



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 8, 2003

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Scott Morissy, Lakewood Bahá'í Faith Community

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Cub Scout Pack 247

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Esquivel presented a proclamation to Lakewood Library Managers Donna Walters, of the Iacoboni Library, and Cathy Saldin, of the Nye Library, in Recognition of National Library Week. Donna Walters thanked the City Council for their support.

Mayor Esquivel announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Bellflower High School Principal Judy Rayes.

An announcement was made by Mayor Esquivel about the upcoming family activities and fireworks show to be held at the Lakewood Center Mall on Saturday, May 3rd to celebrate the Mall's 50th birthday and to kick-off the City's "49 & Counting" anniversary program.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held February 11, February 25, and March 11, 2003

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated March 20, and March 27, 2003

RI-4 Approval of Utility Users Tax Revenue Payment For In Touch Communications, Inc.

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-5 Acceptance of Weingart Foundation Grant for 50th Anniversary History Project

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Wagner and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-2, BISCAILUZ PARK PICNIC SHELTER RE-ROOFING PROJECT

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda and stated that although six contractors had attended a mandatory pre-bid conference for the Biscailuz Park Picnic Shelter Re-Roofing Project, no bids had been received. She advised that pursuant to the California Public Contract Code, a legislative body was permitted to proceed with a project in a 'no bid' situation and staff had received a quote from a general contractor who had been in attendance at the pre-bid conference and had been recommended by the roofing material manufacturer. It was the recommendation of staff that since the work needed to be completed at this time, the City Council approve the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award a contract to Prime Waterproofing Associates in the amount of \$7,900; waive the standard requirements for Faithful performance Bond; appropriate \$2,000 from the Park Dedication Fund to the project account; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$1,000.

Council Member Wagner questioned the logic of requiring a full public works contract process, with the related expenses, for a relatively small project. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the Public Contract Code required a complete set of plans and specifications for any project over \$5,000. Upon being advised that the requirement had remained at the same amount for quite a number of years, Council Member Wagner stated that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee should look into legislation to increase the minimum amount to a more practical level.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Wagner and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-4, MAYFAIR, DEL VALLE AND PALMS PARKS PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Public Works Director displayed slides and gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda and reported that seven bids had been received for the Mayfair, Del Valle and Palms Parks Play Area Improvement Project. The project included removal of existing wooden play equipment; installation of several new pieces of play equipment; installation of poured-in-place recycled rubber safety surfacing at the Mayfair and Palms Tot Lot and school-age play areas and the installation of a new picnic shelter at the Del Valle Tot Lot. She noted that the City Council had approved the purchase of the play equipment in February, and so it had been ordered and was ready for installation. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the plans, specifications and working details for the subject project; award a contract to the low bidder, Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts, Inc., in the amount of \$209,000; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$10,405; approve an amendment to an agreement with Meyer & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$4,125; and appropriate \$47,000 of Per Capita Grant Program funds available under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act, Proposition 12, of 2000, to the project account.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Rogers, Ms. Rapp stated that the project was scheduled to begin at the end of April and be completed by early to mid-June.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ACCEPT STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Wagner and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-5, WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT - 2003

The Director of Public Works gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda and stated fourteen bids had been received for the Watermain Replacement 2003 project. She advised that the project included the replacement of nearly three miles of undersized, cast-iron, residential water mains in the area east of Palo Verde Avenue between Turnergrove Drive and Harvey Way. She stated that the low bidder for the project was properly licensed for the proposed work and references had been satisfactorily verified. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award a contract to Precision Pipeline, Inc. of Alta Loma in the amount of \$779,680; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders as needed not to exceed \$75,000.

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-5, WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT – 2003 - Continued

Council Member Wagner inquired about the use of PVC piping for such a project. Water Resources Director Jim Glancy reported that the specified pipe was a type expressly designed for water main use and was much heavier than the type provided for home use. He noted that the pipe performed particularly well in the six-to-eight inch sizes.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Wagner and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

1.4 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-1, LEFT TURN PHASING ON DEL AMO BOULEVARD AT PALO VERDE AVENUE

The Director of Public Works gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda and reported two bids had been received for Public Works Project No. 03-1, to construct left-turn phasing for Del Amo Boulevard at its intersection with Palo Verde Avenue. She stated that staff had verified that the low bidder was properly licensed for the work and possessed satisfactory references. She noted that due to a 12 to 16 week lead time for delivery of the traffic signal poles, the construction was scheduled to begin in July and be completed by the end of August, 2003. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details of the project; award a contract to Dynalectric in the amount of \$34,976; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$7,000.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Shawn Robinson stated that she felt left-turn controls were needed more at the intersection of Bellflower Boulevard and South Street.

Ms. Rapp responded by stating that left-turn phasing on South Street at Bellflower Boulevard had already been scheduled as part of an upcoming regional traffic improvement project in conjunction with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1.4 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 03-1, LEFT TURN PHASING ON DEL AMO BOULEVARD AT PALO VERDE AVENUE - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Wagner and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Wagner and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

Mayor Esquivel announced that if there was no objection, Item 2.1, Appointments To City Commissions, and Item 3.1, Appointments To Governmental Associations, Organizations & Committees, would be continued to the next meeting. It was so ordered.

2.2 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2003-3; CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-1 TO PDSF ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5813 ALLINGTON STREET

Mayor Esquivel instructed that the proposed ordinance be read by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO PDSF (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SINGLE FAMILY) ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5813 ALLINGTON STREET, DESIGNATED AS ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 105 was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2003-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Wagner and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

2.2 • ORDINANCE NO. 2003-3; CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-1 TO PDSF ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT ALLINGTON STREET - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER WAGNER MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2003-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Wagner and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

At 7:58 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:00 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Shawn Robinson requested permission from the City Council for the placement of yellow ribbons on trees within the parkways along Bellflower Boulevard and South Street to show patriotism and support for the troops serving in Iraq.

Mayor Esquivel advised that the City Council would need the City Attorney to be present in order to have appropriate legal advice before consideration of the request.

Council Member Wagner requested that consideration of this request be placed on the next regular agenda.

Vice Mayor Rogers asked that a legal analysis of the issue be provided for the next City Council agenda.

Herb Axup stated he hoped the yellow ribbons would be viewed as a sign of support for the troops to return home safely and not as a political statement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. in memory of Judy Rayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk