



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
May 6, 2008

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:35 a.m. by Mayor Croft in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Several Sheriff's Department Lakewood Team Members and Lakewood City Staff Members

L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/COUNCIL BREAKFAST

City Manager Howard Chambers gave a briefing on issues, both past and present, including changes in revenue, the sheriff's station renovation, park improvements and RV/street sweeping enforcement. He noted that the current economy is presenting huge challenges due reduced sales tax, home foreclosures and rising costs.

Captain Christy Guyovich, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, reported on the county budget and its impact on the sheriff's department. She stated that the County is looking at over \$1.2 billion in cuts to their budget. She noted that the Department now has only about 300 vacancies, which will help reduce mandatory overtime. She anticipates eliminating mandatory overtime at the Station by July. Captain Guyovich also reported that there will be a 4.8 percent increase to contract costs this year.

Lakewood's law enforcement leaders and deputies discussed various issues and programs that assist with keeping Lakewood safe. There was discussion on traffic and parking enforcement; shopping center, theaters and entertainment establishments; the Automatic License Plate Recognition vehicle and T-3 mobile units, fireworks suppression, local schools, crime trends, and the PAVE and abatement programs.

The City Council inquired about traffic issues and the effectiveness of the new radar signs. They also expressed support of tightening regulations for game stores that purchase/sell secondhand video games and equipment that might be stolen merchandise.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk

Recorded by:

Carol Flynn Jacoby
Crime Prevention Manager