



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 28, 2006

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:48 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Sam Wilder, West Lakewood Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Todd Rogers

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

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Mayor Esquivel characterized the past year as having been difficult, but productive. He observed that crime rates continued to be very low, thanks to the commitment of the deputies and Special Assignment Officers working in the community. He noted that construction had begun on the County-funded remodel of the Lakewood Sheriff Station and that more than 200,000 square feet of new retail and commercial space had opened or was currently in development. He remarked on the City's focus on education and the work of Education Liaison Dr. Jerry Gross. He touched on some of the challenges of the past year, including the spotlight on emergency preparedness prompted by Hurricane Katrina, inspiring the City's new "Survive for Seven" campaign; and the house explosion apparently caused by homemade fireworks which touched off improved efforts to secure neighborhood safety and allow voters an opportunity in November to express their views on fireworks sales and use. He concluded by thanking his wife, Pat, for her encouragement and support during his term as mayor and offering thanks to his City Council colleagues and the City executive staff.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Esquivel announced that nominations were open for the office of mayor.

Mayor Esquivel stated that he was pleased to nominate Larry Van Nostran to serve as Mayor of Lakewood. He noted that Larry had a long history of service to the community and had been an active part of many community service organizations.

MAYOR ESQUIVEL NOMINATED LARRY VAN NOSTRAN TO SERVE AS MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, LARRY VAN NOSTRAN WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR - Continued

Mayor Van Nostran presented outgoing Mayor Esquivel with a plaque and scrapbook commemorating his year of service as Mayor. Mayor Van Nostran also presented Mrs. Pat Esquivel with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her support for her husband and the many demands made on their time during his year as mayor.

Mayor Van Nostran thanked his colleagues for the opportunity to serve as mayor and acknowledged that teamwork was the key to successfully facing the challenges to come. He expressed his optimism about the future of Lakewood, noting the great neighborhoods; fine law enforcement; growing retail sector; support of the business community; parks, playgrounds and programs; diverse population; and responsive city government. He noted that even though he felt the City staff and City Manager were the best in local government, there were still ways for city government to listen and respond better. He made pledges to uphold five Lakewood values. First, to have a City staff that would seek to be innovative, efficient and above local politics. Second, to provide an open and accessible government where everyone could be treated equally and be involved in the decision making process. Third, to make Lakewood neighborhoods and homes even safer than they were today. He praised the work of Captain Dave Fender and the deputies of Team Lakewood who put their lives on the line to keep the crime rate so low. He stated that their task had become even more difficult over time and that we still mourned the tragic loss of officers from the Lakewood station, Deputy Powell and Deputy Ortiz. Fourth, to preserve the quality of life in Lakewood through maintenance of facilities, roads, sidewalks and water main, and through the park programs that promote family values. Fifth, to continue to build a strong local economy by supporting the C-17 program, growth of the retail base, and enforcing strong property maintenance standards on commercial properties. He also promised to work with his colleagues to do everything possible to restore July 4th as a day of family celebration, urging all residents to get involved by surrendering illegal fireworks and not sheltering those who chose to use illegal fireworks. He concluded by expressing gratitude for all the good things about Lakewood and confidence that even more could be achieved in the year ahead.

Mayor Van Nostran announced that nominations were open for the office of vice mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT NOMINATED DIANE DUBOIS TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, DIANE DUBOIS WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held February 28, 2006

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated March 9, and March 16, 2006

RI-4 Approval of Parade Permit for Mayfair High School

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-13; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 92-36 PERTAINING TO THE LOW-INCOME EXEMPTION OF THE UTILITY USERS TAX

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 06-1R, DRILLING ASR WELL 27

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated three bids had been received for the drilling of Aquifer and Storage Well #27, which would be located at the Arbor Water Yard and funded through a reimbursement grant agreement with the City of Long Beach using Proposition 13 water funds through the Metropolitan Water District. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the plans, specifications and working details for Project No. 06-1R; award a contract to the low bidder, Bakersfield Well & Pump Company, in the amount of \$1,126,144; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as needed, not to exceed \$112,000; and authorize execution of the agreements contingent upon the City Attorney's approval of the funding commitments.

Mayor Van Nostran opened the public hearing at 8:20 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 CROFT SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-12, DEL AMO PAVEMENT REHAB

The Director of Public Works made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and stated that due to notification from the Southern California Gas Company that they would need to be working on an underground line in Del Amo Boulevard, the project had been cancelled. She advised that once the Gas Company work was complete, staff would re-advertise for bids on this project.

Mayor Van Nostran ordered the report to be received and filed.

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Van Nostran advised that the proposed resolutions were a procedural part of the mayoral transition process.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-14; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-15; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF L. H. VAN NOSTRAN, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-16; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF M. DIANE DUBOIS, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2006-14 THROUGH NO. 2006-16. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.2 • HEARING OFFICERS FOR ABANDONED, WRECKED, DISMANTLED OR INOPERATIVE VEHICLE HEARINGS

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO HEARING OFFICER FOR HEARINGS CONCERNING ABANDONED, WRECKED, DISMANTLED OR INOPERATIVE VEHICLES was read by title by the City Clerk.

2.2 • HEARING OFFICERS FOR ABANDONED, WRECKED, DISMANTLED OR INOPERATIVE VEHICLE HEARINGS - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2006-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 8:24 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:25 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Regina Coburn addressed the City Council regarding the speed limit on Arbor Road.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk