



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 28, 2015

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Deacon Gary Alley, Good Shepherd Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Lightning Camp Fire Club

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Wood
Vice Mayor Ron Piazza
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Todd Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Alice Walker Short, 90-year-old grandmother of Natascha Martin of the Administration Department.

Adeline Yoong, Southern California Edison Public Affairs Region Manager, introduced herself and stated she had been familiar with Lakewood, having previously worked on regional groundwater issues for the Water Replenishment District, and that she looked forward to serving as Edison's representative.

Meals On Wheels Board President Ricky Campbell presented a Special Recognition Award to the City in appreciation of 40 years of support and dedication to Lakewood Meals on Wheels.

The Mayor stated that it had been an honor to have attended the Civic Leadership Award event, at which the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court had been on hand to present the Award of Excellence to Mayfair Middle School.

Mayor Wood extended thanks to the Lakewood residents, businesses and organizations involved in the recent Volunteer Day activities.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 14, 2015

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-1, ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 114 AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 72930, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11609 216TH STREET, AND RELATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Assistant Director of Community Development, Patrick McGuckian, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He reported that an application had been received to allow the construction of three detached dwelling units to be located at 216th Street just west of the San Gabriel River Freeway. The project would require a change of zoning on one parcel from Open Space (O-S) to Multiple-Family Residential (M-F-R); an amendment to the City's General Plan to show a transition from Open Space to Medium/High Density Residential; and approval of tentative parcel map. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that following a public hearing, the City Council adopt the proposed resolutions to amend the General Plan and approve the Tentative Parcel Map No. 72930; introduce the proposed ordinance to enact the zone change; and approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

In response to Council Member Rogers' inquiries, Mr. McGuckian confirmed that the developer had previously done work in the City under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. He also replied that the open space designation of the parcel had been there since the adjacent freeway construction. Mr. McGuckian responded to further questions by stating that neighboring residents' concerns, including landscaping and unauthorized storage, had been addressed at the Planning and Environment Commission meeting.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik concurred that the neighbors who had questions seemed satisfied with the answers received at the Commission hearing.

Mr. McGuckian verified for Council Member DuBois that there would be adequate yard space in the proposed development and that the sound wall already existed and would not need to be installed.

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Council Member Croft inquired about additional mitigations for sound. Mr. McGuckian explained that in addition to the sound wall, the installation of dual-pane windows and insulation would help meet code standards.

Vice Mayor Piazza, inquiring about the height of the sound wall, expressed concern that the upper floor of the development would not have the barrier of the sound wall. Mr. McGuckian stated that the sound attenuation would be addressed by installation of dual pane glass windows.

Mayor Wood requested clarification of the wall height between the existing residences and the proposed development. Mr. McGuckian stated that the walls separating the properties were six feet tall, that there had only been a single entrance into the property and that the units faced the driveway.

Responding to Council Member Rogers' question about management of the common areas, Mr. McGuckian stated that a homeowner's association would be responsible for basic maintenance of the landscaping and common drive and that private yards would be maintained by the individual homeowners. He addressed Council Member Rogers' concerns regarding a sound analysis by stating that the difference with the project on South Street had been that the previous study had addressed outside noise while this project considered sound attenuation inside the residence.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Alan Gafford, Lakewood, expressed concerns regarding the change of designation from OS to MFR.

Mitchell Ramirez, Lakewood, received verification that only one entrance into the complex had been proposed.

Jeffrey Leeper, Colony Developers, stated that as the developers on the property, he and his associate, James Tran, had received a favorable result at the Planning Commission hearing. They had met with all of the adjacent neighbors on Roseton Avenue, who were positive about the project after their concerns had been addressed satisfactorily. He added that the property had been zoned residential prior to the freeway construction, when it had changed to open space. Regarding the technical issues, Mr. Leeper stated that building codes addressed the decibel thresholds as measured from outside the dwellings and that mitigation measures such as types of windows and insulation would be determined at the plan check stage. He noted that the sound wall varied in height between 14 and 16 feet and that with the beginning of the roof line at 17 feet, the affected portion of the structures would only be two to three feet higher than the sound wall. He explained that there would be a buffer as the units would also be six or more feet away from the wall. He concluded by stating that they had designed the project with conformity in mind and expressed gratitude to staff for their assistance.

1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-1, ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 114 AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 72930, FOR PROPERTY AT 11609 216TH STREET, AND RELATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION - Continued

Mayor Wood closed the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Vice Mayor Piazza expressed appreciation to the developer for working with staff and commented that it appeared that residents had approved of the project as there had been no one in attendance to argue against it.

Mr. Skolnik advised that following the reading of the proposed ordinance by title, the City Council could take action to approve staff's recommendations, including waiving further reading of the ordinance, in one motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL LOCATED AT 11609 216TH STREET FROM OPEN SPACE TO MEDIUM/HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, DESIGNATED AS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-1

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 72930, A SUBDIVISION FOR A THREE UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROJECT ON ONE PARCEL LOCATED AT 11609 216TH STREET, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM O-S (OPEN SPACE) TO M-F-R (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ON THAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11609 216TH STREET, DESIGNATED AS ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 114

Responding to Council Member DuBois' observation regarding the open space designation, Mr. McGuckian stated that with the adoption of the Housing Element, the conversion of the property to residential had been encouraged.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIAZZA SECONDED TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-1, ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 114 AND TENTATIVE PARCE MAP NO. 72930, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11609 216TH STREET, AND RELATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION TO THE MEETING OF MAY 12, 2015. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Mayor Wood called for appointments to the City's commissions.

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION

Linda Quarto by Council Member DuBois

Bill Baca by Council Member Rogers

Glen Patrick by Vice Mayor Piazza

Ben Maleki by Council Member Croft

Scott Bauman by Mayor Wood

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Linda Manis by Council Member DuBois

Vicki Stuckey by Council Member Rogers

Bob Quarto by Vice Mayor Piazza

Jan McKinnon by Council Member Croft

Peter Samaniego by Mayor Wood

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Kirk Real by Council Member DuBois

Ted Spaseff by Council Member Rogers

Winnie Heiss by Vice Mayor Piazza

Ben Delarosa by Council Member Croft

Dave Allen by Mayor Wood

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • 2015 PAN AMERICAN FIESTA PREVIEW

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and presented a report based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the annual Pan American Fiesta would be held from May 7th through May 10th. Features of the celebration included a welcome and flag ceremony; a children's cultural booth; craft booths; food booths run by local non-profit groups; a Pan American historical display; carnival rides; entertainment; and a pancake breakfast, including a free breakfast for all Moms on Mother's Day. She also advised that free shuttle service would be available from the Civic Center to the park on Saturday and Sunday.

3.2 • STATUS UPDATE ON DEL VALLE PARK MEMORIAL PLAZA

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, displayed slides and presented an update to the Del Valle Veterans Memorial Plaza. She provided an update on the jet restoration noting that work was progressing well and included the reinforcement of the fuselage longerons; restoration of the plexiglass canopy; addition of final paint and special marking; installation and testing of electrical; and building and installation of special transport structure. She also reported on the status of the memorial plaza as it neared completion with the installation of the granite panels, lithocrete circles, concrete runway and conduits for lighting. Ms. Rapp further reported that orders for the engraved bricks were currently just under 1300 for veterans bricks and approximately 270 community bricks with almost 200 replica bricks ordered. She described the Memorial Day activities including separate daytime and evening events to spread out audience attendance. Partners in the event included the American Legion Post 96, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans of America. She stated that event details were published in the May issue of the Lakewood Community News and would also be posted on the City's website. She concluded by stating that after May 25th, the Veterans Memorial Plaza would be open every day and lighted every evening from sunset until 10 p.m.

Council Member Croft commended the crew at Fighting Classics as true craftsmen who took pride in their efforts. He stated he had been pleased to be able to observe the jet refurbishment in progress noting the great job the contractor had done in documenting the restoration process as well as preserving some options for future enhancements.

Council Member Rogers expressed his appreciation for Mike McDougall's enthusiasm and skill, noting that the possibilities of a more interactive experience had been provided.

Responding to Mayor Wood's inquiry, Ms. Rapp stated that Mr. McDougall would be in attendance at the Memorial Day event adding that he also looked forward to annual visits to ensure the jet had been functioning and maintained properly.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Alice Walker Short.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk