



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
August 28, 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 Monsignor Ronald Royer, St. Pancratius Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Larry Van Nostran

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Wagner announced that based upon the confidential written report of the City Attorney, the City Council would adjourn to a closed session to confer with and receive advice from its legal counsel pursuant to §54956.9(c) of the Government Code pertaining to its decision to initiate litigation in one case.

At 8:55 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. The Mayor announced that the City Council had met in closed session to receive facts and consider circumstances pertaining to its decision to initiate litigation in eminent domain proceedings against Peerless Water Company and had given its attorney instructions.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held July 5, July 10, and July 24, 2001

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated August 9, and August 16, 2001

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2001-72; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RIVER PARKWAY GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000 FOR THE WEST SAN GABRIEL RIVER RECREATION AREA PROJECT

RI-6 Approval of Consulting Agreement for City Hall HVAC Design

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 01-6; THIRTY (30) COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Finance Director Larry Schroeder gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported bids had been received for the purchase of 30 personal computers to replace network PC's. Study of the bids received indicated that specifications had not been met as numerous bidders had submitted quotes for "clone-type" systems, which could cause compatibility issues for the City's network. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council reject all bids and authorize staff to revise the specifications as necessary to re-advertise the bid.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:58 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS 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

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 01-5; STORAGE TANKS AND DELIVERY OF 12.5% SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE *(Continued from August 14, 2001)*

The Director of Finance requested that the award of bid be continued to the next regular meeting.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:59 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 01-5; STORAGE TANKS AND DELIVERY OF 12.5% SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE - Continued

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TO THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 MEETING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • 2001 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle gave a brief oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that as an eligibility requirement for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG), an advisory board must review the application and make a recommendation. The Lakewood LLEBG Advisory Board members included the City Manager, a Commissioner of the Bellflower Court, a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, the Director of Community Development, the Team Lieutenant of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, two Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, a Long Beach Red Cross Board Member, a representative of the California Crime Prevention Officers Association, the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education for the Long Beach Unified School District, and the Deputy City Manager. It was the recommendation of the Advisory Board that the 2001 LLEBG funding be utilized to continue funding the Crime, Public Nuisance and Property Abatement Team for an additional year. The Team, including a Special Assignment Officer and a Deputy District Attorney, had been producing outstanding results working with the City's code enforcement officers to identify and clean up nuisance housing units and businesses. It was the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that the City Council hold a public hearing on the proposed project, authorize the City Manager to complete the application, and appropriate \$16,217 of general funds as the local match.

Mayor Wagner commended Ms. Ruyle and the Abatement Team for the excellent success of the program.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 9:03 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR AUGMENTATION OF THE LAKEWOOD SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TEAM

The Deputy City Manager gave a brief oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and stated a memo from Captain Robert Osborne, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, had been received which outlined a plan to reorganize the Special Assignment Team. The plan would expand the unit by two additional Special Assignment Deputies.

Lieutenant Mike Rothans made a brief presentation based upon Captain Osborne's memo and stated that with the addition of two Special Assignment Deputies, Lakewood Mall would be assigned two deputies, increasing coverage to seven days per week and relieving patrol deputies from some mall-related calls, such as shoplifting. Of the remaining Team members, two would be assigned to cover the eastern portion of the City and two to cover the western portion; one deputy would remain on assignment with the Nuisance Abatement Team; and the final deputy would act as the team's detective, responsible for handling the court case load and other court-related paperwork as well as serving as the training officer for new Team Lakewood members.

The Deputy City Manager concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the Sheriff's Department request for two additional Special Assignment Deputies; authorize the City Manager to increase law enforcement service levels as described in the August 13, 2001 memorandum from Captain Osborne; and appropriate \$211,648 in funding from the 2001-2002 budget.

Responding to a question from Council Member Rogers, Lt. Rothans stated that the two officers assigned to the Lakewood Mall would be asked to make a one-year commitment to the assignment.

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

Ms. Ruyle advised that the Lakewood Mall was also committed to hiring the services of extra deputies on the weekends and at the Lakewood Center Theater.

Council Member Rogers requested that steps be taken to publicize the increased security levels so that residents would feel even more safe and comfortable at the Lakewood Mall.

Council Member Rogers announced that as a member of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, he would abstain on voting on this item.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING USE OF CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT

Mayor Wagner read a letter from the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce requesting the use of Civic Center parking during the Lakewood Community Cruise, September 1 through September 6, 2001.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran confirmed from the Assistant City Manager that the event would not be in conflict with any major events scheduled at The Centre.

The Assistant City Manager also assured Mayor Wagner that staff would take necessary steps to ensure the City was adequately covered for liability.

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At 9:12 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 9:14 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk