



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
June 14, 2011

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Ken Walden, First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Jeff Wood

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Van Nostran announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Marjorie M. Harris, mother of Lakewood's Human Resources Manager Pam Hyland.

Council Member Rogers stated he would be attending the ribbon cutting event for Monroe School, where a group of parents had gotten together and, with the support of the local business community, had completed a campus beautification project.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held May 17 and May 24, 2011

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Permits for Street Closures for July 4th Block Parties

RI-5 Community Promotions Committee Announces Joint Fund-raising Effort

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-25; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADJUSTING THE MAXIMUM FEES OR CHARGES FOR BIN AND SPECIAL REFUSE SERVICE

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • CHARGES FOR EXTRAORDINARY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that currently the Lakewood Municipal Code contained provisions for cost recovery, if an event caused extraordinary law enforcement services to be necessary. She stated that the proposed ordinance would amend the process for collecting such costs and make the process uniform with those used for other types of citations. She concluded by recommending that the City Council introduce the proposed ordinance to standardize the citation, collection and appeal process for extraordinary law enforcement services.

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:40 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 VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2011-5.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF ARTICLE IV OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CHARGES FOR EXTRAORDINARY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES was read by title by Mayor Van Nostran.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTIONS WERE APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BUILDING FEE REFERENCES

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the City Council had recently taken action to adopt new Los Angeles County building codes and that the proposed ordinance would remove several sections rendered obsolete by the adoption of said codes from the Lakewood Municipal Code. It was recommended that the City Council introduce the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-6; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REMOVING OBSOLETE FEE REFERENCES FROM SECTION 8104, CHANGING THE SECTION NUMBER OF SECTION 8184.2 AND REPEALING SUBSECTION 8310 OF SECTION 8184.2 OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE was read by title by Mayor Van Nostran.

1.2 REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BUILDING FEE REFERENCES - Continued

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:43 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 WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2011-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 SUBMITTAL OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

Deputy City Manager Carol Jacoby made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the City had been notified that it was eligible to receive a \$36,115 entitlement grant from the Justice Assistance Grant program. She reported that the funding would be utilized to offset the cost of the deputy assigned to the Abatement Team, whose mission was to identify and clean up nuisance housing units and businesses. The grant required the conduct of a public hearing and a 30-day comment period. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing; receive public comments in the City Clerk's Office until July 15th; authorize the City Manager to apply for the grant; and direct the Administrative Services Director to appropriate the funding amount upon grant award.

Council Member Croft commented on how combining the resources of the City's code enforcement staff, the Sheriff's Department and the City Prosecutor made the Abatement Team a very effective program.

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • OPPOSITION TO SB 263, PUBLIC ACCESS TO WATER WELL REPORTS

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He reported that State legislation was pending regarding open access to well reports, which raised concern about the ability of water suppliers to adequately protect the safety of groundwater supplies against attack or sabotage. He stated that although existing case law supported withholding the groundwater well reports of public water systems from general public access, SB 263 would provide unfettered access. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council oppose SB 263, unless amended.

3.1 • OPPOSITION TO SB 263 - Continued

Council Member Croft stated the Southeast Water Coalition had been following this legislation through its latest amendment. He further stated that it was important to actively work to improve the final version of the bill in order to protect vital interests. He noted that the records needed to be made available to those with legitimate requests, but kept safely out of the hands of the bad guys – a balance between accessibility and security.

Vice Mayor DuBois stressed the need for caution, stating that providing open access to these records in the name of transparency must not be done without carefully considering the risks to the public.

Responding to a question from Council Member Rogers, Mr. Glancy stated that the bill had cleared the State Senate and would be heard by the Assembly Water Committee. Council Member Rogers confirmed from Mr. Glancy that the desired outcome would be an amendment to the bill that would make most well information available, while exempting public water wells from any public internet database.

Mr. Glancy stated that the information on public water wells had always been and would continue to be available upon request for bona fide parties such as for resident requests, environmental assessments, or hydro-geological studies.

Council Member Wood stated that protection of drinking water sources was one of the concerns of homeland security agencies.

Alan Gafford, stated that he supported the City Council's opposition to SB 263.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • "SHOP LAKEWOOD" PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN

Assistant City Manager Lisa Novotny made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with City staff, had developed a "Shop Lakewood" promotional campaign to raise community awareness of the benefits to their quality of life by shopping locally and keeping their sales tax dollars in their own community. The proposed campaign would include a new website, presence at certain special events and a variety of marketing items. It was the recommendation of the Community Promotion Committee that the City Council approve the "Shop Lakewood" promotional campaign.

3.2 • “SHOP LAKEWOOD” PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN - Continued

John Kelsall, Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, stated that there had been a wonderful joint effort between the Chamber staff and City staff to develop the “Shop Lakewood” campaign, a year-round, sustained program, that would encourage residents to stay “Lakewood loyal.” He advised that the program would be promoted in the Lakewood Community News publication, both in print and online.

Council Member Croft clarified that City communications to residents would be supplemented with the “Shop Lakewood” awareness campaign message.

Council Member Rogers stated that it was a great concept, and a key to its success would be the proactive involvement of retailers reaching out to their Lakewood customers.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • PREVIEW OF PUBLIC SAFETY EXPO AND LAKEWOOD YOUTH SPORTS OPENING DAY

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and reported on the events planned for this Saturday’s Lakewood Youth Sports opening day celebration which would include an opening ceremony for over 1,000 children, participating on 95 baseball, softball and t-ball teams. She stated there would be inflatables, bouncers and rides provided free for the kids, and a food booth and music DJ.

The Deputy City Manager reviewed plans for the Public Safety/Bike Expo scheduled to immediately follow the LYS opening day ceremonies. She stated that there would be representatives from the Sheriff’s Department, including a K-9 unit, mounted posse, and Kid Print; the Fire Department, with vehicles the kids could sit in; the Sky Knight helicopter; and a BMX bicycle show, with a strong bike safety and ‘say no to drugs’ message.

Mayor Van Nostran encouraged residents to attend the event, as a big crowd meant even more fun for the LYS teams marching proudly onto the field for opening day.

At 8:16 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:17 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Roger Marman, addressed the City Council regarding the need for bicycle safety education.

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CLOSED SESSIONS:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS-Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
Designated Representative: City Manager Howard Chambers
Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Marjorie M. Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk