



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
May 9, 2000

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Piercy in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Charles Austin of Calvary Chapel Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Robert G. Wagner

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Piercy introduced members of a Rotary International group study exchange program visiting from northwestern India and the Rotary District Governor Judith Prather. The members of the group introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their backgrounds and their experiences in the United States.

Mr. Joe Arambel, President of the Lakewood Pan American Association, made a brief presentation about the Association and its activities such as the poetry and poster contests, the El Comienzo luncheon, the Pan American Fiesta and a scholarship program.

Council Member Titel reported he had attended the meeting of the Water Replenishment District where they were to set their rates to be charged to pumpers. He noted that the District had responded to the pressure from local cities and residents by lowering their rate from last year's \$139 per acre foot to \$112 for the coming fiscal year, and that although many felt that it could have been even lower, it was a step in the right direction. He recommended that staff prepare a revised rate structure which would represent the decrease in the replenishment rate so that the City Council could fully pass the savings on to our water rate payers. This could be reviewed by the Water Committee and then presented to the City Council as part of the June budget deliberations.

Mayor Piercy announced that the State legislature was considering legislation pertaining to the WRD, based upon the recommendations of the State Auditor's Report and the Little Hoover Commission Report. He reported that a pending bill authored by Assemblywoman Havice had been combined with a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Calderon and that they would be working with the State Senate to get one good comprehensive bill.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held April 25, and April 28, 2000

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated April 20, and April 27, 2000

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2000-21; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON FOR JULY 25, 2000

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS

Larry Schroeder, Director of Finance, gave a brief oral presentation based on his memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated that permits for the sale of “safe and sane” fireworks were available to nonprofit associations or corporations organized primarily for patriotic, veteran, civic betterment, religious, welfare, youth or charitable purposes. He advised that 38 applications had been received with 36 such organizations in compliance with all the necessary requirements. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council issue permits for temporary fireworks stands to the 36 organizations meeting all requirements and denying the two applications that were not in compliance with the Municipal Code.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Mr. Schroeder stated that last year, 33 permits had been approved.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Mary Steberg, 6303 Charlwood Street, stated that as President of Lakewood-Cerritos Little League and a representative to the Little League District staff, she appreciated the opportunity to raise funds for the organization and that the funding had helped to expand the programs that they were able to offer and serve more children in the community.

1.1 • PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS - Continued

Ruby Pyers, representing the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, also thanked the City Council for the fund-raising opportunity.

COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WAGNER SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • 2000-2005 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 CDBG APPLICATION

The Director of Community Development, Chuck Ebner, presented an oral report based on his memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated the Consolidated Plan was created to assess the housing needs of the City and provide an action plan to address those needs using Federal, State, and local resources. The Plan was updated annually to reflect changes in priorities, programs or available resources. He reported that in fiscal year 2000-2001, a total of \$726,050 in Community Development Block Grant funds would be available to the City of Lakewood. He noted that notice of the Plan's availability had been advertised as required by law.

It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan; authorize staff to submit the 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan, which included the 2000-2001 funding application and the CDBG certifications; and approve the proposed 2000-2001 projects as recommended by staff.

Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2000-5; LIGHT POLE BANNERS

Mayor Piercy stated that the proposed ordinance had been introduced at the previous meeting and was presented at this time for second reading and adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO LIGHT POLE BANNERS IN CONNECTION WITH BUSINESS PROMOTIONS ON INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL SITES was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2000-5. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2000-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR SENIOR PROTECTION

Deputy City Administrator Sandi Ruyle presented an oral report based on her memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated the L.A. County District Attorney's Office had received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Lakewood's Criminal and Nuisance Abatement Team was one of three local programs selected for grant funding through this Community Prosecution Enhancement Program. The grant would allow the City to hire a Senior Case Manager to work with the Abatement Team and implement a Senior Protection Program to assist vulnerable seniors in the community who were at risk of becoming victims of elder abuse. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the agreement between the City and the County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for the Senior Protection Program.

COUNCIL MEMBER TITEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WAGNER SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • FORMATION OF A PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION FOR LAKEWOOD PROJECT SHEPHERD

Mayor Piercy announced that this item would be carried forward to a future meeting.

At 8:13 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meetings of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency and the Lakewood Housing Authority. At 8:17 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. to Friday, May 12, 2000, at 11:30 a.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk