



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
May 26, 2009

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Reverend Charles Atherton, Life Center Assembly of God

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Diane DuBois

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Rogers announced that a reception had been held prior to the meeting acknowledging the 60th anniversary of the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce; honored senior volunteer of the year, Margaret Williams; recognized the service milestones of Lakewood Youth Sports volunteer coaches; honored Water Awareness Month poster contest winners; and recognized the recipients of Scouting awards.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Mayor Rogers stated that he would recuse himself from consideration of Routine Item 5.

**COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 AND 6 THROUGH 8.**

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held May 12, 2009
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234
- RI-6 Approval of Architectural Design Services for City Hall Data Center Upgrade Project
- RI-7 Approval of Agreement for Geotechnical Services for Demolition on Scattered Lot Program Properties

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

RI-8 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-5 Approval of Extension of Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for Law Enforcement Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

**1.1 • PURCHASING BID 08-09, DELL OPTIPLEX 760 DESKTOP COMPUTERS**

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin gave a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated three bid packages had been provided and one bid received for the purchase of 95 desktop computers to replace old units beginning to malfunction. She noted that while only one formal bid had been received, the Purchasing Officer had obtained an e-quote from Dell Marketing for a higher per unit price. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of 95 Dell Optiplex 760 desktop computers from En Pointe Technologies at the contract price of \$91,607.55.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Ms. Perkin stated that although there were a total of 130 computers that would need to be replaced in the near future, the proposed 90 units was the maximum that could be stored on site for set up and utilization.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

## **1.2 • AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2008-09 ACTION PLAN**

Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, supplemental funding had been made available through the Community Development Block Grant program. According to the current CDBG grant formula, the City would receive an additional appropriation of \$194,777 and was encouraged to utilize the funds for projects that could be implemented quickly to create or retain jobs and stimulate the economy. He reported that there were two appropriate projects ready for funding, one at the Burns Community Center and another at the Weingart Senior Center. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2008-09 Action Plan and, following the public hearing, approve the Amendment and authorize the City Manager to submit the CDBG-R funding application along with the required CDBG certifications to HUD no later than June 5, 2009.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:46 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 ESQUIVEL SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

## **3.1 • SUMMER CONCERT SERIES PREVIEW**

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and gave a presentation on the upcoming Summer Concert in the Park Series. She reported that concerts were popular events, with each concert attended by 1,000 to 1,500 residents and that the City was able to continue offering the concerts thanks to sponsorships from several local businesses and contributions from concert patrons. She reviewed the lineup of bands, noting that the concert series, as well as all summer programs, would have a predominantly western theme.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Esquivel, Ms. Litzinger stated that the band scheduled to play for the Civic Center Block Party was a country western band and that line dancing would be offered.

Mayor Rogers noted that the help of sponsors was much appreciated in order to be able to continue to offer this fun event for free.

**3.2 • WATER CONSERVATION STATUS REPORT**

Water Resources Director Jim Glancy displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He stated that Lakewood residents continued to voluntarily reduce their consumption of water by about ten percent. He noted, however, that it was the third driest year in California history, and that many agencies, including the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) would be implementing mandatory conservation measures. He suggested a number of water saving measures residents could utilize, especially for outdoor landscaping which accounted for about 50 percent of residential water use.

Council Member Croft noted that it was important to be a good neighbor and note problems with sprinkler systems, as most people appreciated an opportunity to save water.

Responding to a question from Council Member Van Nostran, Mr. Glancy stated that Water Resources Department staff was happy to assist residents in identifying the cause of a high water billing and was also available to conduct water audits upon request.

In response to a question from Mayor Rogers, Mr. Glancy stated MWD had recently announced that they would be freezing all of their assistance and rebate programs for water saving devices.

At 8:03 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:04 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

At 8:04 p.m., Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code §54956.9 in one case. Mayor Rogers stated that as he had a conflict on this issue, he would recuse himself from this session and turn the chair over to Vice Mayor Esquivel.

At 8:17 p.m., the City Council reconvened.

**COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH DAPEER, ROSENBLIT AND LITVAK REGARDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT LIABILITY TRUST FUND DISPUTE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY.**

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**CLOSED SESSION:** Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Vice Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk