MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

REVIEW OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITY HALL
Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet. She stated a task force of employees from each City department had been formed to review security measures in and around the city hall complex, with input provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. The City Council’s Public Safety Committee had met with members of the task force to discuss task force proposals intended to provide a secure environment while maintaining an open and customer friendly atmosphere. She concluded by stating that it was the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that the City Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with the project and appropriate $30,000 from the General Fund to implement and install the recommended security measures.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE SECURITY MEASURES AS PRESENTED AND APPROPRIATE THE REQUESTED FUNDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran, Wagner and Esquivel
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

REVIEW OF PROPOSED STORM WATER INSPECTION PROGRAM
Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet. She reported that in addition to the previously required educational site visits to industrial/commercial locations, the permit issued by the State under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) contained a component which required a stormwater inspection program to control runoff of pollutants to the storm drain system.
REVIEW OF PROPOSED STORM WATER INSPECTION PROGRAM - Continued

Don Wolfe, Deputy Director of the County Department of Public Works, stated his department had started an inspection program a year ago for incorporated areas of Los Angeles County. He advised that with the additional inspectors that had been trained, the County was now experienced enough to offer this service to the City.

Responding to a question from City Manager Howard Chambers, Mr. Wolfe stated that the County of Los Angeles had legal action pending to clarify inspection responsibilities for sites considered Phase I facilities which were already paying a permit fee to the State.

Council Member Van Nostran inquired about the inspections costs to each business. Mr. Wolfe responded by stating the projected fee would be $156 per inspection, with no more than one inspection per year.

Responding to a question from Council Member Piercy, Carl Sjoberg, Head of the County’s Industrial Waste Inspection Program, stated that there were some proposed fees that would only be charged in relation to cases where enforcement actions were necessary.

At the request of Council Member Piercy, Ms. Rapp defined the timeline for implementation, noting that the County would need to adopt revisions to their stormwater and runoff pollution control ordinance.

In response to a question from Mayor Esquivel, Mr. Wolfe confirmed that this new program was an unfunded State mandate.

Responding to questions from Vice Mayor Rogers, Ms. Rapp stated that the intent of the fee schedule was only to cover the costs of providing the inspection services and that each business would purchase only one permit but would require at least two separate inspections.

Ms. Rapp clarified for Council Member Wagner that the first inspection would require an initial, one-time setup fee and an inspection fee, with the subsequent required inspections necessitating an inspection fee only.

Ms. Rapp also advised that staff was recommending that the City Council set up its own fee schedule, in much the same manner as building inspection fees, which could then be adjusted based on the City’s actual experience with the inspection program.

Council Member Wagner inquired about the grounds for the County’s pending litigation. Mr. Wolfe stated the basis was that since Phase I facilities were already paying a permit fee to the State, the State should provide the inspection services rather than force the business owners to pay an additional fee to the County for such services.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2004-1.
REVIEW OF PROPOSED STORM WATER INSPECTION PROGRAM - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT OF STORMWATER AND RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL PROVISIONS OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk