



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held  
May 12, 2000

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 11:50 a.m. by Mayor Piercy in the Executive Board Room of the Centre at Sycamore Plaza, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

### **LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**

#### **STATE BUDGET REQUESTS**

Mayor Piercy reviewed pending state budget requests that had been submitted to Senator Karnette's office. Senator Karnette commented that Assembly Member Havice would be requesting additional funding for Monte Verde Park. The senator would request full funding for the City's PVEA request and she had requested additional dollars for Lakewood local street repair projects.

#### **SALES PROPERTY TAX REALLOCATION PROPOSALS**

City Administrator Howard Chambers reviewed steps taken in response to the analysis on proposed sales vs. property tax swaps. Mr. Chambers reviewed key findings in the survey done by the League of California Cities as compared to one completed by the California Contract Cities Association and noted that 31 of 40 cities surveyed would lose revenue as the result of such proposals.

Senator Karnette noted that she and Assembly Member Havice were very concerned about all of the proposals since each of their offices represents a large number of contract cities.

#### **WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT REFORM BILLS**

Director of Water Resources, Jim Glancy, reviewed recent meetings and activities of the Water Replenishment District (WRD) updating Senator Karnette that the Calderon bill, AB 1794, was now blended into Assembly Member Havice's bill, AB 1834. Mr. Glancy also informed Senator Karnette that with increased pressure from city officials, the WRD had reassessed their water charges from \$139 per acre-foot to \$112 per acre-foot, which meant a \$250,000 savings to the City. Council Member Titel noted that the rate decrease would be passed along to the residents. Vice Mayor Wagner stressed that without structural changes to the Water Replenishment District, permanent change would never occur. Mr. Glancy noted that all but two or three of Senator Karnette's cities were filing for LAFCO separation from the District.

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**WASTE DIVERSION**

Senior Management Analyst Lisa Novotny advised the group that Assembly Bill 2004 was pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, after passing out of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 20. Senator Karnette offered to co-author the bill. Vice Mayor Wagner noted that this bill did not have any environmental impact, it merely recalculated the manner in which ash diversion credit was allocated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward  
City Clerk

Recorded by:  
Lisa Novotny  
Senior Management Analyst