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reported three bids had been received for the purchase of specialized computer equipment for network security. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of equipment to protect e-government equipment and applications from the low responsive and responsible bidder, Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) in the amount of \$21,383.90.

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 02-1 – Continued

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • PROHIBITING THE STANDING OF VEHICLES ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOADING OR DISCHARGING SCHOOL CHILDREN

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated the Public Safety Committee had reviewed a request from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department that the City consider adopting regulations which would allow citations to be issued to drivers around schools who allow their children to dash across the street or between double-parked cars to get to or from the school grounds. The proposed ordinance should ease congestion around schools and by encouraging the use of controlled intersections and regularly stationed crossing guards, increase the overall safety for all school children. It was the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 2002-5.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE STANDING OF VEHICLES ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOADING OR DISCHARGING SCHOOL CHILDREN EXCEPT AS PROVIDED THEREIN

Sergeant Mike Rothans stated the proposed ordinance would provide an additional tool for the Sheriff's Department to utilize in protecting children on their way to and from school. He noted that since all schools were bordered by least two controlled intersections, parents must be encouraged to direct their children to use them.

Council Member Rogers inquired what steps the Sheriff's Department would be taking to advise parents and school officials of the new ordinance. Ms. Ruyle responded by stating that City staff and Sheriff's personnel would be working closely with the schools to provide the information through City and school newsletters, crossing guards, and the City's school safety coordinator. Sergeant Rothans added that the Sheriff's deputies would initially only issue warnings, since the purpose was to educate rather than penalize.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2002-5.

2.1 • LOADING OR DISCHARGING SCHOOL CHILDREN - Continued
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES

Mayor Van Nostran presented his proposed appointments to the governmental associations, organizations and committees on which Council Members are needed to serve.

California Contract Cities Association	Esquivel - Representative	Piercy - Alternate
California Joint Powers Insurance Authority	Van Nostran - Representative	Esquivel - Alternate
Consolidated Youth Services Network Policy Board	Rogers - Representative	Piercy - Alternate
Advisory Board	Carol Flynn Jacoby (Admin.)	
So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly	Piercy - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
Gateway Cities COG Board	Piercy - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District	Esquivel - Representative	
Job Training Partnership Act	Wagner - Policy Board Pat Stover - Advisory Board	
League of California Cities L.A. County Division	Wagner - Representative	Van Nostran - Alternate
City Selection Committee	Wagner - Representative	Esquivel - Alternate
Annual League Conference	Van Nostran - Representative	Esquivel - Alternate
L.A. County Sanitation District #3 & #19	Van Nostran - Representative	Esquivel - Alternate
Southeast Water Coalition	Rogers - Representative	

3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES - Continued

STANDING COMMITTEES

Intergovernmental Relations	Van Nostran - Chair	Esquivel - Member
Solid Waste Management	Piercy - Chair	Esquivel - Member
Public Safety	Van Nostran - Chair	Rogers - Member
Park Development/Community Services	Esquivel - Chair	Piercy - Member
Water Resources	Wagner - Chair	Van Nostran - Member
Community Promotion	Piercy - Chair	Rogers - Member

Mayor Van Nostran proposed two new ad hoc committees. One to plan for Lakewood's fiftieth anniversary, and another to deal with the complex issue of stormwater runoff and the NPDES permit process.

NPDES Permit	Wagner - Chair	Van Nostran - Member
50th Anniversary	Van Nostran - Chair	Esquivel - Member

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED.

Council Member Wagner stated that he had additional concerns to be addressed with the Mayor regarding the organizational appointments and requested the item be carried forward to the next regular meeting.

Mayor Van Nostran stated that he had circulated his proposed appointments prior to the meeting and that since he felt ample time had been provided for Council Members to raise any concerns, he wished to proceed with the appointments at this time.

VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member Wagner stated that it was simply a matter of courtesy and that the appointments had been delayed in the past.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS ITEM TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION FAILED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers and Wagner

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel, Piercy and Van Nostran

3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS PASSED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

3.2 • AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE CONSULTING SERVICES WITH S.C.S. CONSULTANTS

The Director of Public Works, Lisa Rapp, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated the City was in need of consulting services to assist on recently enacted storm water regulations and on-going storm water program implementation. She also stated that she and Council Member Wagner had just attended a hearing on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. She reported that S.C.S. Consultants, who had been providing the City with services relating to recycling, litter reduction and used motor oil recycling, had expertise in the area of storm water programs and NPDES permits. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve an amendment to the agreement with S.C.S. Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in the current fiscal year, for storm water related tasks.

Mayor Van Nostran asked Council Member Wagner to update the City Council on the NPDES meeting.

Council Member Wagner stated that there was not a lot of good things about the hearing to report. He conveyed his concern that the attitude of the Water Quality Control Board seemed to be that they had bent over backwards to be accommodating to the cities, when, in fact, only minor changes were made in response to the concerns raised by the cities. Also, the cities' concerns about the extreme costs associated with the NPDES permits seemed to have been completely ignored and the cities dismissed as not having any interest in cleaning up the rivers and oceans. He noted that environmental groups were expressing a similar opinion, that the cities did not want to do anything and should be forced to comply, no matter what the cost. He concluded by stating that the best way to get the matter resolved was for everyone to work together to develop reasonable, cost-effective measures and that he hoped the State Board would be able to bring the cities, the Regional Board and the environmental groups together to make that happen.

Responding to a question from Council Member Piercy, Council Member Wagner stated that the cities were part of a coalition on this issue and were very well represented at the hearing.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

3.2 • AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE CONSULTING SERVICES WITH S.C.S. CONSULTANTS - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSULTING

The Deputy City Manager gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reported that the School District Ad Hoc Committee had met with each of the districts serving Lakewood regarding the existing educational delivery system and a possible Lakewood School District. The Committee was proposing that a consultant be retained to evaluate the current educational delivery system, analyze the challenges facing the system and provide alternatives to meeting the challenges, with the preference being the formation of a Lakewood District. It was the recommendation of the School District Ad Hoc Committee that the City Council authorize the staff to proceed to develop and send out a Request for Proposals for School District Consulting, and direct the Committee to review the proposals submitted and make a recommendation to the City Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

Council Member Rogers stated that when the Lakewood Unified School District Organizing Committee had initially looked at forming a new district six years earlier, they had questioned just how difficult such an effort could be, and in the intervening years had found out how very difficult an endeavor it was. He reported that the City Council's Ad Hoc Committee was still trying to work cooperatively with the existing districts, but had also realized that the time had come to bring in a consultant with professional expertise in the field. He stated that it was his wish that the City move forward aggressively on this issue, and that the best way to do that would be through the advice of experts on options for action that would have the greatest potential for success with the State Board of Education.

Responding to a question from Council Member Piercy, Ms. Ruyle stated that any input on additional, qualified consultants would be welcomed and they would be added to the RFP mailing list.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 8:20 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:24 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on April 4, 2002, in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk