Minutes
Lakewood City Council
Regular Meeting held
May 22, 2001

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:39 p.m. by Mayor Wagner in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend C. “Kit” Wilke, Cross Roads Community United Church of Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Larry Van Nostran

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 announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Dewain “Bud” Rynerson, husband of former Mayor Jacqueline Rynerson. Bud Rynerson was remembered as one of the original incorporation effort supporters, with a long history of community involvement and volunteerism.

Mayor Wagner announced that Council Member Joe Esquivel had just been installed as the President of the California Contract Cities Association, a very important organization to cities like Lakewood.

Council Member Esquivel thanked his colleagues for their support and stated he looked forward to leading Contract Cities, an organization of over 40 cities in the local area and a total of 80 cities state-wide. He introduced his younger brother Dan Esquivel who was in the audience.

Mayor Wagner announced that a reception had been held prior to the meeting to recognize Lakewood’s Senior Volunteer of the Year, Wanda Jean Anderson; and retiring Recreation & Community Services Commissioner, Ruth Smith.

Mayor Wagner also noted that Plowboys Market would not be coming to Lakewood since they were not able to reach an agreement with the owner-developer of the shopping center at South Street and Palo Verde Avenue.
ROUTINE ITEMS:
Council Member Esquivel requested that Routine Item 1 be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 2 THROUGH 6.

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated May 3, May 10, and May 17, 2001

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2001-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 12 P.M. ON MONDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF DANELAND STREET BETWEEN DEEBOYAR AVENUE AND CANDLEWOOD STREET EXCLUDING THE EAST SIDE OF PARK DRIVE


UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 24, 2001

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

CLOSED SESSION:
At 7:57 p.m., Mayor Wagner announced that based on 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(c) pertaining to its decision to initiate litigation in one case.
At 8:16 p.m., the City Council reconvened and Mayor Wagner announced that having met in closed session the Council had received advice and given direction to its legal counsel.

1.1 • RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN, PEERLESS WATER
Mayor Wagner announced that the public hearing on this item would be continued to the next regular meeting on June 12, 2001. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

1.2 • PURCHASING BID 01-3, INGERSOLL-DRESSER SUBMERSIBLE PUMP
Director of Finance, Larry Schroeder, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated four sealed bids had been received for the purchase of an Ingersoll-Dresser submersible pump for Well #15A. He noted that the low bidder had proposed supplying an alternate motor which met specifications and that they would be able to deliver much more quickly. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council award the bid and authorize the purchase of the submersible pump from SoCal Pump & Well Service, Inc. in the amount of $30,828.75.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:18 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 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 • PURCHASING BID 01-4, STORAGE TANKS AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE
The Finance Director gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated one sealed bid had been received for the installation and rental of storage tanks and the delivery of 12.5% sodium hypochlorite for the water system. It was determined that the bid amount was excessive and exceeded the budgeted amount for the project. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council reject the bid and direct that the purchase be re-bid at a later date.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.
1.3 • PURCHASING BID 01-4, STORAGE TANKS AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE - Continued
COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO REJECT THE BID AND AUTHORIZE A RE-BID OF THE PROJECT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.4 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 01-4, PEDESTRIAN AND WHEELCHAIR ACCESS PROJECT
Assistant Director of Public Works Max Withrow gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported four bids had been received for the pedestrian and wheelchair access project. The project would provide for the installation of 85 handicapped ramps around Lindstrom Elementary School, Mayfair High School, Palms Elementary School and Palms Park. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council award the contract in the amount of $64,655.00, with contingencies not to exceed the grant amount of $68,500.00.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO 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

2.1 • AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 2
Community Development Director Chuck Ebner gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated the next step in the process to amend the redevelopment plan for Project Area No. 2 would be for the City Council to set a public hearing date. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution setting the date for a joint public hearing with the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency on June 26, 2001.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-22; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CONSENTING TO A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 2
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VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2001-2 SETTING THE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

3.1 • PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ENGINE ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE

The Director of Finance gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported the 2000-2001 budget provided for the purchase of an engine analyzer/scope for use in the Central Garage. Using the purchasing process that allowed the City to receive the same pricing that the State of California had received at bid (CMAS), a suitable product was identified. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of the main dyno and component part from Snap-on Industrial at the CMAS price of $35,957.44.

Mr. Schroeder confirmed for Vice Mayor Van Nostran that the proposed equipment was the current state-of-the-art and would meet the City’s needs for years to come.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO 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

3.2 • PUBLIC NUISANCE AND SUBSTANDARD PROPERTY AT SILVA STREET

City Attorney John S. Todd briefly reviewed his memorandum contained in the agenda packet and advised that in addition to his memorandum, the agenda packet contained a copy of the minute finding and order adopted by the Planning and Environment Commission on December 7, 2000; a copy of the memorandum from the City Attorney to the Director of Community Development, dated May 16, 2001; and a copy of the letter from the City Attorney to Bonnie J. Martin, dated May 16, 2001. He stated that the property located at Silva Street had become a public nuisance with overgrown weeds and vegetation; deteriorated condition of paint on house and garage trim and garage door; and trash and debris in the rear yard. He asked if the property owner or a representative of the property owner was in the audience. There was no response. He stated that the current condition of the
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The property was deplorable and a detriment to the health and safety of the surrounding properties. He noted that his last correspondence with the owner/resident had extended the time for the performance of improvement work to 2 p.m. on May 22, 2001. Upon verification by staff, no work had been done or begun. He concluded by requesting the City Council authorize the City Attorney to obtain a Nuisance Abatement Inspection Warrant; authorize the Director of Public Works to contract forces to perform the work set forth in the Planning and Environment Commission minute order, except the roofing; assess to the property the costs of said work, including attorney fees and court costs; and allow the owner or designee to perform any of the ordered work at a time schedule established by the City Attorney or Director of Community Development.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

At 8:33 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:35 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:
Fred Baisley requested to address the City Council regarding the Planned Parenthood office on Del Amo Boulevard.

Mayor Wagner responded by stating that the City Council was not able to hear testimony regarding this matter since legal counsel had advised that it was not within the jurisdiction of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m. to Tuesday, May 29, 2001, in the Executive Board Room, in memory of Bud Rynerson.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk