Minutes
Lakewood City Council
Regular Meeting held
June 27, 2000

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Piercy in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Keith Miller, Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Robert G. Wagner

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:
Arlene Brancatelli of the Lakewood Lions Club gave a brief presentation about the club, which had been in existence since 1941, and the charitable organizations and activities they supported such as Su Casa, Project Shepherd, Canine Companions and the City of Hope.

Mayor Piercy introduced Janie Williams, the new President of the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

ROUTINE ITEMS:
COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held June 13, 2000
RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated June 8, and June 15, 2000
RI-4 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 99-5, Centre AV Lighting
RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2000-29; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-8 ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE EAST SIDE OF SUNFIELD AVENUE SOUTH OF SOUTH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2000-30; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NUMBER M002 TO MASTER AGREEMENT NUMBER 07-5315 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

RI-7 Approval of Monthly Investment Transactions Report

RI-8 Approval of City Investment Policy

RI-9 Approval of Consent Agreement with City of Los Angeles for Use of Easement for Monte Verde Park Project

RI-10 Approval of Street Closures for Block Party Purposes

RI-11 Approval of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for Lakewood Project Shepherd


RI-13 Approval of Extension of Agreement with Fair Housing Council of San Bernardino County

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS Approved:

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

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000-2001 AND 2001-2002

City Administrator Howard Chambers displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and presented the proposed budget for fiscal years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 entitled, “A Time to Build.” He noted that although both the State and Federal governments were expecting large budget surpluses, only a small amount was being returned to cities and counties. He briefly outlined some of the proposals being considered in Sacramento for local government finance reform and the impacts of those proposals on the City of Lakewood. He reviewed the major appropriation and revenue categories and the focus areas of the budget. The focus areas included Street System Maintenance; Economic Development; Monte Verde Park; Intergovernmental Relations; Public Safety; Solid Waste Management; Facility Improvements; Technology Planning; Water Quality Preservation; and Volunteerism.
1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000-2001 AND 2001-2002 - Continued

Captain Robert Osborne, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff’s Station, presented a brief update on law enforcement in Lakewood and stated that preliminary crime statistics indicated that the reduction in crime was continuing. He concluded by stating that it was an excellent time to build foundations for the future so that the department would be ready for whatever challenge the future might bring.

City Attorney John S. Todd briefly enumerated the budget materials contained in the agenda packet.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Wagner, Finance Director Larry Schroeder stated that the amount of the City’s budget was not an exact match for the stated appropriation limit, commonly known as the Gann limit, because not all revenue sources were subject to that limitation. He assured the Council that proposed expenditures did not exceed funds available from all revenue sources.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 8:32 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

Mayor Piercy advised that item 1.1.e.6 would be considered separately.


COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WAGNER SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-31.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000-2001 AND 2001-2002 - Continued
COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WAGNER SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-32. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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


COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-33. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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


1) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-34; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING LOANS TO LAKEWOOD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

2) Setting the Assistance Rate for the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency

3) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-35; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY TO CITY LIGHT AND POWER LAKEWOOD, INC. THAT BASIC FEE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET

4) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-36; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-37 PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

5) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-37; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 99-39 PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ENACTING A PERSONNEL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

7) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-39; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 76-102 PERTAINING TO THE CITY ATTORNEY’S RETAINER AGREEMENT
1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000-2001 AND 2001-2002 - Continued

8) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-40; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING AND RENEWING A COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT


15) Renewal of Agreement with Mothers-At-Work

16) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Environmental Analyst Services with Ray Tahir

17) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Animal Control Services with Southeast Area Animal Control Authority
1.1 • BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000-2001 AND 2001-2002 - Continued

18) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Construction Management/Inspection Services with BDA Associates

19) Approval of Renewal of Regional Law Enforcement Agreement

20) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-47; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION SERVICES

21) Approval of Agreement for Page Composition, Printing and Preparation for Mailing of the City Newsletter

22) Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with RS2 Consulting

23) Approval of Renewal of Consulting Services Agreement with Communications Support Corporation

24) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-50; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND JOE A. GONSALVES

25) Approval of Agreement with J.D. Franz Research Services

26) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Custodial Services with Advanced Building Maintenance

27) Approval of Agreement for GIS Services with California State University, Long Beach

28) Approval of Extension of Reimbursement Agreement for Long Beach Transit

29) Approval of Agreement for Digital Geographic Date License with Thomas Bros. Maps

30) Approval of Participation Agreement with Peyser Associates, Inc. for LACDA Alliance

31) Approval of Extension of Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Agreement

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

Council Member Van Nostran expressed the Council’s gratitude for the staff’s hard work on the budget.

Vice Mayor Wagner noted that it was shameful that with the huge surplus of funds that the State had at its disposal, the libraries had to continue to struggle to provide adequate services.
1.2 • PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT 00-10R, MONTE VERDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated twelve bids had been opened for the Monte Verde Park Improvement Project. She reported that the low bidder, Medallion Contractors & Developers, had made an error in their bid by listing two subcontractors for one trade in violation of the California Public Contract Code. Staff had met with the City Attorney who had advised that the error was not of a simple nature which could be waived by the City Council. She also noted that the protest by Medallion had not been received within the five day period specified by the Public Contract Code. She also reported that the second lowest bidder, Tobo Construction, had not submitted a bid bond which met specification and had failed to include a required document with their bid. In addition, a protest letter had been received from Biltmore Construction, the fifth lowest bidder, challenging each of the lower bidders. However, their objection to the bid of the third lowest bidder, Don Veasey Construction, had been resolved with written confirmation from Veasey Construction. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council: approve the plans, specifications, addendum and working details for the project; reject the bids received from Medallion Contractors & Developers and from Tobo Construction; appropriate $837,000 from the General Fund for the project; award the contract to Don Veasey Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of $1,290,000; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed $65,000.

City Attorney John S. Todd stated that in addition to the staff report, the agenda packet contained correspondence received from a law firm representing Biltmore Construction and the City Attorney’s response.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Bob Cram, Project Manager representing Don Veasey Construction Co., stated that they were fully qualified and prepared to complete the project.

Appearing on behalf of Medallion Contractors & Developers, Inc., were Chopin Chopra, President; Huldeep Hak, Vice President; and Kishove Kaul, Project Manager. Mr. Chopra protested the rejection of his company’s bid and submitted a packet of material for Council review. He stated that he had not received notification of problems with their bid and that the matter of listing two subcontractors for the same work was merely a clerical error.

Mr. Hak stated he had met with the City’s Project Manager on June 20th regarding a bond problem that had been resolved, but he had not been made aware that there were other specific problems with the bid.

The City Attorney advised that although Mr. Chopra had submitted letters from the two subcontractors to indicate that they would be providing different services, not only was the provision of State law quite specific, but there was also existing case law which left the City Council without authority to overlook such an error. He also noted that the protest had not been timely filed.
1.2 • PW 00-10R, MONTE VERDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS - Continued

In response to questions from Council Member Titel, Ms. Rapp stated that the bids had been opened on Friday, June 16th after which staff had begun the process of checking bonds, licenses and references. A problem with the bond had come up on June 19th and had been resolved with the bidder. She stated that problems had been addressed as they arose and that it was not until the staff had met and received the advice of the City Attorney that they were able to assess the significance of the errors and formulate a recommendation to the City Council.

The City Clerk confirmed for the Council that a draft version of the report contained in the City Council agenda packet, which recommended the rejection of the two lowest bids and award to the third lowest bidder, had been mailed on Wednesday, June 21st, to every company which had submitted a bid on the project.

Vice Mayor Wagner noted that although staff might make a recommendation for the City Council to act upon, only the City Council had the authority to reject a bid. Ms. Rapp responded to a question from the Vice Mayor by stating it had been the advice of the City Attorney to provide the draft report to each bidder as notification of the proposed action rather than a letter.

Council Member Titel pointed out that although Medallion claimed to be unaware of any problems with their bid, the letters from the two subcontractors which they attached to their protest were dated June 19th, indicating that they had to have known there was a problem.

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

Vice Mayor Wagner stated that while it was unfortunate that a clerical error could cause such a problem and force the City into going with a higher bid, the City Council had no authority to judge whether an error was an innocent mistake. He confirmed with the City Attorney that to attempt to waive such an error would put the City in violation of the State code.

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.3 • PURCHASING BID 00-4, ONE TON DUAL WHEEL FLAT BED TRUCK

Director of Finance Larry Schroeder presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated three sealed bids had been received for the purchase of a one-ton dual flatbed truck. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of the vehicle from Bob Wondries Ford in the amount of $27,342.86.
1.3 • PURCHASING BID 00-4, ONE TON DUAL WHEEL FLAT BED TRUCK - Continued
Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 9:35 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 VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.4 • OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
Mayor Piercy stated that the proposed ordinance would amend the Lakewood Municipal Code by making a one word change from the title City Administrator to City Manager.


Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 9:37 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

Council Member Van Nostran noted that there was no change in duties or responsibilities involved, only a title change.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2000-6. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

1.5 • WATER RATE REDUCTION
Mayor Piercy advised that the proposed resolution had been introduced at the previous meeting and was intended to pass a rate reduction on to Lakewood consumers.

Jim Glancy, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet. He stated that the reduction in rates charged by the Water Replenishment District from $139 per acre foot to $112 would be passed along to the City’s water customers and there would be no need for a previously approved increase that was scheduled for November 1st.
1.5 • WATER RATE REDUCTION - Continued
Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 9:43 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-27; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-20, PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND CHARGES

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-27. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

2.1 • ADJUSTMENT TO COMMERCIAL REFUSE RATES
The Director of Finance presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated it was the recommendation of staff that in accordance with the agreement between the City and B-Z Disposal Service and the Lakewood Municipal Code, rates for commercial bin service would be adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index, to be effective July 1, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-48; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADJUSTING THE FEES OR CHARGES FOR SPECIAL REFUSE BIN SERVICE

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-48. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

At 9:45 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 9:56 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None
CLOSED SESSION:
Mayor Piercy announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957 to evaluate the performance of the City Administrator.

At 10:28 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present.

Vice Mayor Wagner stated that he would like to have a salary survey performed.

4) RESOLUTION NO. 2000-38;  A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 76-66 PERTAINING TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2000-38, COMPLETED TO INDICATE A TWO PERCENT INCREASE IN SALARY, AND THAT A SALARY SURVEY BE COMPLETED WITHIN ONE YEAR. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

Vice Mayor Wagner noted that the direction the City Administrator had taken on major tasks had gone very well.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward
City Clerk