



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
June 13, 2000

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:42 p.m. by Mayor Piercy in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Reverend Dr. John C. Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Larry Van Nostran

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Shirlee Jackert, Executive Director, Long Beach Area Council, gave a brief presentation on Camp Fire Boys and Girls, emphasizing its mission of building caring, confident youth and future leaders.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Mayor Piercy announced that Susan Thomas had circulated and completed a block party application for the 2400-2600 block of Dashwood Street but had not returned it in time to be included in the City Council Agenda packet.

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO ADD TO ROUTINE ITEM 5 THE BLOCK PARTY ON DASHWOOD STREET AS A MATTER THAT OCCURRED SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held April 19, May 12, and May 23, 2000

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**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated May 18, May 25, and June 1, 2000

RI-4 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 00-2; Cherry Cove Play Equipment Replacement

RI-5 Approval of Street Closures for Block Party Purposes

RI-6 Directing Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • AWARD OF PURCHASING BID NO. 00-2, SALE OF HUGHES 300C HELICOPTER**

Larry Schroeder, Director of Finance, presented an oral report based on his memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that as part of the current budget, the City Council approved the purchase of a new helicopter to replace a 1977 helicopter which had been determined to no longer be suitable for law enforcement use after twenty plus years of service. After the replacement helicopter went into service, the Purchasing Officer solicited formal bids for the sale of the 1977 helicopter and received four responses. It was recommended that the City Council authorize the sale of the City's 1977 Hughes 300C helicopter to the apparent responsible and responsive high bidder, Billings Flying Service, for \$36,111.00, as is, subject to bill of sale approved by the City Attorney.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • WATER RATE REDUCTION TO REBATE THE SAVINGS FOR THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RATE REDUCTION**

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy presented an oral report based on his memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that the Water Replenishment District of Southern California had established the pumping assessment for FY 2000-01 at \$112 per acre-foot, a \$27 reduction from current charges, resulting in anticipated savings of \$253,000 for the next fiscal year. In response, the Water Resources Committee examined alternatives for passing on the reduction to residents. The options presented were: 1) reduce the quantitative charge by \$0.105 per hundred cubic feet; 2) reduce the meter service connection fee by \$1.00 per billing period and reduce the quantitative charge by \$0.05 per hundred cubic fee; or 3) reduce the meter service connection fee by \$2.10 per billing period. In all three options the average residential bi-monthly bill would drop from \$35.00 to \$32.90. Mr. Glancy stated it was recommended by the Water Resources Committee that the City Council introduce the proposed resolution reducing the meter service charge by \$2.10 per billing period for a term of one year, rescind the water rate increase scheduled for November 1, 2000, review the November 1, 2001, rate increase prior to implementation and set the public hearing for adoption on June 27, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-27; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-20, PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND CHARGES was read by title by Mayor Piercy.

COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WAGNER SECONDED TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION NO. 2000-27 AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 27, 2000. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Council Member Titel commented that the Water Resources Committee felt strongly that the residents who were most in need of this reduction, those who use the least amount of water and were on a fixed income, should receive the maximum benefits.

**2.2 • OPPOSING A SALES TAX FOR PROPERTY TAX SWAP**

City Administrator Howard Chambers gave a brief history leading up to the request of the Executive Board of the California Contract Cities Association to oppose any proposal to swap sales tax for property tax as a means of reform of State/local fiscal relationships.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-28; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING A SALES TAX FOR PROPERTY TAX SWAP

**2.2 • RESOLUTION NO. 2000-28, OPPOSING A SALES TAX FOR PROPERTY TAX SWAP - Continued**

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND BOARD MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-28. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON THE PROPOSED LAKEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Vice Mayor Wagner reviewed the effort undertaken by the citizens of Lakewood to establish a Lakewood Unified School District and stated that the State Board of Education would finally be considering the matter at a public hearing on July 13, 2000, in Sacramento. Vice Mayor Wagner explained that although the L.A. County Committee on School District Organization had previously reviewed the proposal and recommended to the State against it, he noted that since that time, there had been substantial changes in circumstance; primarily, that a number of bond measures had been approved which changed the financial aspect of the reorganization. He added that the supplementary report by the Sage Institute adequately addressed all of the criteria and responded to instances where the County Committee felt there had been deficiencies in the proposed reorganization. Vice Mayor Wagner stated in conclusion that being split into four different districts meant that the people of Lakewood had become minority participants in each of those four districts. For that reason they had wanted their own district for a long time, feeling that the quality of education for the students of Lakewood could be improved by having one unified district. He expressed the hope that the State Board of Education would concur.

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE TRANSMITTAL OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ALONG WITH A STATEMENT OF CONTINUED CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION EFFORT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Correspondence from Burke, Williams & Sorensen Regarding Request for Amicus Support

City Attorney John S. Todd briefly detailed the County of Sonoma's suit against the State regarding the ERAF property tax shift. He stated that the League of California Cities had pointed out that this was a case of great importance to cities. Mr. Todd concluded by stating he highly recommended that the City join in the amicus brief to be filed by the firm of Burke, Williams & Sorensen.

COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WAGNER SECONDED TO JOIN IN AMICUS SUPPORT OF SONOMA COUNTY LITIGATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:15 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:16 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Ron Rodriguez made inquiries regarding ground cover in residential backyards and regarding speed bumps.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry  
Deputy City Clerk