



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
December 11, 2012

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:43 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Cub Scout Pack #62

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Diane DuBois
Vice Mayor Steve Croft
Council Member Todd Rogers
Council Member Jeff Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor DuBois announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Osvaldo Cedillo, father of Executive Assistant Alma Varela; and in memory of Jenni Rivera, whose parents were Lakewood residents.

Presentation by Jason Hagensick, President and CEO of the Greater Long Beach YMCA, displayed slides depicting the renovations planned for the Lakewood-Weingart Family YMCA.

Ron Petke, representing the Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross, invited nominations for their annual Heroes lunch.

Council Member Rogers remarked on the impending closure of Monroe School on Ladoga Avenue. He noted that although the City maintained a good relationship with the Long Beach Unified School District, local government had no authority over schools. He advised that the City, favoring neighborhood schools, had submitted a letter of opposition to the closure, but acknowledged that the District had felt they had no option, due to budget constraints. He stated that the District could have done a better job of communicating the impending decision to the City. The District had indicated they had tentative plans to utilize the campus as an administrative facility.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held November 13, and November 27, 2012

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of Investment Transactions

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-71; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAYTER AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-72; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A DISABLED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE EAST SIDE OF CLARKDALE AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Rogers and DuBois

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT NO. 2012-4, MAYFAIR POOL RENOVATION

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated one bid had been received for improvement work at Mayfair Pool. The project would include replacement of the concrete decking, underwater lighting, drain line plumbing and a new fiberglass liner. The project was scheduled so that work would be completed in time for the 2013 aquatic season. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications, addendum and working details for the project; award a contract to Nadar, Inc. in the amount of \$677,500; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as necessary, not to exceed \$34,000; authorize the purchase of lifeguard chairs, chair shade umbrellas and patio site furniture through available government purchasing programs in an amount not to exceed \$30,500; and appropriate \$730,000 to the project account.

Council Member Rogers noted that the renovation of Mayfair Pool had been a long process with a number of options considered, ranging in cost up to \$4 million. He commended staff for helping to identify viable alternatives for achieving the renovation at an affordable price. He stated that while the project would still be a significant expense, Mayfair Pool was an important asset for the community.

Council Member Wood cited Mayfair Pool as one of the jewels of the City's park and recreation facilities.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT NO. 2012-4, MAYFAIR POOL RENOVATION - Continued

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Croft, Ms. Rapp stated that the aquatic season opened each year on Memorial Day and this work was scheduled to be done by then.

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS 1 THROUGH 7. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Rogers and DuBois

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH 5, 2013 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised, based on the memo in the agenda, that the City Clerk's certificate presented for acceptance was the first step in the multi-step process that would cancel the March 5, 2013 election.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE PERTAINING TO THE MARCH 5, 2013 ELECTION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Rogers and DuBois

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.2 • OPTIONS FOR FILLING CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City Attorney advised that the passing of Council Member Larry Van Nostran on November 9, 2012, had created a vacancy on the City Council which must be filled, in accordance with State law, within 60 days – or January 8, 2013. He stated that the earliest a special election could be held would be June 4, 2013, for the term which ended in March, 2015, and that the City Council needed to provide direction to staff on whether to prepare documents to call a special election, or establish an appointment process. He referenced the sample materials prepared by staff, based upon the appointment processes of other cities, and suggested a simple application due to the brief period for submittal and review. He noted that interested persons should appear in person so that the City Clerk could verify their residency and voter registration status. A suggested deadline was Monday, December 17 at 12 noon, which would provide the Council with some time to review the applications and make a selection prior to the January 8th deadline.

2.2 • OPTIONS FOR FILLING CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Vice Mayor Croft inquired if a decision at this meeting to move forward with an application process would preclude a special election. Mr. Skolnik stated a decision could still be made to hold a special election up until January 8th.

Vice Mayor Croft stated that there had been a number of serious issues facing the Council like the end of redevelopment and the poor economic conditions, which made waiting an additional six months for an election difficult. He stated that they should be able to get some good applications submitted, even with the quick turnaround time. He further stated that he would like to keep the application simple, using an essay-type format, similar to the statement that candidates print in a sample ballot book.

Council Member Rogers stated that he would favor pursuing the application process first, as he felt there were talented people within the community that might have an interest in serving. He noted that six months was a long time to wait for a replacement and \$100,000 was a lot of money to spend on a special election. He stated he would also favor a simple application with the same limited space for a narrative to provide an equal opportunity for all applicants.

Council Member Wood stated that he supported the application with two essay questions which could possibly be combined into a single page. He also stated that the form should be available for viewing on the City's website so residents could see what would be required, as well as being made aware of the deadline.

MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED THAT THE DESIRE OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT USING AN APPLICATION PROCESS, ADOPT THE FORM AND TIMETABLE PROPOSED BY STAFF, AND MAKE THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE, BUT REQUIRE INTERESTED RESIDENTS TO APPEAR IN PERSON TO RECEIVE DOCUMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Rogers and DuBois

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Rogers and DuBois

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Rogers and DuBois

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

George Schilling addressed the City Council regarding trailer parking on City streets.

Alan Gafford remarked on the City Council vacancy process.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Osvaldo Cedillo and Jenni Rivera.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk