



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Special Meeting held
August 22, 2006

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Larry Van Nostran
Vice Mayor Diane DuBois (arrived 6:16 p.m.)
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Joseph Esquivel
Council Member Todd Rogers

ON-STREET PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM STUDY SESSION

Community Development Director Chuck Ebner displayed slides and reported that the purpose of the session was to outline a process for a parking permit system to be implemented in the event the measures on the November ballot were approved by the voters. He noted that some of the major issues included defining extreme hardship, determining need for special handicapped provisions, and accommodating posted street sweeping days.

City Manager Howard Chambers stated it would be more practical to allow the definition of extreme hardship to develop, based upon the types of cases presented by individual residents.

Mr. Ebner noted that none of the cities surveyed were providing any special handicapped provisions in their parking permit system, as there were generally other procedures for addressing those needs. He also noted that there were no cities granting exceptions for street sweeping days or bonus days added for street sweeping.

Council Member Rogers noted that in like fashion, currently, rubbish dumpsters located on streets were required to be moved for street sweeping.

Mr. Ebner reported that one of the points raised during the public comment period at a previous City Council meeting concerned residents bringing home their work vehicles. He advised that there were a number of provisions existing in the Municipal Code pertaining to commercial vehicles which were important to the preservation of the residential character of Lakewood neighborhoods. He briefly reviewed the types of vehicles currently allowed pursuant to the Municipal Code.

A general consensus was achieved regarding not building in exceptions or tightly defining hardships, but rather allowing the system the flexibility to evolve as the needs of residents became known.

ON-STREET PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM STUDY SESSION - Continued

Vice Mayor DuBois arrived and took her seat at the City Council table.

The City Attorney recommended the City Council establish a maximum number of temporary trailer parking permits allowed per address per year.

Council Member Rogers suggested 32 per address and 16 per vehicle.

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp stated the signs for non-resident parking of trailers and recreational vehicles would be posted as soon as the 30-day period following the adoption of the ordinance had passed and the ordinance was in effect. She displayed a mock-up of the sign type, noting that it would have red lettering on a white background. She also stated that should the parking measures on the November ballot pass, decals could be made to modify the signs.

The City Attorney noted that a resolution establishing the bail schedule for citations issued for non-resident vehicle would be included in the business on the agenda for the regular meeting to follow this session.

Vice Mayor DuBois determined from staff that since the system would be complaint driven, no additional parking enforcement staff would be required and that once the program was implemented, violators would receive a warning on the first offense.

The City Attorney advised that the permit system would be established by resolution, not as part of the Municipal Code, and would be constructed to become effective immediately should either of the parking measures be passed by the voters.

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover made a brief presentation regarding the software system to be used for the parking permit system. The software would have a component allowing residents to apply online through the City's web site, in addition to applying in person or over the telephone. The system would provide two standard daily reports and GIS maps coordinated by street sweeping area and would fold into the new Service Request program which was scheduled to 'go live' in December. A report would be coming before the City Council for authorization to proceed with programming necessary to implement the system.

Mayor Van Nostran determined from Mr. Stover that residents applying online would receive confirmation that their permit had been granted, as well as a printable permit.

Mr. Stover responded to a question from Vice Mayor DuBois by stating a resident returning from a trip could apply online on their way back, for a permit to park and unload.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC

City Clerk