



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
June 12, 2012

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Diane DuBois
Vice Mayor Steve Croft
Council Member Todd Rogers (arrived at 6:12)
Council Member Jeff Wood
ABSENT: Council Member Larry Van Nostran (excused)

BUDGET STUDY SESSION:

City Manager Howard Chambers advised that there would be separate presentations for the budget, capital projects, water projects and public safety.

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin displayed slides and began the budget presentation with the National Economic Forecast, noting the heavy job losses in the government sectors, the fiscal cliff faced by Congress and uncertainty for the future.

Council Member Rogers arrived at 6:12 p.m. and took his seat at the Council table.

Ms. Perkin provided an overview of budget activity at the State level and their continuing structural deficits, with the Governor's tax measure going to voters in November. She stated that at local levels, property values had increased slightly and that sales tax projections were up 7.7%, while unemployment numbers for Lakewood were down to 7.6%. She reviewed the proposed budget including Revenues, Appropriations, General Fund Operations, Changes to General Fund Revenues (particularly the loss of redevelopment funds), and General Fund Multi-Year Outlook. She noted that General Funds increased, over a four-year average, at one percent per year.

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp presented the Capital Improvement Projects portion of the budget, reviewing funding sources and proposed projects such as The Centre refurbishment and Major Facility Projects like Bloomfield Park Picnic Shelter, Tot Lot and Hardscape.

Council Member Rogers inquired about the removal of the large group picnic shelter at Bloomfield Park. Recreation and Community Services Assistant Director Tom Lederer stated that even if there were not sufficient funds to replace the shelter, it was not used very frequently and removal of the existing shelter would improve park security.

Ms. Rapp discussed the plans for Mayfair Pool, noting that funds previously budgeted for a study on pool renovations would be carried over into the coming fiscal year.

BUDGET STUDY SESSION: Continued

Mayor DuBois asked about liner replacement for the pool. The City Manager stated that should that become a priority in the coming year, staff would bring a report back to the Council and request an allocation.

Ms. Rapp also reviewed the proposed Street and Transit Projects, including resurfacing of Woodruff Avenue through the use of Proposition C funds, Candlewood Street repairs and Hardscape repairs.

Responding to a question from Council Member Wood, Ms. Rapp stated that hardscape repairs were done prior to resurfacing projects and that based on the current condition of Lakewood Boulevard, no major work would be required until fiscal year 2016-17.

In response to a question from Council Member Rogers, Mr. Rapp stated that the only time private driveways were replaced as part of a project were when it was necessary to meet grade of the sidewalk or gutter, and only as large a portion as necessary.

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy gave a presentation of the Water Resources Projects in progress and those proposed for the next fiscal year such as the annual Water Main Replacement and Plant #13 Rehabilitation.

Deputy City Manager Carol Jacoby presented an update on the Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Project. She stated that the project was moving forward for locations around the Lakewood Center Mall and that an updated proposal was being prepared to incorporate technology advances since the original proposal.

Mayor DuBois announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

Designated Representative: City Manager Howard Chambers

Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

At 7:25 p.m., the closed session was adjourned and instruction provided to the negotiator.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk