



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Special Meeting held
June 13, 2000

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:15 p.m. by Vice Mayor Wagner in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Piercy (arrived 6:30 p.m.)
Vice Mayor Robert Wagner
Council Member Joseph Esquivel
Council Member Marc Titel
Council Member Larry Van Nostran

CONSIDERATION OF 2000-01/2001-02 BUDGET ISSUES

City Administrator Howard Chambers displayed slides and provided an overview of the proposed budget themed, "A Time to Build." He highlighted the elements of fiscal realities such as the growing economy, State budget decisions, retail development, retail sales competition, and government financing "reform." He identified projected revenues, budget requests/appropriations, and detailed the budget focus areas such as Street System Maintenance, Economic Development, Monte Verde Park, Intergovernmental Relations, Public Safety, Solid Waste Management, Facility Improvements, Technology Planning, Water Quality Preservation, and Volunteerism.

Deputy City Administrator Sandi Ruyle briefly outlined public safety statistics and crime prevention and community safety programs noting that crime had been the lowest in twenty years; that emergency response times were down; that the increase in traffic citations issued resulted in reduced injury accidents; and that the reduced numbers for service calls and cases handled allowed the deputies to be more proactive.

Lisa A. Rapp, Director of Public Works, summarized the department's operations with regard to capital improvements, facility maintenance, tree/hardscape improvements, fleet/equipment maintenance, air quality regulations/alternate fuel, contract services, street maintenance, and facility renovation.

Recreation and Community Services Director Dave Rodda reviewed park usage, recreation program involvement, volunteer participation and facility preservation/improvement efforts.

Responding to questions from Council Member Van Nostran and Vice Mayor Wagner regarding DASH bus services, Mr. Rodda stated that staff was working to increase flexibility in accommodating the various routing and scheduling concerns.

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Mike Stover, Assistant City Administrator, presented the issues of economic development, intergovernmental relations, video production capabilities, Internet (mass e-mail program), Intranet (employee communication efforts), community relations, and the Centre.

Jack Gonsalves, Assistant Director of Community Development, identified the department's focus on economic development, neighborhood preservation, and technology planning.

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy discussed the emphasis on water quality, consumer confidence report, Urban Water Management Plan, source water protection of wells, and a permanent resolution to the Water Replenishment District issue.

Larry Schroeder, Director of Finance, highlighted information technology, strategic implementation plan, equipment system replacement, and the purchasing study as areas of significance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry
Deputy City Clerk