



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
May 8, 2007

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend John Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Steve Croft

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor DuBois expressed her gratitude to Council Member Rogers and Council Member Van Nostran as well as to members of the community for participating in the recent community meetings. She reviewed the participation guidelines for tonight's meeting and announced that the City Attorney would outline the scope of the Council's deliberations and would focus attention on the issues that require City Council action.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 24, 2007

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-13; 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, 2007

RI-5 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with City of Cerritos for Fingerprint Identification Specialists

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-6 Approval of Emergency Replacement - Bloomfield Park HVAC Equipment

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Legislation*

RI-7 Approval of Expenditure for Government Relations and Advocacy Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Mayor DuBois announced that Item 1.2 would be moved forward to this point in the meeting.

1.2 • OFF-STREET PARKING AND STORAGE OF MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AND SEMI-TRAILERS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that this was a noticed public hearing item but as a result of discussions with the Ad Hoc Committee, the Council would receive recommendations to not proceed with the ordinance as presented and to take a different course of action, therefore, the holding of a public hearing on the proposed ordinance would be moot.

Council Member Rogers reported that on May 3rd, he and Council Member Van Nostran, as members of the Ad Hoc Committee, had the opportunity to meet with many of the residents regarding the onsite storage or private property parking of RVs and trailers. He stated that based upon the many presentations and almost three hours of testimony which included thoughtful comments and sound suggestions, they felt it would be hasty to move forward with the recommendations of the Planning and Environment Commission. He concluded that the Ad Hoc Committee would continue to work with and receive substantial input from members of the community, make some modifications promoting fairness to all concerned and bring those recommendations back to the City Council.

Council Member Van Nostran stated he was impressed with the demeanor of the people who attended the meeting on Thursday night and expressed his interest in resolving the issues raised as well as maintaining the quality of life to make it even better than it has been in the past.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO TABLE THE ITEM, TO ASK THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE COUNCIL DIRECTION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL MODIFICATION OR SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE CURRENT ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO OFF-STREET PARKING AND TO MAKE DIRECT NOTIFICATIONS TO THOSE WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST ON THE ISSUE REGARDING WHEN THE ITEM WAS BROUGHT BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

1.2 • OFF-STREET PARKING AND STORAGE OF MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AND SEMI-TRAILERS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES - Continued
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

The City Attorney clarified that since the item was now tabled, those who signed in to address the Council would be speaking on an item that was no longer before the City Council. He added that when the matter did come back for consideration, it would not be in the same form as presented. Mr. Skolnik advised that the item had not been continued to a date certain but that there would be a noticed public hearing which would be published as well as sent specifically to those requesting such notice. He also noted that although as a tabled item it could come back at any time, due to the amount of work involved with the issues raised, the item would not be brought back right away.

Mr. Skolnik responded to Vice Mayor Croft's inquiry by stating that those who signed in tonight would be given notice automatically when the item came back at a subsequent meeting and anyone else who wished to receive notice could sign up now.

Responding to questions from Scott Schroyer, Mayor DuBois and Council Member Rogers reiterated that the Council were all very aware of the community's concerns about adequate notice and maintained that those on all sides of the issue would be part of the process with the Ad Hoc Committee.

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At 7:50 p.m., Mayor DuBois called for a brief recess. At 7:56 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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1.1 • PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR 11124 E. DEL AMO BOULEVARD

[Tabled April 24, 2007]

The City Attorney reported that a public hearing had previously been conducted and closed on this item. Since then, a meeting had been held where more public comment had been provided so what was before the Council tonight was the decision on the precise plan that had been tabled at the last meeting.

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves stated that at the direction of the City Council, staff had met with the group of neighbors residing in the housing tract adjacent to the proposed Lakewood Estates at Gordon Ranch project on May 5th at Bloomfield Park to review background, history and permitted uses on the site as well as to answer questions regarding the wall, grading and drainage issues.

1.1 • PRECISE PLAN FOR 11124 E. DEL AMO BLVD. - Continued

Andy Norag, Senior Civil Engineer for the Land Development Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), explained that in providing engineering services for City, he had reviewed hydrology of the subdivision, the grading plan, and street improvement plans for project. He stated that one of the requirements was to make sure that the subdivision did not alter the drainage pattern noting that he and the consulting engineer for the project, Wes Lind, who conducted a hydrologic analysis, concurred that the street capacity downstream had the capacity to accommodate the additional discharge.

Council Member Rogers thanked the staff and the people who, with Council Member Van Nostran, attended the meeting. He expressed concern that the project would add to the pre-existing flooding conditions in the area of Hornet Place and Stillman Street and that despite the engineer's assertion that it was still within capacity, it did not eliminate the concern that a drainage issue existed. He suggested staff be directed to initiate a study to determine the drainage situation and any mitigations that could be undertaken to deal with it.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-8 INCORPORATING THE PRECISE PLAN INTO THE PD-SF (SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNIT PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONING FOR THAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11124 DEL AMO BOULEVARD, DESIGNATED ADOPTION OF PRECISE PLAN FOR ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 110

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2007-2. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

The Director of Community Development gave a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the City had received over \$20 million through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) over the past thirty-four years. He outlined the proposed activities as described in the Action Plan for fiscal year 2007-08, which provided for Public Facilities and Improvements, Community Conservation, and Public Services noting that eighty percent (80%) of the \$751,951 in funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. He concluded by stating that staff recommended the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Action Plan and following the public hearing, approve the FY 2007-08 Action Plan and authorize the City Manager to submit the CDBG funding application along with the required CDBG certifications to HUD by May 15, 2007.

1.3 • APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 - Continued

Mayor DuBois 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 VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.4 • PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR SALE OF FIREWORKS

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin gave a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda reporting that 28 organizations had complied with all the necessary requirements for filing applications for permits to sell safe-and-sane fireworks. She stated that at its meeting on April 24, 2007, the Public Safety Committee reviewed the applications for fireworks stands permits and it was recommended that the City Council approve the issuance of permits for temporary fireworks stands to the 28 organizations.

Responding to Council Member Esquivel's inquiry, Council Member Van Nostran stated that no organizations had been denied application.

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 8:12 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 COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • BLOOMFIELD AVENUE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT

[Continued from April 24, 2007]

Lisa A. Rapp, Director of Public Works, gave a brief presentation on the history and status of the project based on the memo in the agenda and explained that the Bloomfield undergrounding project had lagged far behind schedule and that the paving project had been delayed as a result. The delays were directly related to the acquisition of the necessary easements from adjacent property owners and the final six easements could not be obtained and five of the six were clustered in the northerly one-fourth of the project area. She stated that on May 3rd, staff had met with Southern California Edison (SCE) executives and

3.1 • BLOOMFIELD AVENUE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT - Continued engineers, who provided a proposed schedule that would allow for the paving of Bloomfield Avenue during summer of 2008. She added that a letter from SCE Regional Vice President Steve Sullivan detailed their commitment to provide monthly status reports, proceed immediately with the revision of the plans and encourage a rapid response from other utilities that must participate in the project. She stated it was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve SCE's request for a reduction in the length of the project to eliminate the northerly segment and adopt the resolution amending Resolution No. 99-18 and setting forth revised Underground Utility District No. 13 boundaries and completion dates for the project.

Ms. Rapp responded to Council Member Van Nostran's inquiry regarding working around the resident who still had not signed by stating that one pole would be set at the block wall fence and another set out just at the curb to handle that particular line.

Responding to a question from Council Member Esquivel, Ms. Rapp stated that numerous and extensive attempts at contact had been made to obtain the necessary easements.

Ben Harvey, SCE representative, responding to Council Member Rogers' concerns regarding assurances that the project would remain a priority for SCE, explained that they were committed to the monthly status meetings with the City so they would be in constant communication about this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-18 PERTAINING TO THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NUMBER 13

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • PURCHASE OF TABLES FOR PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

The Director of Administrative Services gave a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda and explained that the tables at the City's parks and community centers had not been replaced since 1996 and that due to the extensive use of the tables for facility rentals and contract classes, the existing tables were worn and some no longer usable. She concluded by stating it was recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of 95 tables and two carts from manufacturer and sole source, Mity-Lite, Inc., at the proposed contract price of \$20,131.66.

3.2 • PURCHASE OF TABLES FOR PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS - Continued

In response to Council Member Van Nostran's inquiry about whether the existing tables could be repaired or sold, Vice Mayor Croft explained that after having participated in Volunteer Day activities and seeing the local girl scout troops trying to clean the tables, it was evident they were beyond their useful life and it was time for new ones.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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At 8:21 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:22 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry, CMC
Deputy City Clerk