



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 24, 2007

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Sam Wilder, West Lakewood Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Larry Van Nostran

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor DuBois announced that Saturday, April 28th was Volunteer Day in Lakewood and acknowledged the many volunteers who would be working to assist families and seniors.

Council Member Rogers stated that there appeared to be some confusion among residents about the RV and trailer parking regulation process, specifically as it related to private property parking. In response to the November 2006 vote where 70 percent of Lakewood voted to get RVs and trailers off of City streets, the City Council had taken steps to develop additional parking opportunities for the owners of such vehicles. In addition to commercial facilities currently under development, restrictions regarding parking on private property were under review. He noted that although a rumor had been circulating that the proposed new regulations would be more restrictive, the rumor was not true. The regulations that had been in existence for years had been reviewed to attempt to provide more flexibility for private property parking. He stated that the City Council would be evaluating the recommendations of the Planning and Environment Commission on this issue, and that input from the public was welcomed. He also stated that he would like to coordinate a meeting with any interested persons that would be a workshop session to get into more depth about the proposed changes.

Mayor DuBois suggested that such a meeting be scheduled promptly since the proposed changes were scheduled for City Council consideration on May 8th. She formed an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with interested residents on this matter. Council Member Van Nostran volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

- *RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 10, 2007 (see page 9)
- 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 Lease of Water Rights to South Montebello Irrigation District
- RI-6 Approval of Agreement with ACS State & Local Solutions, Inc. for Information Technology Services
- RI-7 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
- RI-8 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
- RI-9 Approval of Security and Camera Systems

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID NO. 01-07, KIP STARPRINT 3000 MODEL, COPIER/PRINTER/SCANNER

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover gave a brief report based on the memo in the agenda and stated the City's engineering copier had ceased to function and required replacement. Bid packages had been distributed and two bids were received. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of one KIP Starprint model 3002COL copier from Steven Enterprises in the amount of \$17,675.70, and appropriate funds from the Water Fund for the purchase.

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID NO. 01-7, KIP STARPRINT 3000 MODEL, COPIER/PRINTER/SCANNER - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR 11124 E. DEL AMO BOULEVARD

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He reported that in August of 2006, the City Council had approved a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for the property located adjacent to the southeast corner of Del Amo Boulevard and Studebaker Road. A vesting Tentative Tract Map and Mitigated Negative Declaration were approved at the same time. Lakewood Estates LLC was requesting approval of a Precise Plan for a proposed 27-unit, single family detached residential development. He reviewed changes to the plans based on a previous community meeting which included converting the top two and a half feet of the boundary wall from blocks to wrought iron. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council, following a public hearing, adopt the Precise Plan for that property located at 11124 Del Amo Boulevard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-8 INCORPORATING THE PRECISE PLAN INTO THE PD-SF (SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNIT PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONING FOR THAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11124 DEL AMO BOULEVARD, DESIGNATED ADOPTION OF PRECISE PLAN FOR ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 110

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that there were a number of people signed up to speak regarding the height of the boundary wall which had already been approved by prior action of the Planning and Environment Commission and the City Council.

Vice Mayor Croft determined from Mr. Gonsalves that another outcome of the meeting with residents and one of the conditions of the landscaping plans was for the use of larger, mature plants in the planter along the boundary wall.

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Frank Arciero, Jr., representing Lakewood Estates LLC, stated he was a partner in the development of the property and that he was present, along with the civil engineer for the project, to answer any questions about the development.

1.2 • PRECISE PLAN FOR 11124 E. DEL AMO BOULEVARD - Continued

Kevin Busch, Florence Tancraitor, Dorothy Nicklas, Tony Lopez, Tom Nigro, Gene Routh, Jr., Frank Simon, Reginald Erie, Charles Halper and Andrew Mayorga addressed the City Council regarding the project. The concerns raised included replacement of an existing boundary wall; the height of the boundary wall along Longworth Avenue; the grade differential; notification of the public hearing; and traffic impacts.

Mr. Arciero offered assurance that the height of the boundary wall would not exceed the 12'4" shown on the plans as that was what the wall footings had been designed to support. He stated that the grading of the site was based on County of Los Angeles requirements related to site drainage, noting that since prior to development two-thirds of the site drained toward Studebaker Road, the finished project must run off to the same directions, at the same ratio. He also stated that access to the development would only be from Studebaker Road, and that a traffic study had been completed when the project was initiated a year and a half ago, which had found no negative impacts.

Council Member Rogers inquired if there had been an attempt to meet with residents from the adjacent neighborhood about the project. Mr. Arciero stated that they had retained someone to go out into the neighborhood to interview residents about the project. Mr. Arciero also stated that although he could understand the residents concerns about the height of the boundary wall, it was directly tied to the site grading which could not be changed as it was mandated by the County.

Mayor DuBois encouraged Mr. Busch to speak directly to Mr. Arciero after the meeting about the existing boundary wall.

Responding to questions from Vice Mayor Croft, Mr. Gonsalves advised that the rear yard setbacks for the houses bordering the Longworth Avenue side of the property would be 17'3" except for one lot whose 6' side yard bordered on the Longworth Avenue side. Mr. Gonsalves noted that setbacks were generally at issue only when adjacent to the rear yards of neighboring properties and that in this case, it was across a street from the front yards of neighboring properties.

At the request of Council Member Rogers, the City Attorney advised that should the City Council wish to not approve the Precise Plan as submitted, such denial would have to be based on the merits of the Plan itself and that another legal option would be to continue the matter until neighborhood residents were able to express their concerns.

Vice Mayor Croft suggested postponing approval of the Precise Plan until the next City Council meeting in order to allow time for a community meeting on the project.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO TABLE APPROVAL OF THE PRECISE PLAN FOR LAKEWOOD ESTATES LLC.

1.2 • PRECISE PLAN FOR 11124 E. DEL AMO BOULEVARD - Continued

Vice Mayor Croft inquired whether public notice would be required before the matter could be brought back to the City Council. The City Attorney responded by stating that notice would not be required as the public hearing portion of the item had been completed.

Council Member Rogers stated that he would like to have the item brought back to the City Council in such a manner that all interested parties would have the opportunity to be present.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS AMENDED HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE AN INSTRUCTION TO STAFF TO WORK OUT A PROTOCOL FOR NOTIFICATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHEN THE ITEM IS NEXT CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Mayor DuBois instructed staff to set up a meeting between the project developer and the area residents.

At 9:03 p.m., Mayor DuBois called for a brief recess. At 9:08 p.m. the meeting was reconvened with all members of the City Council present.

1.3 • AMENDMENTS TO PERMIT FEES UNDER THE BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CODES

The Director of Community Development gave a brief report based on the memo contained in the agenda. He stated the City contracted for building inspection and plan check services with the County of Los Angeles and that the hourly rate charged for these services had increased as of October 1, 2006 and April 1, 2007, and would be increased again in January of 2008 and 2009. Staff was recommending that to cover the increased costs, fees for all types of building related permits needed to be increased by 12.5 percent. He stressed that even with the increase, Lakewood would have lower permit fees than adjacent communities and the County. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution amending fees for building, plan check, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, grading and other miscellaneous permits.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO PERMIT FEES UNDER THE UNIFORM BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CODES AND SCHEDULING A HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF SAID RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE LAKEWOOD COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5000 CLARK AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AT 7:30 P.M. ON APRIL 24, 2007

1.3 • AMENDMENTS TO PERMIT FEES UNDER THE BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CODES – Continued

Mayor DuBois confirmed from Mr. Gonsalves that this would not increase revenue for the City, but was merely a pass through of the rates actually being charged by the County to cover the cost for the services provided.

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 9:11 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-11. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Mayor DuBois called for appointments to the City's commissions.

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION

Ben Maleki by Vice Mayor Croft

Herb Axup by Mayor DuBois

Lynda Carter by Council Member Esquivel

Bill Baca by Council Member Rogers

Chuck Haynes by Council Member Van Nostran

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Jan McKinnon by Vice Mayor Croft

Joy Janes by Mayor DuBois

Ron Wade by Council Member Esquivel

Vicki Stuckey by Council Member Rogers

Sean Piazza by Council Member Van Nostran

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Ben Delarosa by Vice Mayor Croft

Kirk Real by Mayor DuBois

Jeff Wood by Council Member Esquivel

Steve Richard by Council Member Rogers

Nancy Piazza by Council Member Van Nostran

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-12; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

2.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-12 WITH THE NAMES AS RELATED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • AGREEMENT FOR OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE GREATER LONG BEACH CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Director of Recreation and Community Services Lisa Litzinger made a presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated the American Red Cross was available to provide disaster relief services for Lakewood. The proposed mutual aid agreement was specific to Lakewood facilities and would improve the coordination of relief services between the City and the Red Cross. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize an agreement with the Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross for operational assistance with mass care shelters.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EMERGENCY ANIMAL RESCUE SERVICES (EARS)

The Director of Recreation and Community Services gave a brief report based on the memo contained in the agenda by stating that since Red Cross shelters did not allow animals, an agreement was proposed with United Animal Nations for Emergency Animal Rescue Services (EARS). The service would provide care for displaced animals in the event of a disaster. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize an agreement with United Animal Nations for operational assistance with the care of household pets and service animals during an emergency event.

Ms. Litzinger introduced Norma Rodriguez, the Southern California State Coordinator for the EARS program. Ms. Rodriguez advised that the headquarters for United Animal Nations was located in Sacramento.

3.2 • MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EMERGENCY ANIMAL RESCUE SERVICES (EARS) - Continued

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Litzinger stated that the EARS staff would only respond at the request of the City and would work to establish shelter locations for pets adjacent to mass care shelters so that pet owners could be near their animals.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • BLOOMFIELD AVENUE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT

[Continued from April 10, 2007]

Mayor DuBois advised that a request had been received from the Southern California Edison Company that this item be deferred to the next regular meeting. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

3.4 • 2006 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

The Director of Community Development referenced the memo contained in the agenda and stated that in accordance with State law, the City was required to provide an annual report on the status of the General Plan. The annual report had been reviewed and found appropriate by the Planning and Environment Commission at its April meeting. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council receive and file the 2006 General Plan Annual Report and direct staff to submit the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.5 • TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda by reporting that the City's telephone and voice mail system, originally purchased in 1993, was in need of an upgrade. She noted that after the upgrade, the system would have greater flexibility and features not presently available, such as 911 caller ID. She emphasized that as the first line of communications with residents, it was vital that the telephone system remain functional. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve a purchase order with Standard Tel for the upgrade of the telephone and voicemail systems in the amount of \$89,716, authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$5,000, and to appropriate \$95,000 from the General Fund for the project.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. 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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*Council Member Esquivel requested that the record be amended to reflect an abstention vote on the approval of the City Council minutes of April 10, 2007, as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 10, 2007

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

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At 9:30 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 9:31 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Nancy Small, Lester Wolford and Scott Schroyer addressed the City Council regarding on-site parking for recreational vehicles and trailers.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC

City Clerk