



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
May 8, 2001

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Wagner in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Mr. Dan Roberts, First Christian Church of Lakewood

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Wayne Piercy

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Wagner announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Karen Fitzpatrick, a long-time City employee in the Recreation and Community Services Department, who had passed away late last week.

Mayor Wagner also announced that the City's annual Pan American Festival would begin on Friday at Mayfair Park and would continued with activities for families through Sunday.

### **EXPANSION PLAN FOR LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Jim Richie, Deputy Executive Director of Long Range Planning for the Los Angeles International Airport, gave a brief presentation on the Proposed Expansion Plan for Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). He displayed slides showing the airports in the region and noted that a major investment would be made in improvements to the Ontario airport, which could triple in service levels. He reported that demand for airport service had risen from 7.5 million passengers in 1960 to 81 million in 1997. He advised that improvements that would bring the Green Line public transit system into the airport were part of the plan, as well as direct access to the 405 freeway.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran asked about the time frame for the proposed projects. Mr. Richie stated that they were about one year away from seeking the approval of the Los Angeles City Council and approximately two years away from the start of construction.

Council Member Rogers asked Mr. Richie about existing controversies surrounding the expansion plan. Mr. Richie responded by stating that the major argument involved whether LAX should stand alone or as part of a network of airports in the region.

**EXPANSION PLAN FOR LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - Continued**

Council Member Piercy inquired about the connection between the regional airports. Mr. Richie responded by stating that they owned and operated all of the airports shown on his slides.

Mayor Wagner questioned Mr. Richie about a statement that the proposal would yield less than what SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) had determined was the fair share for LAX. Mr. Richie responded by stating that the regional transportation plan developed by SCAG showed that the fair share for LAX should be 98 million passengers, but that number would be too great a burden and the proposal planned to utilize the Ontario airport as a reliever facility. Mayor Wagner also asked about traffic flow problems around LAX. Mr. Richie stated that the concern was that passengers from outlying areas would cause freeway congestion and that the best solution was to encourage the development of a regional airport facility to the south east.

Council Member Rogers inquired if there were any plans for the Long Beach airport to assume any more of the passenger load. Mr. Richie stated that many carriers were reluctant to go into Long Beach because of the limitations on the number of flights, but that Long Beach was being considered for use as a satellite parking and remote baggage check-in site.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held April 10, 2001
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated April 19, and April 26, 2001
- RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2001-16; 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 24, 2001
- RI-5 Amendment to Engineering Services Agreement with Toft Wolff Farrow, Inc., Electrical Service at North Mae Boyar Park
- RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2001-17; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RATIFYING AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN CITY OF LAKEWOOD

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

**1.1 • PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS**

Larry Schroeder, Director of Finance, gave a brief oral presentation based on the 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 36 such organizations had complied with all the necessary requirements and recommended that they be issued permits for temporary fireworks stands.

Mayor Wagner stated that it seemed that there was a substantial increase in the number of permit requests and of those from little-known organizations. He stated that the original intent in providing for the continuing sale of safe-and-sane fireworks was to provide local community and charitable groups with the opportunity to raise funds and that we seemed to be straying from that purpose. He stated he felt it was time to consider modification to the ordinance governing the process and suggested a session be scheduled in the near future to study this topic and re-establish the City Council’s original intent.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PERMITS AS LISTED IN STAFF’S REPORT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

**1.2 • ACTION PLAN FOR FY 2001 AND AMENDMENT TO THE CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Chuck Ebner, Director of Community Development, gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and stated the City would received \$751,022 in funding through the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program. The funds were allocated so that not less than 70 percent were to be utilized to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. He briefly reviewed the goals and proposed activities contained in

**1.2 • ACTION PLAN AND AMENDMENT TO THE CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PLAN - Continued**

the Action Plan. He also reported that an amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan was proposed that would modify the definition of a substantial change. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the FY 2001 Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan and authorize the City Manager to submit the CDBG funding application along with the required CDBG certifications.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing at 8:16 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 PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

**3.1 • APPOINTMENT TO SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION**

Mayor Wagner announced that Council Member Rogers had indicated his willingness to serve as the City of Lakewood's representative to the Southeast Water Coalition.

MAYOR WAGNER MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER TODD ROGERS TO THE SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

**3.2 • SUBMISSION OF GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE CAREER CRIMINAL APPREHENSION PROGRAM FOLLOWUP GRANT**

Deputy City Manager Sandi Ruyle gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that a one-time grant was available to the City as a previous recipient of a Career Criminal Apprehension Program Grant. The original grant funds were used for the Crime Analysis Unit at the Lakewood Sheriff's Station and the \$300,000 follow-up grant would be dedicated to upgrade equipment, including computer equipment, used by the Crime Analysis Unit. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2001-18 authorizing the City Manager to submit the grant application and Certification of Assurances of Compliance to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

**3.2 • SUBMISSION OF GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE CAREER CRIMINAL APPREHENSION PROGRAM FOLLOWUP GRANT - Continued**

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-18; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING CCAP GRANT AWARD PROPOSAL

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2001-18

Council Member Rogers stated he was familiar with the program and verified with staff that the proposed uses would meet the requirements of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

Mayor Wagner thanked the Sheriff's Department for their participation in the program and the success it had shown. He also commended Ms. Ruyle for her involvement in the process.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

**3.3 • AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WELL SITING STUDY**

Director of Public Works Lisa Rapp gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda packet and reported that during the rehabilitation of Well #13 last October, the well failed and now needed to be replaced with a new well. The first step in that process was to have a qualified engineering firm conduct a siting study. The City had received proposals from two qualified firms and upon review, had selected Boyle Engineering Corporation as the firm best suited to the City's needs for this project. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the agreement with Boyle Engineering Corporation for the completion of the well siting study in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.

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

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ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

At 8:27 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meetings of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency and Lakewood Housing Authority. At 8:32 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Anthony Caldwell presented the City Council with a copy of some Planned Parenthood material he had gotten off the Internet and talked briefly about impending problems with national waterways.

Fred Baisley and Margherita Underhill spoke in opposition to the Planned Parenthood office on Del Amo Boulevard.

Mayor Wagner stated that while the City Council understood the position of the speakers and their right to express their opinions, the City Council meeting was not the appropriate forum for such a discussion. The Council had been advised by its legal counsel that the matter was not within the City Council's jurisdiction and that they could not take any action on the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m. in memory of Karen Fitzpatrick.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk