



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held  
April 13, 2004

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

### **REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LAKEWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE**

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner reported that there were four proposed ordinances which would amend the zoning section of the Lakewood Municipal Code. Two of those ordinances had been presented to the City Council in February and had been sent back to the Planning and Environment Commission for modification, and two new ordinances would be presented. The first ordinance dealt with density bonuses and had been modified to address the issue of a target unit purchased as a very low or lower income unit being leased or sold at market value. Language had been added to the ordinance to require sale at an Affordable Sales Price or lease to a Qualified Resident. The other modified ordinance addressed the issue of emergency shelters and language had been added to provide adequate parking for homeless persons with vehicles. Staff had conducted a survey of other agencies and had establish a parking ratio based on survey responses. He added that Council Member Wagner had prepared additional modifications to the emergency shelter ordinance

Council Member Wagner stated he had drafted two proposed amendments to the emergency shelter ordinance. The first was intended to provide for an appropriate buffer between any proposed shelter site and adjacent residential areas. The second amendment would provide methodology to substantiate the City's level of need for such a facility.

Mr. Ebner clarified for Mayor Rogers that by Code definition, "residential area" meant any of the zones designated residential, such as R-1.

Mr. Ebner reported that the Planning and Environment Commission had also forwarded to the City Council for consideration an ordinance to add or amend various sections of the Municipal Code pertaining to fences, hedges and walls. These changes would include fencing on a property line which would reduce the width of a driveway; allow fencing higher than six feet in the side or rear yard with a Conditional Use Permit; and change the methodology used to determine fence height.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LAKEWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE** - Continued

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Mr. Ebner stated that the new proposed maximum fence height of 7'6" was based on 11 rows of 8" blocks.

Mr. Ebner noted that fence extensions up to 7'6" would still require approval by the Development Review Board and that any fence of 6' would require a building permit. He also noted that for any block wall over 42" in height, a building permit was required.

Council Member Van Nostran determined from Mr. Ebner that when measuring the height of a fence, if the elevations of each side were different, the lowest elevation would be used.

City Attorney John S. Todd responded to a question from Council Member Wagner by stating that the addition of the wording "on either side" to Section 9384.A of the ordinance would be considered a minor change that would not require review by the Planning and Environment Commission prior to introduction of the ordinance, but that the Council could seek review by the Commission between introduction and adoption.

Vice Mayor Piercy questioned how existing, non-conforming fences along driveways would be handled. Mr. Ebner responded by stating that existing fences would be grandfathered and that there would be no special effort by staff to identify specific locations.

Mr. Ebner reported that the final ordinance forwarded to the City Council by the Planning and Environment Commission dealt with canopies. He displayed slides showing current uses which included canopies used as carports and patio covers. He stated that not only were many of the current uses in the front or side yards unsightly, but their placement next to house and garage structures was dangerous as the materials used in the canopy construction were not fire-retardant and thus posed a fire hazard to adjacent structures. The structures would still be allowed in the rear yard area, but would be required to meet current set back requirements.

Responding to a question from Mayor Rogers, Mr. Ebner stated that there was no provision which would limit the height of the structure when located in the rear yard area.

The City Attorney advised that the non-conforming use section of the Municipal Code could be amended to provide a specific time for removal of canopies.

Council Member Wagner stated that the fire hazard aspect gave some urgency to the matter of removal of these structures. The City Attorney responded by advising that a 90-day removal period, during which a public awareness campaign would be implemented, would not be inappropriate in this instance.

## **FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION**

Council Member Van Nostran stated that the 50th Anniversary Committee had been tasked to find a way to memorialize the Legends of Lakewood in a Hall of Fame structure adjacent to the existing stream in front of the Centre. The Committee had reviewed proposals from three artists and was prepared to make a recommendation.

Community Relations Manager Sheryl Musicant-Stewart introduced Lesley Elwood of Elwood and Associates, who had been selected to guide the City in its selection of an artist.

Lesley Elwood stated that of the three presentations made by Southern California artists, the Committee had been most impressed by the work of Cheri Gaulke. She displayed renderings and sample materials for the proposed project, which she characterized as not only telling the history of Lakewood in a unique way, but in a manner compatible with the current layout of the civic center. She noted that although the artist's work would be copyrighted, the City would still have the use of images for non-commercial purposes.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Piercy, Ms. Elwood stated that when the City was ready to add additional names, further input from the artist would not be required, the City could have the work done directly by a fabricator. She noted that there was more than one fabricator locally qualified to do this type of work.

Ms. Musicant-Stewart advised that all wording and any photos used in the project would be brought back to the City Council for approval, and that at this time, approval was sought for the concept only.

In response to a question from Mayor Rogers, Ms. Elwood stated that public, outdoor art of this type generally had a lifespan of about twenty years and that the City would be responsible for the maintenance of the structures.

Vice Mayor Piercy inquired about adding more names to the structures as the Legends of Lakewood Hall of Fame grew. Ms. Elwood stated that the long-term plan would provide for the addition of five more names every five- to ten years and that the artist would provide a map for future plaque placement.

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover reported that staff had received an acknowledgement that day that \$95,000 would be granted subject to the submittal of a full application detailing the project by May 14th. He concluded by stating it was the recommendation of the 50th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee that the City Council endorse the selection of Cheri Gaulke as the artist for the Legends of Lakewood Hall of Fame public art project and authorize the artist's proposal and qualifications to be incorporated into the City's application to the S. Mark Taper Foundation, authorize the Mayor to execute the grant application request, and execute an agreement with the S. Mark Taper Foundation for the funding.

**COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.**

**FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION** - Continued  
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 6:51 p.m., the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Housing Authority. At 7:05 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to meet with Labor Negotiator (City Manager Howard Chambers) regarding employee benefits and compensation.

At 7:42 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. Mayor Rogers announced that instructions had been given to the City Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk