



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Special Meeting held
September 13, 2005

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Esquivel
Vice Mayor Larry Van Nostran
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Todd Rogers

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGED ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR 5201 CLARK AVENUE

City Prosecutor William Holt gave a brief presentation based on the memorandum contained in the agenda and stated that past incidents had led staff to review the entertainment permit granted to The Hop, 5201 Clark Avenue. Staff had met with the owner, Mr. Steve Melnick, to develop appropriate conditions and Mr. Melnick had accepted the revised conditions. These conditions included provisions for who can operate the club; a required on-site manager; increased lighting in the parking lot area; no roping off of the parking lot area; location of waiting line; metal detector at the entrance; security plans; and permitted hours of operation. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2005-58, making findings and approving a 2005 Entertainment Permit for The Lakewood Hop.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND MODIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR THE HOP AT 5201 CLARK AVENUE

Mayor Esquivel inquired about time restrictions for private parties. Mr. Holt responded by stating that private parties would also fall within the agreed upon hours of operation, from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran, noting that a shooting had occurred on the premises, expressed concern about the location of the waiting line. Captain Dave Fender, commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, stated that private security will still be required at The Hop which would require patrons to either get into the line or leave, not permitting anyone to loiter in the parking lot area.

Mr. Steve Melnick clarified that the shooting referenced by the Vice Mayor had occurred in the parking lot after closing and that there would only be a need for a waiting line earlier in the evening while patrons were waiting to go through the security check.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGED ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR 5201 CLARK AVENUE - Continued

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Mr. Melnick stated that security personnel for The Hop had never had to confiscate a weapon from anyone attempting to enter The Hop. Mr. Melnick also noted that security plans varied depending on the type and size of the crowd in attendance.

Captain Fender advised that to date, Mr. Melnick had not submitted the proposed new security plan for The Hop for Sheriff's Department review. The new plan was required to include the location of and maximum number allowed in the waiting line. He stated that his major concerns were the waiting line and the site lighting.

Council Member Rogers inquired about the music format and theme nights. Mr. Holt responded by stating that the entertainment permit did not specify or define the type of entertainment.

Mr. Melnick stated that different formats were presented to attract certain age groups, with the primary focus currently being on music from the 1980's and 1990's.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2005-58. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, DuBois, Rogers and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk