



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 14, 2000

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Tom Hocking, Bellflower Brethren Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Brownie Troop #618 from Riley Elementary School

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Esquivel
Vice Mayor Wayne Piercy
Council Member Larry Van Nostran
Council Member Robert Wagner
ABSENT: Council Member Marc Titel (excused)

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Esquivel expressed his pleasure at having had the opportunity to serve as mayor over the past year and thanked his wife, Pat, for her support and encouragement. He touched briefly on some of the achievements during his term of office such as: street improvements on South Street and on Lakewood Boulevard; the completion of the playground improvement projects and receiving partial funding from the State for the improvements to Monte Verde Park; the completion of the new 5.5 million gallon Water Tank at the Arbor Yard; an all-time low in Lakewood's crime rate, with the introduction of the PAVE 'beat' deputy program and the LAND program for the education of rental property owners; and the celebration of Lakewood's 45th year of cityhood, including a 'sock hop' and the re-opening of the refurbished and expanded Lakewood Center Theater. He concluded by stating that while there would always be more to be done, the efforts to preserve the quality of life in Lakewood were paying off.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Esquivel announced that nominations were open for the office of mayor.

Council Member Van Nostran announced that it was his pleasure to nominate Wayne Piercy, a resident of the City of Lakewood for 44 years and with a record of 17 years of service on the Lakewood City Council, for the position as mayor. He characterized Council Member Piercy as a man who continually exhibited genuine concern for all residents of Lakewood. He concluded by stating he looked forward to a great year of leadership.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN NOMINATED WAYNE PIERCY TO SERVE AS MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, WAYNE PIERCY WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL - Continued

Mayor Piercy presented outgoing Mayor Esquivel with a plaque and scrapbook commemorating his year of service as Mayor. Mayor Piercy also presented Mrs. Pat Esquivel with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her support for her husband and the many demands made on their time during his year as Mayor.

Mayor Piercy introduced his wife, Pat, and his family in the audience and stated he was eager to begin his term as Mayor. He described Lakewood as a city of heroes with many committed, involved residents willing to volunteer their time to build a quality community. He stated that his goals for the coming year included projects, such as: continued street and street lighting improvements; improvements to Monte Verde Park; support for crime prevention and suppression programs like the Neighborhood Bike Patrol and the Nuisance Property Abatement Team; the refurbishment of the Iacoboni Library; and economic development projects like the new Macy's, Walmart and Office Depot. He pledged to do everything possible to end the Federal "flood tax," provide assistance programs for seniors and work with students and educators to build good relationships. He closed by stating his intent to work with his colleagues as a team in order to achieve the best for the community.

Council Member Van Nostran stated he was pleased to nominate Robert Wagner for service as the Vice Mayor. He noted Council Member Wagner's twenty years of service as a City Council Member and commended him for his willingness to tackle difficult problems requiring significant commitments of time.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN NOMINATED ROBERT WAGNER TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, ROBERT WAGNER WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Piercy presented a Proclamation to Captain Robert Osborne, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, proclaiming March 20 through 25 as Safe Communities Week in the City of Lakewood. Captain Osborne thanked the Mayor for the proclamation and stated he had never worked with any other city that was as dedicated to providing a safe community as the City of Lakewood.

Patricia Piercy, President of the Board of Directors of Lakewood Meals on Wheels, made a brief presentation on the Meals on Wheels program. She noted that in this 25th anniversary year, the program had grown to six service routes serving over 100 clients with a nutritious meal every week day. She stated that the program served many in need, including the elderly, disabled, terminally ill and those recovering from surgery, and was staffed by volunteers.

Mayor Piercy announced that a reception had been held earlier in the evening to honor retiring Assistant Fire Chief Al "Skip" Bennett and the promotion of Lakewood's Team Lieutenant Dave Fender to Operations Lieutenant, second in command at the Lakewood Station.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held February 22, 2000

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated February 17, February 24, and March 2, 2000

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-12; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT (JAIBG) FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

RI-5 Approval of Parade Permit for Mayfair High School

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Esquivel, Wagner and Piercy

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Titel

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1.1 • APPEAL OF APPORTIONMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE TAX FOR GREENMOUNTAIN.COM

The Director of Finance, Larry Schroeder, presented an oral report based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that upon review by the City Attorney of the materials submitted on behalf of Green Mountain.com, it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council remove this matter from the Council calendar.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

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2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Piercy announced that the following items were procedural articles that were necessary to complete the mayoral transition.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-13; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-14; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF WAYNE E. PIERCY, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-15; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF ROBERT G. WAGNER, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WAGNER SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2000-13, NO. 2000-14 AND NO. 2000-15. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Esquivel, Wagner and Piercy

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Titel

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE REGARDING THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND CANDLEWOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp stated that staff had worked closely with the County of Los Angeles to identify projects of significance on both a city and county level. She further stated that County Supervisor Don Knabe had indicated that the County would be providing assistance to the City through administering the construction of the Del Amo Boulevard and Candlewood Street Improvement Project and a future project for the resurfacing of five collector streets in Lakewood.

Mayor Piercy expressed the City Council's appreciation for the ongoing support of Supervisor Knabe.

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At 8:23 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:24 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Bob Clayton addressed the City Council stating that in his opinion, the City of Lakewood was in the finest hands anyone could ask for. He complimented the City Council Members for their cohesion as a group.

Gary Milliman, representing the League of California Cities, introduced himself and stated that Lakewood was “government as city government should be done.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. to Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk