



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
June 8, 2010

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

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

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY2010-11

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin displayed slides and provided a preliminary overview of all funds and capital projects for the proposed Budget. She reviewed statistics on California foreclosures & credit; National Payroll; National Job Losses; State & Local Unemployment; Retail Sales; Consumer Confidence; and the economic impact on annual revenue loss. She briefly looked at the State budget shortfall problems. She showed that the proposed budget for Lakewood was balanced and provided an overview of revenues and expenditures, concluding that the proposal demonstrated a 2.25 percent overall decline in operating expenditures. She presented the proposed Capital Projects, including street paving, traffic signal modifications and water system improvement, and the grants and restricted funding sources that would be used to fund the projects. She noted that overall, there would be no cuts in service and that a mid-year review was planned to evaluate funding levels in certain service areas. She advised that after required transfers, pass-throughs and State takeaways, there was only about \$1 million in redevelopment funds available for actual use, and that the majority of available Low-Mod Housing funds would be utilized for the Agency's Scattered Lot Program. She noted that there were several cities whose redevelopment agencies were not able to make the required SERAF payments to the State. She concluded by making note of the ten focus areas of the budget.

Responding to a question from Council Member Croft, Ms. Perkin stated that it was her budgeting practice to allocate all of the funding for a multi-year project during the first year and then carry over the balance to future years, as necessary.

Council Member Rogers inquired about the funding for a proposed water conservation demonstration garden. Water Resources Director Jim Glancy responded by stating that the project was still conceptual at this point and the Water Fund amount was an estimate. He noted that by 2020, residents may be required to reach a 20 percent conservation goal, and the demonstration garden would provide a tangible example of drought-resistant landscaping.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY2010-11 - Continued

Vice Mayor Van Nostran asked about facility repairs, such as asphalt slurry sealing. Ms. Perkin stated that repairs had been deferred when it was safe to do so and that equipment was replaced when no longer serviceable. Public Works Director Lisa Rapp stated that equipment was monitored and evaluated annually, with recommendation to replace when the cost to repair and keep in service outstripped the cost to replace.

AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM

Assistant to the City Manager Carol Flynn Jacoby made a presentation based on a proposal reviewed by the Public Safety Committee for an Automatic License Plate Recognition System to be installed at intersections around the Lakewood Center Mall.

Captain Christy Guyovich, Commander of the Lakewood's Sheriff's Station, stated that programs of this nature were the future of law enforcement, allowing law enforcement to be pro-active and that the proposed system would offer a view of all vehicles entering and leaving the Mall property. She noted that a similar, but smaller scale, system was in use on the Cal Bowl property.

Sergeant Steve Moses and Sergeant Jason Skeen gave a slide presentation outlining the capabilities of the system, which would transmit information directly to the Lakewood Station and stated that the proposed system would be monitored 24/7 by the Station's dispatch personnel and no additional staffing would be required.

In response to questions from Mayor Esquivel and Council Member Croft about the differences between the proposed system and the surveillance system used by the Lakewood Center Mall, Sergeant Moses replied by stating that the Mall system did not use the type of high-resolution cameras capable of capturing and storing license plate data, nor was the system integrated with the Sheriff's Station. Lakewood Center Mall's Senior Manager, Morel "Mo" Bagunu, stated that the surveillance used at the Mall was a good system and did a good job, but was intended to observe suspicious activity and parked vehicles.

Council Member DuBois inquired about the car-mounted system profiled at another mall. City Manager Howard Chambers responded by stating that a car-mounted system would be much less cost effective in terms of amount of area covered and staffing required.

Responding to questions from Vice Mayor Van Nostran and Council Member Rogers, Sergeant Skeen stated that the license plate data would be stored for two years on the Sheriff's Department network, but the camera equipment would be the property of the City.

The City Manager stated that full proposal details and potential funding options would be made available at a future meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Designated Representative: City Manager Howard Chambers

Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees Association

Mayor Esquivel announced that pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council would recess to a closed session.

At 7:30 p.m., the City Council reconvened. Mayor Esquivel announced that instruction had been given to the City's negotiator.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk