



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
July 22, 2014

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

INVOCATION was offered by Sandi Nizetich, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Daisy Troop 4833 and Cadet Troop 3703

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Lynn Larsen, the mother of Debra Larsen, the Executive Director of Lakewood Meals On Wheels.

Cyril Daws, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bellflower, presented Mayor Rogers with a July 4th-themed hat.

Vice Mayor Wood stated that he attended the Long Beach Unified School District reorganization meeting, where the City's District 5 representative, Diana Craighead, had been elected as Board President.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held June 24, 2014

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Designation of Voting Delegate for League Annual Conference

RI-5 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

- RI-6 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
- RI-7 Approval of Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement at Arbor Maintenance Yard with Cox Communications
- RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-37; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGNATION AS RESPONSIBLE PARTY TO THE WATER RIGHTS PANEL
- RI-9 Approval of Purchase of Lighting and Equipment for The Centre
- RI-10 Approval of West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail – Construction Inspection Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2014-7; AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE REMOVAL OF GUEST QUARTERS AS A PERMITTABLE USE IN THE R-1 , R-A, AND A ZONES

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that a conditional use permit was required for the construction and use of guest quarters, which did not allow for cooking facilities nor the receipt of rent payments. The City continued to receive numerous complaints of guest quarters being used as second dwelling units and that in many cases, a kitchen had been added after CUP approval. Because the number of guest quarters approved each year continued to increase and the single-family zones had not been designed to accommodate the increase in density or in vehicle traffic, it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council introduce the proposed ordinance pertaining to the removal of guest quarters as a permitted use in the R-1, R-A, and A zones, along with the related Negative Declaration.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-7; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE REMOVAL OF GUEST QUARTERS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), R-A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-LIMITED AGRICULTURE), AND A (AGRICULTURE) ZONES

Responding to Mayor Rogers' inquiry, Ms. Southwell stated that the distinction between guest quarters and second units were that State law allowed for second units on lots over 10,000 square feet and did not require CUP approval.

1.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2014-7; AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE REMOVAL OF GUEST QUARTERS AS A PERMITTABLE USE IN THE R-1 , R-A, AND A ZONES - Continued

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Larry Andre, Lakewood, expressed support for the proposed ordinance and encouraged strict enforcement.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Ms. Southwell responded to Council Member Piazza's question regarding the sale of homes with non-permitted uses by stating that if a complaint were received, a code enforcement investigation could determine if such quarters were not in compliance and result in the revocation of the CUP.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik confirmed for Council Member DuBois that a stove or refrigerator would not be allowed in guest quarters and such use was intended to provide guest space and not be habitable as an independent living space.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-7. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and stated 489 notices had been mailed to property owners with delinquent charges pending for garbage, waste and refuse collection. She stated that as of close of business this day, 312 accounts remained delinquent and that payments would continue to be accepted until July 31st. It was staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution confirming the report of delinquent fees.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:17 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.2 • CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-38; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAY 31, 2014

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-38. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION PROVISIONS

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He reported that in January, the Governor had issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency caused by a lack of precipitation and calling for a 20% reduction in water use. He added that the order empowered the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a mechanism to insure compliance such as restrictions on outdoor water use, reporting requirements for water utilities and penalties for violations. He identified the City's conservation programs which included rebates for turf removal and installation of water conserving irrigation devices, individual water audits, and public outreach programs. Due to the increase in water usage and to meet the State's requirements, staff recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution as recommended by the Water Resources Committee.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:44 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Council Member Croft stated that the drought affected everyone and that it was important not just to react to the State mandate but to recognize that water was a precious commodity.

Council Member Piazza stated that while such mandates were a tough pill to swallow, it was important for everyone to do their part for conservation.

Vice Mayor Wood expressed concern over the condition of lawns with the watering limitations and noted the importance of recycled water use.

Lynda Kelly, Lakewood, expressed support for the Council encouraging the State to bring the water infrastructure into the 21st century.

Larry Andre, Lakewood, commended Council's action regarding groundwater storage.

1.3 • EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION PROVISIONS - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-39; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DECLARING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES BY REASON OF REGULATIONS IMPOSED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-39. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMAND. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMAND. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Timothy Reed, Lakewood, addressed the Council regarding noise from a neighboring business.

Sally Brayton, Lakewood, reported on the success of the Lakewood High School alumni picnic.

Ken Shultz, Lakewood, expressed his appreciation for the meeting schedule of the Water Resources Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. to Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Lynn Larsen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
Acting City Clerk