



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
March 27, 2007

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MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. John Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Steve Croft

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

MARCH 6, 2007 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
DECLARING RESULTS OF THE ELECTION  
COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT  
SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-5, DECLARING RESULTS OF THE  
ELECTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-5; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON MARCH 6, 2007 DECLARING THE  
RESULTS THEREOF, AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel, DuBois, Rogers, Croft and Van Nostran  
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE  
The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Members-elect Joseph Esquivel  
and Larry Van Nostran. Each Council Member signed the oath and was presented with a  
Certificate of Election.

#### ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Van Nostran characterized his past year as mayor as one of the most rewarding of his career. He advised the City Council took public safety very seriously and that crime in Lakewood was at its lowest level in 15 years. He reported that the City would continue to take a tough stand on the use of illegal fireworks, noting that Sheriff deputies had issued 155 citations in 2006 and confiscated over 42,000 illegal pyrotechnic items. He pointed with pride to the completion of Phase I of the Sheriff Station Expansion project, which although funded by the County of Los Angeles, was managed by City staff and completed on time and within budget. He recognized Public Works Director Lisa Rapp and Project Manager June Anderson for their hard work on the project and offered thanks to County Supervisor Don Knabe and Sheriff Lee Baca for working to achieve funding for the project, including the recent additional funding for the service garage. He noted the success of the City's economic development program demonstrated by the growth in the "restaurant row" area, the rehabilitation of older shopping centers, and new businesses continued to seek locations in the City. He also noted other milestones such as the opening of another phase in the San Gabriel River Park Nature Trail project, the resurfacing of over 100 miles of neighborhood streets since 2000, and the dedication of new City entrance signs on major streets with the City motto, "Times change. Values don't." He closed by extending his thanks to his City Council colleagues and the City's professional staff, and stating the Council would continue to build on the core values shared by Lakewood residents.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Van Nostran announced that nominations would be taken for the office of Mayor for 2007-2008.

Council Member Esquivel stated it was his pleasure to nominate Diane DuBois for the office of Mayor. He noted that she had a history of community involvement included service in organizations such as Soroptimists, Meals On Wheels, and the Girl Scouts; and during her service on the City Council had actively been involved in the California Contract Cities Association, the League of California Cities, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED TO NOMINATE DIANE DUBOIS TO SERVE AS MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, DIANE DUBOIS WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.**

Mayor DuBois presented outgoing Mayor Van Nostran with a plaque and scrapbook commemorating his year of service as Mayor.

Mayor DuBois thanked her colleagues for the opportunity to serve the City of Lakewood as Mayor. She offered a special acknowledgement to Jacqueline Rynerson, the last woman to serve as Mayor of Lakewood. She stated that the special character of Lakewood as a community was obvious to anyone that drove through the City. She identified some of the things that distinguished the Lakewood community such as safe neighborhoods and quality of life programs like the home improvement loan program, property maintenance standards, street paving and water main replacement. She reported that the City would begin a program

**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL - Continued**

to provide down-payment assistance for first time home buyers using State housing grant funds. She committed to providing open and accessible government through the City's website and its new "Lakewood Connect" service. She noted that the Sheriff Station Expansion Project would continue with Phase II and the service garage to be completed by the end of the year. She stated the City Council would continue to be committed to protecting neighborhoods and would maintain the same intensity in dealing with the problem of illegal fireworks. She noted that since Lakewood voters had approved changes in the way recreational vehicles and trailers would be parked in the City, an extensive educational campaign was due to begin soon and also that new storage facilities were in the development process. She stated that economic development would continue to be a focus area to ensure that Lakewood remained a competitive retail marketplace. She expressed confidence in the future and a commitment to fulfill the promise of Lakewood as a caring, safe, family-oriented community. She concluded by introducing her husband, daughters, and other family and friends in attendance.

Council Member Rogers stated he was pleased to nominate a friend and colleague, Steve Croft, to serve as Vice Mayor. He noted Steve's service to the community as the Vice Chairman of the Lakewood Schools Committee and as a member of the Planning and Environment Commission.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED TO NOMINATE STEVE CROFT TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, STEVE CROFT WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.**

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.**

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held February 27, 2007

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-5 Approval of Agreement Renewal for Tele-Works, Inc.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:**

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

**NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**

**2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS**

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2007-6 THROUGH NO. 2007-8.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF DIANE DUBOIS, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-8; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF STEVE CROFT, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 8:08 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:10 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 DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m., to Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk

## City of Lakewood

I, Denise R. Hayward, City Clerk of the City of Lakewood, County of Los Angeles, State of California, do hereby certify that I have canvassed the returns of the regular municipal election held in said City on the 6th day of March, 2007, and find that the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City to persons voted for the Office of Member of the City Council for which said persons were candidates were as follows:

County Precincts	(1,7,8,30,32)	(1,7,8,30,32)	(3,4,9,10)	(3,4,9,10)	(12,13,16,85)	(12,13,16,85)	(15,20,21,25)	(15,20,21,25)	(19,23,27,28,82)	(19,23,27,28,82)	(34,35,37,38,112)
Lakewood Precincts	PCT # 1	PCT # 1 AV	PCT # 3	PCT # 3 AV	PCT # 12	PCT # 12 AV	PCT # 15	PCT # 15 AV	PCT # 19	PCT # 19 AV	PCT # 31
Registered Voters	3593	3593	3079	3079	2702	2702	3002	3002	3360	3360	4103
Voter turnout	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	8%	4%	7%	8%	9%	5%
Ballots cast	169	188	156	183	137	221	106	223	263	299	207
Marty Schuster	47	69	73	89	33	71	41	87	103	122	61
John R. Nelson, Jr	23	27	39	38	21	29	21	58	54	47	31
Joe Esquivel	121	112	91	95	99	138	70	114	172	182	161
Lawrence H. "Larry" Van Nostran	112	131	97	102	99	159	67	150	163	194	145
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>398</b>

County Precincts (34,35,37,38,112, (40,45,46,48) (40,45,46,48) (42,43,50) (42,43,50) (52,55,57,64,66) (52,55,57,64,66) (53,54,62) (53,54,62) (59,60,67,69) (59,60,67,69)

Lakewood Precincts

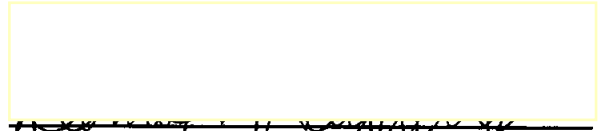
	PCT # 31 AV	PCT # 40	PCT # 40 AV	PCT # 42	PCT # 42 AV	PCT # 52	PCT # 52 AV	PCT # 53	PCT # 53 AV	PCT # 59	PCT # 59 AV
Registered Voters	4103	3212	3212	2208	2208	3234	3234	2272	2272	2860	2860
Voter turnout	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	5%	8%	5%	7%	6%	9%
Ballots cast	296	178	235	154	177	177	254	120	157	185	262
Marty Schuster	96	62	87	44	65	82	111	41	69	73	108
John R Nelson, Jr.	31	21	49	20	28	44	38	27	31	33	38
Joe Esquivel	216	125	141	122	120	107	150	85	89	109	160
Lawrence H "Larry" Van Nostran	215	116	155	107	108	109	168	82	95	117	177
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>483</b>

Exhibit "A"

County Precincts (70,72,91) (70,72,91) (73,75,76,80,92) (73,75,76,80,92) (79,90,2) (79,90,2)

Lakewood Precincts	PCT # 70	PCT # 70 AV	PCT # 73	PCT # 73 AV	PCT # 79	PCT # 79 AV	Late AV & Provisional	TOTALS
Registered Voters	2140	2140	3422	3422	2085	2085		41272
Voter turnout	3%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%		12%
Ballots cast	63	117	87	158	56	86	147	5061
Marty Schuster	23	59	34	79	29	33	48	1939
John R Nelson, Jr	19	35	21	39	20	30	26	938
Joe Esquivel	37	61	66	83	33	44	93	3196
Lawrence H "Larry" Van Nostran	32	58	49	91	28	43	91	3260
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>9333</b>

Dated March 27, 2007



Denise R Hayward, City Clerk