



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 26, 2010

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Rabbi Howard Laibson, Congregation Shir Chadash

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Larry Van Nostran

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Judie Robinson, representing the Relay For Life Committee of the American Cancer Society, made a presentation on their kick-off event on Saturday, January 30, 2010 and Relay scheduled for May 1-2, 2010 at Artesia High School.

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of David Bancroft, a Mayor's Award recipient for his volunteer coaching with the Lakewood Youth Sports Program.

Mayor Rogers addressed the ongoing mortgage crisis and the people losing their homes to foreclosure or in danger of foreclosure. He noted that while there were no easy answers, there were several reliable sources for information and help with links to their websites available through the City of Lakewood website.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 8, December 15, December 22, 2009, and January 12, 2010
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-5 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 07-5, Boyar Park Activity Building Replacement Project, GMI Construction Company

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

RI-7 Approval of Agreement with DS Waters of America for Emergency Drinking Water

RI-8 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 08-8, City Hall Data Equipment Room Upgrade, Pardess Air, Inc.

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-2; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CANDLEWOOD STREET, EAST SIDE OF BRIERCREST AVENUE, WEST SIDE OF DUNROBIN AVENUE, AND NORTH SIDE OF HARDWICK STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING, BUS LOADING, PASSENGER LOADING, TIME LIMITED PARKING, AND HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON THE EAST SIDE OF BRIERCREST AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE OF CANDLEWOOD STREET, WEST SIDE OF DUNROBIN AVENUE, AND NORTH SIDE OF HARDWICK STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-10 Approval of Encroachment Permit for Property Located at 20604 Albutis Avenue

RI-11 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • OVERVIEW REPORT ON CALIFORNIA'S STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mayor Rogers announced that this item would be carried forward to the next regular meeting.

3.2 • ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY INVESTMENT POLICY

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin displayed slides and gave a presentation based on her memo in the agenda. She stated that as specified by law, the City's Investment Policy was reviewed annually to stay current with State and Federal law and to conform to sound investment practices. She reviewed the City's portfolio characteristics, diversification, distribution and returns, as well as the overall investment strategy and position. She noted that although in times of such low interest rates it could be easy to fall into a pattern of chasing yield, the City's investment objectives, in order, continued to be safety, liquidity and yield. She pointed out two minor amendments to the policy in response to new FDIC insurance limits. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the Investment Policy as amended.

Council Member Croft stated that even in light of the poor returns everyone had experienced on investments, the City's sound and conservative investment policy had helped Lakewood to get through the tough economic times.

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

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NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • PURCHASE OF THREE 2010 HONDA CIVIC GX (NATURAL GAS VEHICLE)

The Director of Administrative Services made a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the vehicles currently utilized for Parking Control Enforcement had high mileage and the cost of repairs had come to be more costly than replacement. She noted that Air Quality Management District grant funding was available for the acquisition of new alternate fuel vehicles. The Purchasing Officer and Fleet Manager had surveyed dealers for the specified vehicle, and had found only one able to confirm availability of the cars. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of three 2010 Honda Civic GX natural gas vehicles, complete with all necessary lighting and hardware, from Pacific Honda for a total price of \$84,547.23.

Council Member DuBois confirmed from Ms. Perkin that there were adequate AQMD grant funds to cover the entire purchase amount.

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At 7:58 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:09 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

At 8:10 p.m., Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code §54956.9 in one case, NRDC v. County of Los Angeles, Case No.: 08-1467 AHM (PLAx).

At 8:24 p.m., the City Council reconvened.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik announced that a motion had been made in closed session to authorize the entry into a tolling agreement with the County of Los Angeles pertaining to the case, NRDC v. County of Los Angeles. The motion was made by Council Member DuBois and seconded by Vice Mayor Esquivel. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. to Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 6:45 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of David Bancroft.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk