



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
July 10, 2007

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AD HOC STREET SWEEPING COMMITTEE

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo contained in the agenda. She briefly reviewed the petition process that had been used to post streets for "No Parking" on sweeper days, noting that about 34 percent of the City was currently so posted. She reported that R.F. Dickson Company had been providing street sweeping services to the City of Lakewood for more than 40 years. She stated that last August during discussions about on-street parking, the City Council had directed staff to develop a program for city-wide posting for street sweeping and an ad hoc committee had been formed and had met to review alternatives. The City Council viewed a video showing typical sweeper operations. Ms. Rapp noted that changes in legislation relating to storm drains and storm water had made changes in the approach to street sweeping necessary, since parked vehicles prevented the sweepers from getting to the curb line for cleaning. She advised that consideration had been given to the pros and cons of sweeping both sides of a street on the same day and times, sweeping alternate sides on a different day and/or time, or a hybrid program based on specific areas. She noted that street sweeping days were currently coordinated so that the sweeping was scheduled to occur on the day following trash collection. Additional considerations included the location and number of warning signs, timing of a phased program, a suitable warning period, and a public information campaign. She stated that the Committee had favored an implementation plan that would begin with a pilot program for the areas of the City that were swept on Thursday, both sides of the street and to post signs at all entrances to the tracts. She noted that signs on any streets that were currently posted would be bagged to prevent confusion.

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover reviewed the proposed public information campaign which would include hangers and mailers, and messages through the automated telephone system. He concluded by stating October 1 would be the suggested implementation date in order to complete the necessary preparation.

Ms. Rapp advised that if approved by the City Council, the signs would be ordered and the public information campaign kicked off by July 30th.

AD HOC STREET SWEEPING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Mayor DuBois expressed concern that the schedule be timed to coordinate with the work being done by the RV on-site parking ad hoc committee.

Mr. Stover responded by stating that the RV ad hoc committee had meetings scheduled with the focus groups and had planned to have finalized their recommendations for presentation to the City Council in August.

Vice Mayor Croft noted since there were no exceptions to street parking on sweeper days, even for recreational vehicle parking permit holders, there should not be additional conflicts for residents.

Council Member Rogers inquired about how the pilot area was selected. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that since the area contained both single and multi-family residential and commercial uses, it provided a broad cross-section of the different situations to be faced in the City at large.

Mayor DuBois noted that in some heavily posted areas, residents used the service roads for overflow parking on sweeper days, which could result in problems when the entire tract is posted.

Vice Mayor Croft stated there may be a need to authorize parking along the parkway panel on sweeping days to give residents some flexibility.

Council Member Rogers noted that the City Council may need to evaluate the possibility of a petition process to remove posting from a particular tract or street due to extreme or insurmountable problems with compliance.

Ms. Rapp advised that there were certain areas now that had a customized program, such as an apartment complex that has its landscaping crew clean the street. She noted that some flexibility would be necessary, especially to address the multi-family residential apartments.

Council Member Rogers raised the issue of community input in the process and requested that the educational materials include an invitation to residents to comment on the process.

Vice Mayor Croft pointed out that the policy decision had been made last summer and this part of the process was to finalize the details of the implementation plan. He also noted that the implementation was to be accomplished in phases so that staff could learn from the pilot phase and address any problems prior to city-wide implementation.

Council Member Van Nostran stated that the parking issues were important, but the difficult decision to move toward city-wide posting had really been made based on the need to get the streets clean.

Mayor DuBois stated that input from those in the pilot area who were actually experiencing the program would be valuable to the process.

AD HOC STREET SWEEPING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued
COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL
SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-40.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-40; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES EACH
WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES

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 6:58 p.m., Mayor DuBois called for a brief recess. At 7:04 p.m., the meeting was
reconvened with all Council Members present.

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CLOSED SESSION: Utility Users Tax
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Mayor DuBois announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to
Government Code §54956.9(b)

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois
adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk