



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 24, 2006

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 Reverend John Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Steve Croft

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Esquivel
Vice Mayor Larry Van Nostran
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Todd Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Esquivel announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Thomas Rogers, father of Council Member Todd Rogers.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 1, December 13, December 20, December 27, 2005, and January 10, 2006
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated December 15, December 22, December 28, 2005, January 5, and January 12, 2006
- RI-4 Approval of Meeting Attendance Reports Pursuant to AB1234
- RI-5 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Contract 05-8, Mayfair Park Activity Building and Pumphouse Re-Roofing Project, Vance & Associates Roofing
- RI-6 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Contract 05-2, Boyar Park Fence Replacement Project, Guardian Fence, Inc.
- RI-7 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-8 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-9 Review of City Investment Policy

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2002-93 FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF COKE AVENUE BETWEEN MICHELSON STREET AND CAMERINO STREET

RI-11 Approval of Emergency Purchase of Voice-over Internet Protocol System for Sheriff Station

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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1.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2006-1; LAKEWOOD AUTO CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN, AMENDMENT NO. 1

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner displayed slides and presented a report based on the material contained in the agenda. He stated an amendment was proposed which would add a 4.87 acre site located at the southeast corner of 36th Street and Cherry Avenue to the Lakewood Auto Center Specific Plan. The site would be the future home of a new Lincoln-Mercury/Mazda dealership. He noted that the Specific Plan was necessary to ensure development standards appropriate for car dealerships. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 2006-1 amending the Lakewood Auto Center Specific Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE LAKEWOOD AUTO CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2006-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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1.2 • PURCHASE OF MOBILE COMMAND POST AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE VEHICLE

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle displayed slides and gave a brief presentation based on the report contained in the agenda. She stated that a review of the City's Emergency Operations Plan had revealed the need for an emergency operations center that could be mobilized at the site of disasters. The proposed Mobile Command Post and Community Resource Vehicle had been designed in conjunction with the Sheriff's Team Lakewood to contain the features and communications equipment necessary to respond to either a safety emergency or incident, or to a natural disaster. She advised that the vehicle would also be utilized as a community event command post for events such as the July Block Party, Public Safety Expo and Patriot Day Celebration. She reported that since the vehicle was custom built to specific specifications, it could not be purchased through a bid process like conventional vehicles. She stated that the majority of the funding necessary for the vehicle was available through drug forfeiture funds, with additional funding provided through the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of a mobile command post vehicle in the amount of \$190,520 and approve an appropriation in the amount of \$26,520 to fully fund the project.

Lieutenant Terry Benjestorf, Lakewood Sheriff Station, stated that having access to a centralized command center that could be located at the site of major incidents, natural disasters or major crime scenes and was equipped with advanced communication technologies would not only improve response, but would also demonstrate to the community the City's level of readiness.

Responding to a question from Council Member DuBois, Lt. Benjestorf stated that the unit's ability to generate power was limited only by the size of the gas tank and that with sufficient fuel reserves, the vehicle could generate its own power indefinitely.

Ms. Ruyle confirmed for Vice Mayor Van Nostran that the vehicle would be equipped with theft deterrent systems.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:45 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 CROFT SECONDED TO PURCHASE THE VEHICLE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2005-14; AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PETROLEUM STORAGE AND PUMPING FACILITIES IN THE M-1 ZONE

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-14; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A TANK FARM IN THE M-1 ZONE was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2005-15. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.2 • UNUSED STORAGE SPACE IN CENTRAL GROUNDWATER BASIN

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy gave an oral presentation based on the report contained in the agenda and stated that the City owned 9,423 acre feet of water right in the Central Groundwater Basin allowing the extraction of water to meet the needs of Lakewood water consumers. He reported that experts had determined that there was additional space in the Basin for the storage of groundwater and that the City had participated in a cooperative effort to establish a process for the use of this space. He noted that although that effort had stalled, the California Department of Water Resources was in the process of restarting negotiations and that it was important for the City to reaffirm its position that the groundwater supply be protected for the service of local water customers. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution, appropriate \$300,000, and authorize the potential purchase of water for storage in the Central Groundwater Basin.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-2; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF THE GROUNDWATER SUPPLY LOCATED UNDER THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD IS USED TO SERVE LOCAL WATER CONSUMERS

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE 2005 GRANT

Recreation and Community Services Director Joan Biegel gave a brief oral presentation based on the report in the agenda and stated the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness had begun providing financial assistance to cities within defined urban areas to fund equipment, training, planning and exercise needs for high-threat areas. She reported that the City had received approval through the California Office of Emergency Services for \$45,000 toward the purchase of an Emergency Communications Command Vehicle and \$13,000 for a year of maintenance on the Tele-Works First Responder system. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the expenditure of Urban Area Security Initiative Grant funds as indicated.

Responding to a question from Council Member Rogers, Assistant City Manager Michael Stover stated that the First Responder system had been tested and utilized to contact stakeholders regarding issues like the illegal fireworks hotline or parking instructions for special events. He noted that the capability to target specific geographic areas had also been tested.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • AGREEMENT WITH PARAMOUNT PETROLEUM

City Attorney Steve Skolnik gave a brief oral presentation based on the report in the agenda and advised that the proposed agreement represented several months of negotiations to amend a 1992 agreement. He reported that the amendment specified conditions allowing the tanks to remain for an additional period, required cosmetic upgrades, and resolved the issue of damages owed to the City for exceeding the original deadline for removal.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PARAMOUNT PETROLEUM. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • 2006 STATEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Assistant to the City Manager Lisa Novotny gave a presentation based on the report contained in the agenda. She briefly covered the intergovernmental relations goals from 2005 and the results to date. She then briefly outlined the proposed goals for 2006, including priorities such as protecting the City's video franchise authority; preservation of grant funding; 605 Freeway landscaping; and protection of city water storage rights.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS FOR 2006. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 8:03 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meetings of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency and the Lakewood Public Financing Authority. At 8:05 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. to Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Thomas Rogers

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk