



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
June 26, 2018

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30 p.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
ABSENT: Council Member Ron Piazza (excused)
Council Member Jeff Wood (excused)

REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack stated that the open session would provide an overview of the proposed Goals soccer facility project. He noted that there were issues brought up at the community meeting related to existing parking issues in and around the neighborhood surrounding the park and one person objected to the potential sale of alcohol. With respect to the parking issues, staff had been working to address the constraints at the adjacent apartment complexes. Parking enforcement had been increased in the area and included identification of vehicles that appeared to be part of a used-car sales operation being run from one of the apartments. Contact had been maintained with the neighbors that complained about parking at the community meeting.

David Balian, Balian Architects, Principal, displayed slides and made a presentation on the schematic design and draft layout of the proposed Goals Horizon Pavilion. He explained some of the modifications that had been made from the previous site plan, which included expanding the parking count, increasing the curb cut to make easier ingress and egress for vehicles and rotating the building by forty five degrees to provide definition between Goals and City parking spaces. He stated that in addition to increasing the number of parking spaces, two prominent signs were proposed for the site.

Mayor Croft suggested that a barrier, similar to one at Rynerson Park, could be installed that enabled exiting the parking lot but blocked access, therefore, preventing loitering or re-entry after hours. Mr. Balian replied that a rolling gate had been proposed, which in conjunction with the existing perimeter fence, would help to secure the entire facility. He added that there was an existing structure that was proposed to be relocated and that anti-graffiti coating on the structure had been suggested.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Rogers, Beth Romero, Goals, Director of Administration, stated that the consumption of alcoholic beverages would be allowed in the outdoor patio area but that it could be cordoned off with signage such as "no alcoholic beverages beyond this point."

REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS - Continued

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, responded to Vice Mayor Rogers' question regarding the footprint of the facility by stating that the two phases totaled 4.3 acres and that with the park's total of approximately eight acres, the proposed project would utilize just over half of the park.

Responding to Council Member DuBois' inquiry pertaining to the serving of alcoholic beverages, Nathan Woodbridge, Goals, Vice President, Operations, stated that with the type of license they would obtain, any alcohol served would occur when other drinks would be sold, which would be during the times that games were being played.

Ms. Frost explained that since answers had been provided to the City Council's questions from the initial study session and a community outreach meeting had been held, a decision as to how to proceed would be the next step.

Steve Skolnik, Office of the City Attorney, advised that details pertaining to the negotiations would be discussed at the closed session.

Vice Mayor Rogers expressed gratitude for all the work by staff and the Goals organization in addressing the concerns related to parking at the site and in the neighboring area.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:49 p.m., Mayor Croft announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Govt. Code §54957.6

Designated Representative: City Manager, Office of the City Attorney and Liebert Cassidy and Whitmore, Director of Administrative Services, Assistant to the City Manager, Human Resources Manager

Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

At 7:03 p.m., the City Council reconvened and the City Attorney advised that there was no action to announce.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Croft announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8

Property: 21420 Pioneer Boulevard (Goals Soccer Facility)

City Representatives Attending Closed Session: City Manager, Director of Administrative Services, Director of Public Works, Director of Recreation and Community Services, Legal Counsel

Under Negotiation: Lease Terms

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CLOSED SESSION: - Continued

At 7:28 p.m., the City Council reconvened and the City Attorney advised that there was no action to announce.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk