



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 10, 2007

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:39 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Mr. Fardad Mogharabi of the Lakewood Baha'i Community

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Todd Rogers

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Steve Chesser, representing the Boeing Corporation, displayed slides and made a brief presentation on Boeing's C-17 Program. He stated that there had been no funding in the Federal budget for the purchase of any new C-17 aircraft, and that as the largest private employer in the area, Boeing was concerned about economic impacts if production was slowed or stopped.

Mayor DuBois inquired about how the City could help support the program. Mr. Chesser responded by stating that although California's congressional representatives had been very supportive, it would be helpful for the City to urge them to continue the fight for funding. He also noted that since Boeing utilized suppliers all across the country, they would be working through the U. S. Conference of Mayors to rally support among the mayors of affected cities nationwide.

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ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 13, and March 27, 2007

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 05-12R, DEL AMO & NORWALK PAVEMENT REHAB

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave a brief report based on the memo contained in the agenda and stated seven bids had been received for a project to resurface the south half of Del Amo Boulevard between Studebaker Road and the eastern City limit, and Norwalk Boulevard between Del Amo Boulevard and Centralia Street with rubberized asphalt concrete. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council: adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award a contract to the low bidder, Silvia Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,299,977; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as needed, not to exceed \$130,000.

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

2.1 • LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES GRASSROOTS NETWORK

Assistant to the City Manager Lisa Novotny made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported the League of California Cities, through a voted dues increase in 2001, had established a Grassroots Network to carry out legislative advocacy activities. The League's Executive Director had requested that participating cities adopt a resolution of support for the reauthorization of this highly successful program.

Mayor DuBois noted that the Grassroots Network had proven very effective in promoting the interests of city governments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD SUPPORTING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES GRASSROOTS NETWORK

2.1 • LEAGUE OF CA CITIES GRASSROOTS NETWORK - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-9. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

3.1 • STATEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOALS AND PRIORITIES

The Assistant to the City Manager provided a brief overview of the Intergovernmental Goals and Priorities for 2007, based on the memo in the agenda. She noted the priorities for Federal, State and regional issues and concluded by stating it was the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee that the City Council adopt the 2007 Statement of Intergovernmental Relations Goals.

Mayor DuBois stated that in light of the information presented by the Boeing Corporation representative, support of the C-17 program should be added to the goals.

Council Member Rogers suggested the wording not pinpoint the C-17 program, but establish a more generic goal of support for the local Boeing plant, so that additional support could be provided should an opportunity arise.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the City Council could include a direction to staff to draft and include appropriate language to accomplish the Council's intent.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO ADOPT THE 2007 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS GOALS, WITH THE BOEING AMENDMENT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

3.2 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES

Mayor DuBois presented her organizational and committee appointments.

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

California Contract Cities

Association

DuBois - Representative

Esquivel - Alternate

3.2 • ORGANIZATIONAL & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - Continued

California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority Van Nostran - Representative Croft - Alternate

Consolidated Youth Services Network

Policy Board Rogers - Representative Croft - Alternate

Advisory Board Carol Flynn Jacoby (Admin.)

So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly Croft – Representative DuBois – Alternate

Gateway Cities COG Board

DuBois - Representative Esquivel - Alternate

Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District Esquivel - Representative

Job Training Partnership Act

SELACO WIB Croft - Policy Board
Pam Hyland - Advisory Board

League of California Cities

L.A. County Division Croft - Representative DuBois - Alternate

City Selection Committee DuBois - Representative Croft - Alternate

Annual League Conference Croft - Representative Esquivel - Alternate

L.A. County Sanitation

District #3 & #19 DuBois - Representative Croft - Alternate

Southeast Water Coalition

Rogers - Representative Croft - Alternate

STANDING COMMITTEES

Intergovernmental Relations DuBois - Chair Croft - Member

Lakewood Schools Rogers - Chair Van Nostran - Member

Solid Waste Management Esquivel- Chair DuBois - Member

Public Safety Rogers - Chair Van Nostran - Member

Park Development/Community Services Esquivel - Chair Dubois - Member

Water Resources Croft - Chair Van Nostran - Member

Community Promotion DuBois - Chair Rogers - Member

3.2 • ORGANIZATIONAL & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - Continued

Mayor DuBois noted that there were several Ad Hoc Committees that had completed their assignments and should be terminated.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED AND TO TERMINATE AD HOC COMMITTEES WITH COMPLETED ASSIGNMENTS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

3.3 • UPDATE ON BLOOMFIELD AVENUE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT

The Director of Public Works reported that a memo had been prepared outlining the history of Underground Utility District No. 13, for Bloomfield Avenue. She introduced the representative from the Southern California Edison Company who would be presenting the report.

Ben Harvey, Region Manager for Southern California Edison, displayed slides and briefly reviewed the Rule 20A process for underground utilities, as well as the history and status of the Bloomfield Avenue project. He reported that 6 of the 32 required easements had not been obtained and that Edison was recommending that the project be scaled down to exclude the northern-most section of the project where the easements had not been obtained.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated that the full length of Bloomfield Avenue would be paved, even if a portion of the intended project was not part of the undergrounding project. She stated that there was a five year moratorium on disturbing the pavement once streets had been resurfaced.

Council Member Van Nostran asked whether the project could be shelved and the funding used on a different Lakewood street. Mr. Harvey responded by stating that Edison would not be able to recover engineering and design costs they had already expended for this project, unless the project proceeded to construction. Mr. Harvey noted that he personally would be willing to work aggressively to pursue the remaining easements.

Vice Mayor Croft determined from Mr. Harvey that they could work around the one easement in the middle of the project area that had not been obtained.

In response to a question from Council Member Rogers, Mr. Harvey stated he would be willing to go door-to-door accompanied by a City Council Member to try to obtain the remaining easements.

3.3 • BLOOMFIELD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT - Continued

Ms. Rapp responded to a question from Council Member Rogers by stating that it would be very difficult to break a resurfacing project in the middle of a major segment. She noted that it could be a long time before the northerly segment was ready for construction and that even if it was ready soon, it was too large to add to a paving project by change order.

Mayor DuBois determined from the Public Works Director that if the underground project were to be cancelled, the resurfacing project could be completed in 2007, and that if the project were to go forward, the resurfacing would likely occur in 2009/10.

City Manager Howard Chambers noted that the paving project had been budgeted since 1999 when the underground district had been formed, and that for every year of delay, the cost of paving increased.

Vice Mayor Croft inquired as to what would happen to the funding for the project if the project did not proceed to construction. The City Manager responded by stating that Edison was required to set aside the funds for use by the City, but wanted to push ahead with this project so they would not lose their engineering costs.

Responding to Vice Mayor Croft, Mr. Harvey stated that it could take several years to initiate another project, and that abandoning this project would set a negative precedent.

Council Member Van Nostran stated that in view of the extraordinary length of time that this project had been pending, he felt it would be better to proceed with the resurfacing immediately and use the Rule 20A funds elsewhere.

Vice Mayor Croft stated he would hate to give up on the project due to all of the people who had granted easements in anticipation of the underground project.

Council Member Rogers suggested setting a specific time limit to acquire the additional easements.

Vice Mayor Croft, noting the City Council's commitment to making improvements in that part of the City, stated he would support a 90-day or other time-certain limit to collect the additional easements and that if they were not obtained, to proceed with the scaled down project.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED TO TABLE THE MATTER FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION FAILED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran and DuBois

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and Rogers

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

Council Member Van Nostran stated there would be no incentive for the hold-out property owners to grant easements if the project were to proceed either way.

3.3 • BLOOMFIELD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT - Continued

Vice Mayor Croft stated that the residents on Bloomfield had been waiting almost nine years for the project and he would favor splitting, rather than abandoning the project.

Mayor DuBois proposed continuing the matter to the next regular meeting when there would be a full Council present.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE MATTER TO THE APRIL 24, 2007 REGULAR MEETING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

3.4 • SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON STREET LIGHT UPGRADE PROJECT

Ben Harvey, Region Manager for Southern California Edison, displayed slides and outlined Edison's plans to replace about 800 deteriorating steel street light poles with new concrete poles. At the City's discretion, lamp wattage could be increased, although it would impact the electrical cost charged to the City to operate the street lights.

Vice Mayor Croft asked how the program would benefit the impacted residents. Mr. Harvey responded by stating the most significant benefit would be improved safety as the old, steel poles could be subject to failure, but that new poles would also look better and provide brighter lighting.

The Director of Public Works remarked that previously when the City had upgraded all of the City-owned street lights, the affected residents had been very pleased with the changes. She noted that So. Cal. Edison had been contacted at that time about upgrading their light poles, but they had not been interested at that time. She stated that City Light and Power, who managed the City-owned light poles, could be called upon to consult on determining areas where increased wattage was warranted.

Council Member Van Nostran stated that with the mature trees in much of the City, it would make sense to increase the wattage. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that reviewing the area tree canopy would be included as part of the process.

COUNCIL MEMER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

3.5 • PARKING CONTROL VEHICLES PURCHASE

Assistant City Manager Michael Stover made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that as part of the previously approved Enhanced Parking Enforcement Program Operations Plan and budget, the City Council had authorized the acquisition of four vehicles for the parking enforcement program. As part of the State of California's CMAS program, the City would be able to acquire the vehicles at the CMAS price without the requirement of an additional bid process. He noted that since the specified vehicles were natural gas powered, there were grant funds available through the Air Quality Management District and no General Fund monies would be needed for the purchase. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of four 2007 Honda Civic GX vehicles, with necessary lighting and hardware, from Pacific Honda for a total of \$110,332.36.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran, Croft, Rogers and DuBois
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Esquivel

At 8:57 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:58 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk