



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
May 7, 2002

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Council Member Wayne E. Piercy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Robert G. Wagner

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

Mayor Van Nostran announced that an item of business had come up subsequent to the posting of the agenda which required the immediate attention and action of the City Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO FIND THE ITEM WAS OF AN URGENT NATURE AND TO ADD THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MacARTHUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE ROUTINE ITEMS SECTION OF THE AGENDA. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers, Esquivel, Piercy, Wagner and Van Nostran
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Captain Dave Fender, Lakewood Sheriff's Station Commander, gave a brief slide presentation and presented a video clip of a portion of a speech made by Sheriff Lee Baca regarding the challenges facing the Sheriff's Department in light of the Los Angeles County proposed budget. As proposed, the Sheriff's Department budget could be cut by as much as \$100 million which would mean that many special units, such as gangs, identity theft and family crime would be disbanded, causing those issues to be dealt with at a local level, a tremendous impact on all communities served by the Department.

Council Member Wagner remarked on the slide presentation and noted that it was obvious that the community would be directly affected by such a cut. He noted that budget projections showed a very large increase in the Department's cost of workers' compensation,

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Continued

something that could be traced straight back to recent legislation signed by Governor Davis which raised workers' compensation payments without regard to employers' costs.

Council Member Piercy pointed out the large increase in the number of civilian support positions within the Department. Captain Fender responded by stating that use of civilian personnel, where appropriate, helped to reduce costs to the Department. Council Member Rogers also noted that the use of civilians helped to allow sworn officers to concentrate on areas where they were most needed such as patrol and custody duties.

Mayor Van Nostran noted the success of the sixth annual Volunteer Day in Lakewood, stating that over 600 volunteers had worked on 13 homes, 2 schools, 8 parks, the Iacoboni Library, and the Nixon Yard. He also thanked the Lakewood Rotary Club, Lakewood/Long Beach Soroptimists, Wal-Mart, Smart & Final, Home Depot, SY Nursery and BZ Disposal for their donations which helped make the event a successful one.

Mayor Van Nostran announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of two long-time residents and volunteers, Mary Robertson and Ruth Eyrich.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 9, 2002
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated April 18, and April 25, 2002
- RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-16; 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 23, 2002
- RI-5 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Contract No. 01-5, City Hall HVAC Modernization Project
- RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-17; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A "BOULEVARD STOP" ON GREENTOP STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD EAST SERVICE ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-18; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A "THREE MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 7 A.M. TO 4 P.M." ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-19; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A "20 MINUTE" LIMITED PARKING ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-20; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A "THREE MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 7 A.M. TO 4 P.M." ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF DOWNEY AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-21; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE WEST OF DOWNEY AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-22; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES ON THE WEST SIDE OF DOWNEY AVENUE AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 88-52 PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES ON THE WEST SIDE OF DOWNEY AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-8 *[Added by unanimous vote of the City Council.]*

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-23; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A "THREE MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 7 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CENTRALIA STREET BETWEEN WOODRUFF AVENUE AND GONDAR AVENUE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 95-36 ESTABLISHING A ONE HOUR LIMITED PARKING ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CENTRALIA WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-24; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A "20 MINUTE" LIMITED PARKING ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CENTRALIA STREET BETWEEN WOODRUFF AVENUE AND GONDAR AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2002-25; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A "20 MINUTE" LIMITED PARKING ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF GONDAR AVENUE NORTH OF CENTRALIA AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 95-38 ESTABLISHING A "20 MINUTE" LIMITED PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF GONDAR AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BIDS FOR SHERIFF'S STATION EQUIPMENT

- a. Purchasing Bid 02-3, Sheriff's Station Computer Equipment
- b. Purchasing Bid 02-4, Detective's Computer Equipment
- c. Purchasing Bid 02-5, Sheriff's Video Workstation

Finance Director Larry Schroeder gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated the City had recently been awarded \$300,000 in grant money to enhance the existing Career Criminal Apprehension Program (CCAP) with the purchase of new technology and equipment. He reported that sealed bids had been received for the project that had been separated into three bids based upon the type and specifications of the needed equipment. Following review, it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council award Bid 02-3, Computer Equipment, to Dell Marketing, L.P. in the amount of \$111,429.30; Bid 02-4, Detective's Computer Equipment, to Computerland of Glendale in the amount of \$19,885.53; and Bid 02-5, Video Workstation, to A-vidd Electronics, Inc. in the amount of \$22,579.71.

Captain Dave Fender reported that funds from the original CCAP grant, which had been received in 1995, had provided for the purchase and implementation of facial recognition software, the first of its type in the world. The Captain noted that in the three years following implementation of the system, 283 career criminals had been prosecuted. He advised that this new grant funding would allow the Lakewood Station to update their computer equipment, provide for enhanced use of surveillance photos, and purchase laptop computers that detectives could use in field investigations. He concluded by thanking the City Council for taking a leading role in securing the grant and purchasing the equipment for this tremendous program.

Council Member Piercy inquired how the remainder of the grant would be spent. Captain Fender reported that additional system training would be provided for officers and the business community would also receive training on the optimal placement of surveillance cameras so that images collected could be analyzed using the facial recognition software.

1.1 • AWARD OF BIDS FOR SHERIFF'S STATION EQUIPMENT- Continued

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:07 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 VICE MAYOR ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS

The Director of Finance gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and reported that earlier this year, the City Council had amended the regulations for organizations applying for a permit to sell fireworks. He stated that of the applications received, 31 were recommended for approval, with only one organization having been found not to be in substantial compliance with the provisions of the Lakewood Municipal Code. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the issuance of permits for temporary fireworks stands to the 31 organizations listed in his report which were found to be in substantial compliance with the Code and to deny the issuance of a permit to the other organization which did not substantially comply.

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • STREET SWEEPING CONTRACT WITH R.F. DICKSON COMPANY

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda and stated the City has had a contract with the R. F. Dickson Company to provide street sweeping services since 1966 and that the current contract would be completed on June 30, 2002. She noted the Dickson Company's excellent reputation, their support of Lakewood's commitment to customer service, and their willingness to adapt to the changing needs of the City. She advised that although they had been able to reduce their monthly service fee by five-percent under the last contract and forgo all CPI increases over the last five years, significant increases in fuel, labor, equipment, insurance and regulatory costs had

3.1 • STREET SWEEPING CONTRACT WITH R.F. DICKSON CO. - Continued

forced them to request an amendment. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract with the R. F. Dickson Company which would extend the current agreement for a five-year period with two subsequent five-year extensions, grant a five-percent increase to the monthly service fee, and a reinstatement of the CPI provision in their contract.

Mayor Van Nostran advised that he received many remarks on how clean and well maintained the Lakewood streets were.

Council Member Wagner noted that the Company had been very responsive to the City over issues such as signage.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

At 7:13 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 7:32 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m. in memory of Mary Robertson and Ruth Eyrich.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk