



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 9, 2007

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. Fardad Mogharabi, Lakewood Bahá'í Community

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:

Council Member Van Nostran stated the media had reported a recent controversy over an arrest contest at the Lakewood Sheriff's Station. Statements had been made by both Station Commander, Captain Dave Fender, and Sheriff Lee Baca. The County of Los Angeles Public Defender's Office had announced that they would review each arrest on the day of the contest to ensure they were justified. He noted that all arrests were evaluated by a shift supervisor and a judge prior to the arraignment of any suspect. He advised that the City Council's Public Safety Committee had also requested a comprehensive report from Captain Fender regarding the results of the Sheriff's Department's internal review and Public Defender's review of the matter. He stated that he did not want this incident to distract our law enforcement professionals from proactively enforcing the law and protecting the community. He further stated that the City Council had confidence in Sheriff Baca and Captain Fender and wanted to ensure that the community had the highest level of confidence in the service provided by the Lakewood Sheriff's Station. He concluded by stating that the City Council would continued to consider public safety as the number one priority for the community.

Mayor DuBois announced that she had come from the college fair being sponsored by the Recreation and Community Services Department, where colleges from across the country were invited to attend so that Lakewood area students would have the opportunity to explore college options. She commended Ms. Litzinger and the RCS Department staff for putting on such a great event for Lakewood students.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER ESQUIVEL MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held September 25, 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-56; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING BAIL AMOUNTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-57; RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANTS FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (Proposition 50)

RI-7 Approval of Lease of Water Rights from City of Norwalk

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REAFFIRMING THE STANDING COMMITTEES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND CREATING RULES THEREFOR

Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 05-10B, Weingart Senior Center HVAC Improvements, Process Cooling & Heating

Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 06-12, Palms Park Community Center Roof Replacement, Commercial Roofing Systems, Inc.

Approval of Contract with GRC Associates for Preparation of Housing Element of the General Plan

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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3.1 • SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Senior Management Analyst Konya Vivanti displayed slides and made a brief presentation to the City Council regarding the proposed Sewer System Management Plan Development Schedule. She advised that regulations had been adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board which would require the City to implement a monitoring and report program for Waste Discharge Requirements. She reviewed the tasks included within the schedule, noting that they were based on population, and also noted the close collaboration with the County of Los Angeles Sewer Maintenance Division and Sanitation Districts that would be necessary to complete the scheduled tasks. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the implementation schedule for the development of a Sewer System Management Plan.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Croft, Public Works Director Lisa Rapp stated that the time line was deliberately extended to allow sufficient time for all of the participating agencies to coordinate their efforts.

Council Member Esquivel inquired if there had been any serious overflow problems in Lakewood. Ms. Rapp stated that no major incidents had been experienced, only very minor issues.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • MASTER TREE LIST AND TREE PLANTING PLAN UPDATE

The Director of Public Works displayed slides and made a brief presentation on an update to the Master Tree List and Tree Planting Plan. She reported that since the last revisions in 1990, the City's tree contractor, West Coast Arborists, had compiled a database containing a complete inventory and all tree data. She advised that there were four proposed changes in the tree species contained in the Master Tree List, replacing existing species with trees similar in appearance that would be less hardscape aggressive, more resistant to disease and insects, have less seed, fruit and root issues, and be more readily available commercially. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the updated Master Tree List and Tree Planting Plan as presented.

Responding to a question from Council Member Esquivel, Ms. Rapp stated that the flowering Jacaranda trees were a good fit within City parkways and would remain part of the Master List. She also clarified that the reasons new trees were not planted immediately after a tree was removed included waiting for the soil to settle and extremes in weather. She noted that on occasion, replacement trees specified for a particular block could be temporarily unavailable and that it was more cost effective for staff to develop a planting list and contract to have a large number planting at one time than on an individual basis.

3.2 • MASTER TREE LIST AND TREE PLANTING PLAN UPDATE - Continued

Vice Mayor Croft asked about residents who may have previously refused a new tree that would now be open to a different species. Tree Lead Worker Brian White advised that tree planting was performed on a circuit basis and that once the entire City had been covered, the circuit would begin again and residents would have another chance to have a new tree planted.

Ms. Rapp advised that with computerized records of locations where a new tree had been refused, it could be compared with a list of blocks where new species were being specified.

In response to a question from Council Member Rogers, Ms. Rapp stated that there were certain species used in parkway panels maintained by the City that were considered too delicate, due to special maintenance considerations, to be used in residential parkways.

Mayor DuBois determined from staff that protective devices, such as the guards around the trunk of young trees, were monitored and removed by City staff when a tree was sufficiently mature.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT THE UPDATED MASTER TREE LIST AND TREE PLANTING PLAN. 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 8:07 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:08 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 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk