MINUTES
Lakewood City Council
Regular Meeting held
March 25, 2008

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:48 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Monsignor Joseph Greeley, St. Pancratius Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Camp Fire USA Horizon Club

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Diane DuBois
Vice Mayor Steve Croft
Council Member Joseph Esquivel
Council Member Todd Rogers
Council Member Larry Van Nostrand

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL
Mayor DuBois began her remarks by stating that it had been an honor to serve the community as Mayor and she thanked her colleagues for their support. She reviewed some of the highlights of the past, busy year such as the completion of the Lakewood Sheriff Station expansion, which was completed both on time and within budget; the installation of traffic monitoring radar displays to help calm traffic; continuation of the successful street paving and water main replacement programs; the implementation of the automatic license plate recognition system to aid law enforcement in the identification of suspect vehicles; the extension of the West San Gabriel River Nature Trail; the planting of over 500 street trees; the advances in oil, paper and greenwaste recycling programs; and the implementation of parking programs for street sweeping and recreational vehicles. She concluded by thanking her family for their support of her extra responsibilities as Mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR
Mayor DuBois announced that nominations were open for the office of mayor.

Council Member Rogers nominated Council Member Steve Croft, a 27-year resident of the City of Lakewood, whose community involvement included the Lakewood School District Organizing Committee, Friends of the Lakewood Libraries and the Lakewood Lions Club, to serve as the Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED TO NOMINATE STEVE CROFT TO SERVE AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, STEVE CROFT WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

Mayor Croft presented outgoing Mayor DuBois with a plaque and scrapbook commemorating her year of service as Mayor.
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL - Continued

Mayor Croft stated that he wanted to foster a spirit of unity during his year as Mayor and that his primary focus would be on volunteers. He noted the many older volunteers dedicating their efforts to programs like senior nutrition and youth sports coaching, and how important it was to pass the tradition down to young families and teens. He stated that there would be continuing support for Lakewood teachers and schools, to improve educational opportunities for Lakewood students. He also looked forward to projects such as the undergrounding of utility lines along Bloomfield Avenue; new picnic shelters at Del Valle Park; the installation of an energy-saving solar panel system for water pumping; and the Teen Resource Center to be located at Bloomfield Park. He concluded by stating that he would work diligently to ensure that Lakewood remained a community of caring, safe, family-oriented neighborhoods.

Mayor Croft stated that he was pleased to nominate as Vice Mayor, Todd Rogers, who had demonstrated his commitment and caring for the community over his past seven years of service on the City Council.

MAYOR CROFT MOVED TO NOMINATE TODD ROGERS TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, TODD ROGERS WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ROUTINE ITEMS:
COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held February 26, and March 11, 2008
RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234
RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-5: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF LOCAL CITY STREETS
RI-6 Approval of Agreement Amendment for Publication Design Services with Slover and Kinsbursky
RI-7 Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Printing Services with CRESTEC Los Angeles
RI-8 Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Engineering Services for Aquifer Storage and Recovery Wellhead Design
ROUTINE ITEMS:  Continued
RI-9  Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 07-6, Bloomfield Park Teen Resource Center Renovation, MJ Contractors
RI-10  Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
RI-11  Approval of 2007 General Plan Annual Progress Report
RI-12  RESOLUTION NO. 2008-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BOMBERY STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
RI-13  RESOLUTION NO. 2008-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING “NO PARKING, 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M.” ON BOTH SIDES OF 36TH STREET, BIXBY STREET, AND COVER AVENUE FROM CHERRY AVENUE TO INDUSTRY AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
RI-14  Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for the Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium 2 for Digital Aerial Photography

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES:  COUNCIL MEMBERS:  Esquivel, DuBois, Rogers, Van Nostran and Croft
NAYS:  COUNCIL MEMBERS:  None

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS
City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the proposed resolutions were housekeeping items made necessary by the mayoral rotation.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2008-8 THROUGH NO. 2008-10.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-8; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF STEVE CROFT, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT
2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS - Continued
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF TODD ROGERS, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel, DuBois, Rogers, Van Nostran and Croft
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:26 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:28 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:
Debra Cuadros, Yvette Chasse, Jaime Cuadros, Max Slegers, Katrina Brown and Richard Edmondson addressed the City Council regarding city-wide street sweeping.

Bob Clayton congratulated the City Council Members on the event of their reorganization.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk