MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Wagner in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Charles Atherton, Life Center Assembly of God Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop #154

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:
Mayor Wagner presented a proclamation to Roxanne Batovsky, representing Girl Scout Troop 154. She introduced the troop members and noted that this year was the 90th anniversary of Girl Scouts and the 40th anniversary of the Greater Long Beach Area Girl Scout Council.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran remarked on the recent Lakewood Youth Hall of Fame banquet, noting that there were over 400 in attendance. He stated that he was astounded by the caliber of youth in the community and could see in them, the community leaders of the future.

Mayor Wagner stated that while the focus of the Youth Hall of Fame was on athletic achievement, there were also an amazing number of the athletes with outstanding academic records as well.

Council Member Rogers recognized the members of Cub Scout Pack 75 in the audience.

ROUTINE ITEMS:
COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held February 12, 2002
RI-2 Approval of Registers of Demands dated February 7, and February 14, 2002
RI-3 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-4 Approval of AQMD MSRC Grant Program, R.F. Dickson Alternative Fuel Alliance Project

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.1 • GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; AND RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH BZ DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated that in addition to some minor changes to the garbage, waste and refuse sections of the Municipal Code, staff was proposing a renewal to the refuse collection contract with BZ Disposal Service, Inc. She reported that BZ had been providing service to Lakewood for nearly 50 years, with a very good service record. She briefly reviewed the new and enhanced features of the revised agreement and noted the need for adjustment to the commercial rates to be comparable with other local cities. She noted that BZ would be replacing their entire fleet of collection vehicles and that the ten-year term of the agreement was necessary in order for BZ to obtain the required financing. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the agreement with BZ Disposal Services, Inc. and introduce Ordinance No. 2002-4.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-4; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF ARTICLE V OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, BZ General Manager Marty Simonoff stated the new vehicles included a compartment underneath to store recyclable items, getting rid of any bags hanging on the vehicle exterior.

Mayor Wagner stated that the purchase of vehicles had been delayed in order to keep costs under control. Mr. Simonoff responded by stating there were no major adjustments planned to any residential rates and that the adjustment in the commercial rates was because they were artificially low when compared to commercial rates in the surrounding area.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

City Attorney John S. Todd advised that the items before the City Council for consideration included the renewal of the agreement and an ordinance to amend the Municipal Code.
1.1 • GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; AND RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH BZ DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC. - Continued

James Walhovd asked if rates would be increased to cover the cost of new collection vehicles. Ms. Rapp responded by stating there was no proposed increase to any residential rates, the only adjustments recommended were to the commercial rates.

Mary Critchfield commended BZ for their great service, stating that her neighborhood had had the same driver for many years and that they were very satisfied with the service.

Shelly Monroe also commented on the great service provided by BZ and inquired about curbside recycling. Mayor Wagner noted that while curbside recycling could be more convenient for consumers, it was also very costly. Ms. Rapp stated that Lakewood had implemented a very successful network of neighborhood recycling centers where residents could drop off their recyclables and additionally a portion of all Lakewood refuse was sent to a facility for separation.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2002-4.

Council Member Piercy noted that residents in his neighborhood had also indicated that they were pleased with BZ’s service.

Council Member Rogers stated that in additional to providing quality service to Lakewood residents, BZ Disposal Service was also a good corporate citizen.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH BZ DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.
1.1 • GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; AND RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH BZ DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC. - Continued

Council Member Esquivel stated that as a member of the Solid Waste Committee, he had participated in the agreement process and staff was to be complimented for updating and negotiating a very good contract. He noted he was pleased to be able to see new trucks provided without any increase to residential customers.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 02-2; RESIDENTIAL STREET REHAB - CDBG - 2002

The Director of Public Works gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reported five bids had been received for the residential street rehab project. The project included six areas of residential streets to be resurfaced. She noted that the project was partially funded through the Community Development Block Grant. She reported that the low bidder for the project, All American Asphalt, had satisfactorily completed two previous projects for the City. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the plans, specifications and working details for PW Project No. 02-02; award the contract to All American Asphalt of Corona in the amount of $993,126.25; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed $50,000.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.3 • PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY SWAP MEET BUSINESS

The Director of Community Development, Chuck Ebner, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated the City Council had previously established a moratorium on the establishment of any swap meet business, pending a study by the Planning and Environment Commission to determine the appropriate regulations and zoning for such a use. He advised that additional time was required for the Commission to complete their study and it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance to extend the moratorium for an additional year, until March 11, 2003.
1.3 • PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY SWAP MEET BUSINESS
ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE
2001-3 PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY SWAP MEET BUSINESS
WITHIN THE CITY PENDING COMPLETION OF A STUDY AND REPORT BY THE
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION PERTAINING TO THE PROPER
ZONE CLASSIFICATION OR CONDITIONS OF USE FOR EITHER INDOOR OR
OUTDOOR SWAP MEETS, AS AN INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE AND SETTING
FORTH FACTS CONSTITUTING THE SAME AS AN URGENCY ORDINANCE was
read by title by the City Clerk.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience
wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL
SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3. UPON
ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY
SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE,
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL
SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE
MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.4 • LIMITING TIME FOR POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS
AND PERMITS FOR SALE OF SAFE & SANE FIREWORKS
Larry Schroeder, Director of Finance, gave a brief oral presentation based on the
memorandum in the agenda and reported that the proposed ordinance had been introduced at
the last meeting and had been amended prior to the public hearing. He briefly reviewed the
provisions of the ordinance, as well as the changes incorporated at the last meeting.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:13 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience
wishing to address the City Council on this matter.
1.4 • LIMITING TIME FOR POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AND PERMITS FOR SALE OF SAFE & SANE FIREWORKS - Continued

Lilly McCoy stated she was in support of the ordinance and expressed a need for increased enforcement.

Mayor Wagner stated that the City Council had been shocked by the proliferation of illegal fireworks last year and would be working with the Sheriff’s Department to develop a more effective response for this year.

Council Member Rogers stated that the proposed ordinance was really only one piece of a complex puzzle which included the statewide problem of illegal fireworks. He noted that more aggressive enforcement was called for to deal with illegal fireworks.

Tim Devine representing Mayfair football boosters, and Jack Knowles expressed concern that reducing the number of days that fireworks could be sold could impact the amount of funds an organization was able to raise. Mr. Devine also noted that fundraising, through the sale of safe-and-sane fireworks, was a way to keep program fees low, allowing more children to participate.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran stated that the Public Safety Committee had researched the impacts of reducing the days for sale and had found that in other communities where the number of days had been reduced, no negative impacts on funding had occurred.

Sandra Schicorra expressed her support for the ordinance, stating that the length of time for sales and discharge had been one of the main sources of irritation.

Donald Nelson and Rod & Lori Evanson stated the ordinance was fairly good and that the funds raised were very necessary to ongoing youth athletic programs. He expressed concern about restricting the number of booth sites and the diversity of organizations represented.

Wendy Blanchard representing the Lakewood Women’s Club, and Trish Gordon representing Mayfair High School Grad Night, expressed concern about limiting the funds raised to Lakewood-related expenditures.

The City Attorney explained that the ordinance did not require that all funds be spent within the City, merely that all funds be used to benefit the Lakewood community.

Robert Alkee, President of the Southern California Speed Skating Association, which meets at Glacial Gardens in Lakewood, requested consideration of a new application for a fireworks stand for his organization.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.
1.4 • LIMITING TIME FOR POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AND PERMITS FOR SALE OF SAFE & SANE FIREWORKS - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE LIMITING THE TIME FOR POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AND PERTAINING TO PERMITS FOR SALE OF SAFE & SANE FIREWORKS was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2002-2. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2002-2.

Mayor Wagner stated that he was opposed to the ordinance. He noted that while there were a number of exceptionally good elements contained in the ordinance, he had several concerns. His concerns included inadequate input from previous fireworks stand operators, the drastic change of limiting discharge to a single day, the excessive number of illegal fireworks last year, that law enforcement efforts could be split dealing with illegal fireworks and safe-and-sane violations, and the use of attrition to eliminate grandfathered organizations. He stated that he felt the changes made at the last meeting diluted the ordinance and made it less clear and that the grandfathering provisions should have a set time limit. He stated he would like to see a major effort made to address those concerns over the next year, and that in his opinion, the real problem was with the illegal fireworks.

Council Member Rogers stated that the Public Safety Committee had received a lot of feedback on the problems experienced last year including the proliferation of stands, the noise levels from well before and after July 4th. He further stated that the proposed ordinance was a very good first step which attempted to balance the desire of the community to celebrate and the needs of the organizations to raise funds. He noted that it was extremely important to assess the impacts of the ordinance this year and to propose any changes necessary. He observed that the worst thing to do would be to do nothing for another year. He concluded by stating that he had every intent to re-visit the fireworks issue and to fully review the consequences of this ordinance.
1.4 • LIMITING TIME FOR POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AND PERMITS FOR SALE OF SAFE & SANE FIREWORKS - Continued

Vice Mayor Van Nostran stated that the Public Safety Committee had been careful during their study process to keep the City Council advised of the direction of the study. He also stated that the Committee has worked very hard on this issue and that he personally had spoken to many of the booth operators. He noted that great pains had been taken to ensure that no organization was arbitrarily “kicked out” and that the changes had been carefully crafted to retain the City Council powers of discretion. He concluded by stating that the issue would need to be re-visited quickly after July 4th to see if revisions were needed and that it would be necessary to put “teeth” into enforcement, especially in dealing with illegal fireworks.

Council Member Piercy stated he agreed with the Public Safety Committee’s findings and commended Vice Mayor Van Nostran and Council Member Rogers for the extensive amount of time and effort put into the study and ordinance. He concluded by stating that he also felt the effects of the ordinance should be reviewed shortly after the 4th of July.

Council Member Esquivel stated he wished to echo the remarks of Council Member Piercy.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran and Rogers
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO COMMENCE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AFTER JULY 4, 2002, REGARDING THE NET IMPACT OF ORDINANCE NO. 2002-2 AND REPORT BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

2.1 • INTERNET ACCESS STUDIOS

The City Attorney reported that the proposed ordinance had been previously introduced but had been tabled pending the drafting of additional provisions which were now ready.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO REMOVE CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1 FROM THE TABLE.
2.1 • INTERNET ACCESS STUDIOS - Continued
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

The City Attorney advised that the ordinance as presented at this time had been considerably rewritten. He stated that at the time of introduction, the issue had been raised about protecting minors from inappropriate Internet content. He advised that although this was an area protected by First Amendment rights, exposure to obscenity could be controlled to some degree by requiring parental consent, in much the same way that the cable television and drug paraphernalia ordinances had been crafted and with legal challenge had prevailed. He stated that the ordinance was narrowly crafted and specifically defined the materials not to be present to children without the consent of a parent or legal guardian. He noted that internet access studios or cyber cafes would have the option to utilize appropriate filtering software or obtain parental consent forms for minors.

Responding to a question from Mayor Wagner, Mr. Todd advised that following introduction, the ordinance should be referred to the Planning and Environment Commission for consideration prior to its second reading and adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING INTERNET ACCESS STUDIOS

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO RE-INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1 AS AMENDED AND TO REFER IT TO THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION.

Maysoun Fletcher, Newport Beach, representing Click PC, stated her client, although concerned that the ordinance had many provisions, had no problem with the amended ordinance and was, in fact, already using state-of-the-art filtering software at its Lakewood store. She complimented the City Attorney on doing an excellent job of crafting the ordinance to meet the current and future needs of this type of business.

Council Member Rogers remarked on the improvements to the ordinance and inquired about how required parental notification would be given if a parent did not visit the site. The City Attorney responded by stating the format and content of the parental consent form would be supplied by the City.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel, Piercy, Van Nostran, Rogers and Wagner
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
3.1 • ENDORSEMENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BALLOT MEASURE
PROPOSITION C - MODERNIZATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT COMMAND STRUCTURE

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover gave a brief oral presentation based on the
memorandum in the agenda and stated that Proposition C was on the March 5th ballot for
voters in Los Angeles County and, if approved, would amend the County Charter by
modernizing the management structure of the Sheriff’s Department.

Captain Bob Osborne, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff’s Station, reported that this area
of the County Charter had last been updated in the 1960’s, when the Department had a staff
of just over 6,000 and that the staff had grown to nearly 16,000 today. In like manner, the
number of stations had increased from 14 to 23 and the number of cities served had increased
from 23 to 41 presently. Proposition C would provide for the creation of four additional
command positions and would also allow a non-sworn person to hold such a position where
warranted.

Council Member Esquivel, President of the California Contract Cities Association, stated that
the Association fully supported Sheriff Baca on Proposition C.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-6: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LAKEWOOD IN SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BALLOT MEASURE
PROPOSITION C

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY
SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2002-6, SUPPORTING BALLOT
MEASURE PROPOSITION C. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS
APPROVED:

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

At 9:12 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the
Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 9:13 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Kathryn Marshall, Craig Bittner and Lori Rupert addressed the City Council with their
concerns about the proposed West San Gabriel River Project, which would be directly behind
their properties.

James Walhovd expressed water quality concerns relating to the recent water contamination
notice.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Continued
Director of Water Resources, Jim Glancy, responded by stating the Lakewood Water Resources Department provided regular, routine collection of water samples throughout their service area and that on February 19, 2002, one sample had indicated the presence of total coliforms. A repeat sample on February 22, 2002, had also indicated the presence of total coliforms. Even though the Water Resources Department had flushed and disinfected the water lines, residents in the affected area and surrounding neighborhoods were notified on February 24, 2002, of the test results and cautioned to boil all tap water before drinking and a water well in the area had been shut down. He concluded by stating that the boil water order had lifted on February 27, 2002, when samples drawn indicated no further health risk and that the cause of the contamination would not be determined until the examination of the water well was complete.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Mr. Glancy stated that the problem could not be a long-term problem as his Department drew samples every week.

Lori Evanson thanked Mr. Glancy for his informative talk and the overall good service provided.

CLOSED SESSION:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Mayor Wagner announced that based upon the confidential written report of the City Attorney, the City Council would adjourn to a closed session to confer with and receive advice from its legal counsel pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a) to discuss with its counsel settlement negotiations.

At 10:01 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. Mayor Wagner announced that having met in closed session to receive facts and consider circumstances pertaining to pending litigation against Peerless Water Company and had given its attorney instructions.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk