



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
July 10, 2001

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 Joe E. McClellan, First Southern Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Wayne E. Piercy

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 invited residents to attend the City's Concert in the Park series being held each Thursday at Del Valle Park. He also announced that a Public Safety Expo would be held on Saturday, July 14th.

Mayor Wagner welcomed a youth group in the audience. Stacey Mungo, representing the Weingart-Lakewood Family YMCA, introduced the YMCA Youth in Government group and stated that they were students at Lakewood High School.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

RI-1 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-2 Approval of Registers of Demands dated June 21, June 29, and July 2, 2001

RI-3 RESOLUTION NO. 2001-53; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 92-36 PERTAINING TO THE LOW-INCOME EXEMPTION OF THE UTILITY USERS TAX

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran, Rogers and Wagner
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • 2001 WATER QUALITY PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT

Jim Glancy, Director of Water Resources, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated the City was required to review public health goals for the public drinking water supply every three years. He reported that although Lakewood's water met or exceeded all Federal and State drinking water standards, 2 of the 125 constituents currently analyzed had failed to meet the current public health goals.

Responding to a question from Council Member Piercy, Mr. Glancy confirmed that the public health goals were set well below both State and Federal standards for safe drinking water and were, in fact, based upon a zero-risk criteria. Mr. Glancy stated that samples were drawn every week at twenty different sites, only one all year had exceed the goals. He noted that all follow-up samples at the site had been negative.

Council Member Rogers inquired if copper levels were included in the City's annual water quality report and if anyone could easily determine what those levels were. Mr. Glancy responded by stating that copper was one of the substances reported in the annual water quality report and also noted that most Lakewood homes were still equipped with the steel piping that had been originally installed.

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.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 00-14, REHAB ALLEY WEST OF LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported five bids had been received for the rehabilitation of the north-south alley west of Lakewood Boulevard between Del Amo Boulevard and Candlewood Street. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council award the contract to Kalban, Incorporated in the amount of \$309,980.00 and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders for the project not to exceed \$50,000.

Responding to questions from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the alley would be closed during construction and that staff would be working closely with affected businesses and apartment residents on accessibility issues. She noted that apartment garage access would be unavailable for approximately two weeks.

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 00-14, REHAB ALLEY WEST OF LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD - Continued

Council Member Rogers inquired if the work could be done one side at a time to provide limited access. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that staff would work with the contractor to develop the most efficient plan, however, the work might be completed more quickly if the alley were completely closed.

Mayor Wagner inquired about the size of the proposed contingency fund. Ms. Rapp responded that the percentage was larger than usual since there were a great number of utility lines located within the alley right-of-way that could necessitate changes.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 7:51 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 VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 00-5R, STANDBY GENERATORS - THE CENTRE AND NIXON YARD

The Director of Public Works gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated five bids had been received for the installation of standby electrical generators at The Centre and Nixon Yard. She noted that the project plans and specifications had been restructured since the rejection of the previously bid project, so that each installation was a separate bid item and a deductive alternative had been included if the project work was postponed until October. She advised that the bids received were still higher than expected and that since the work at The Centre was more difficult and more critical, that portion of the work be awarded and the Nixon Yard portion of the work be reevaluated to determine if it was more economically feasible to complete the work with City forces. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council award a contract to Halcyon Electric in the amount of \$80,000 for Public Works Project 00-05R, Bid Schedule One (The Centre); reject all bids for Bid Schedule Two (Nixon Yard); appropriate \$7,000 in General Funds for the project; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$8,000.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the generators were diesel-powered and that a permit was required from the Air Quality Management District which allowed the generator to be run for up to 200 hours per year. She also advised that all generators were run once a month and load-tested.

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 00-5R, STANDBY GENERATORS - THE CENTRE AND NIXON YARD - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.4 • ORDINANCE NO. 2001-5; PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner displayed slides and gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet stating that the proposed ordinance, which was introduced at the last regular meeting, would modify sections of the Lakewood Municipal Code dealing with unsightly property.

Mayor Wagner asked about overgrown trees which encroached upon the public right-of-way or neighboring property. City Attorney John S. Todd advised that although the Municipal Code already contained some provisions dealing with trees, he would look at that issue.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY AND ITS ABATEMENT AS A NUISANCE was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2001-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2001-5.

Council Member Piercy commended the City Attorney and staff for the new ordinance, noting how important it was to everyone that the City's housing stock be properly maintained.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • RE-INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2001-6; AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 2

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that subsequent to the introduction of Ordinance No. 2001-6 at the last regular meeting, Agency Counsel had advised that an additional section from the staff report be added to the ordinance. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council re-introduce Ordinance No. 2001-6 as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-6; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 2 BY ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 3

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO RE-INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2001-6, AS AMENDED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that as part of the City's ongoing commitment to employee safety, funds had been budgeted for a safety, health and environmental audit. She advised that a proposal had been received from Public Health and Safety Consulting, Inc. to review existing safety policies, plans and operations. The audit would be overseen by an Executive Management Safety Committee comprised of the Deputy City Manager and the Directors of Recreation and Community Services, Public Works and Water Resources. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize execution of an agreement with Public Health and Safety Consulting, Inc.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran stated that in his experience with California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, preventive programs, such as the one proposed, were inexpensive when compared with the costs of even a small work-related accident. He emphasized that worker safety was very important and that the program would be well worth the cost if even one accident were prevented.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:14 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:15 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Geoff and Kelli Beverage addressed the Council regarding the speed of traffic on their street. They also commented on the speed of City vehicles on the street.

The Deputy City Manager advised that the Sheriff's Department was continuing to provide enforcement of the speed regulations in that area.

Mayor Wagner suggested the matter be considered by the Community Safety Commission.

Chuck Haynes stated that as a member of the Community Safety Commission, he had looked at the situation in that area and although large vehicles may seem to be going fast, he had not seen any City vehicles in excess of the 30 mph speed limit.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Wagner announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to meet with its labor negotiator, City Manager Howard Chambers, regarding negotiating instructions for an Agency Shop Election requested by the Lakewood City Employees Association.

At 8:43 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. Mayor Wagner announced that after meeting in closed session, instructions had been given to the negotiator.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk