



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
July 27, 2010

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MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Esquivel in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. Bill Cox, Emmanuel Church of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Todd Rogers

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Esquivel announced that the meeting would be adjourned in the memory of two long-time Lakewood residents, Seymour Kull and Rosalinda Manno.

#### ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 22, and July 13, 2010
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Designation of Voting Delegate for League Annual Conference
- RI-5 Approval of Street Closure for Block Party Purposes on the 5800 Block of Hersholt Avenue
- RI-6 Approval of Renewal of License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company for Candleverde Park
- RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-40; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY FOR THE USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM

**ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued**

- RI-8 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for the Development of Coordinated Implementation Plan for L.A. River and Tributaries Metals Maximum Total Daily Load
  
- RI-9 Ratification of Change Order and Approval of Reduction of Retention for Public Works Project No. 09-9, Re-Roofing Improvements
  
- RI-10 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions
  
- RI-11 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
  
- RI-12 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-41; 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
  
- RI-13 Approval of Renewal of Agreement for Disaster Recovery Network Backup
  
- RI-14 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-42; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF ADENMOOR AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-43; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE EAST SIDE OF RADNOR AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

**1.1 • REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin presented a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated 471 notices had been mailed to property owners with delinquent charges pending for garbage, waste and refuse collection. She advised that although, as of the close of business this day, 277 accounts remained delinquent, payments would be accepted until July 31st. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution confirming the report of delinquent fees.

**1.1 • REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSECOLLECTION AND DISPOSAL - Continued**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-44; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAY 31, 2010

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:44 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 DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2010-44. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

**1.2 • WATER RESOURCES PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS COMPLIANCE REPORT 2007-2009**

Director of Water Resources, James Glancy, presented a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated public water systems were required by State law to prepare a report on their water quality in relationship to the State's public health goals (PHG) and to the Environmental Protection Agency's maximum contaminant level goals (MCLG). He reported that of the 180 constituents analyzed, the only element in Lakewood's water system that exceeded the goals was arsenic, a naturally occurring element in both the ground and in the human body. He noted that while the levels in the Lakewood system were well below the maximum contaminant level set by the Federal government, they exceeded the State and Federal goal numbers. He noted, however, that the State goal level was 500 times less than could be detected or measured by current technology and the Federal goal was zero. He stated that the levels recommended by the PHG and MCLG were a "zero risk" standard that was used to balance system improvements with available technology and estimated cost. It was the recommendation of the Water Committee that the City Council hold a public hearing and then accept the Public Health Goals Compliance Report 2007-2009 as presented.

Mayor Esquivel 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 DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS COMPLIANCE REPORT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

### 1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 09-6, TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated eight bids had been received for a project to modify traffic signals at seven intersections across the City. The affected intersections included: Norwalk Boulevard and Centralia Street; Pioneer Boulevard and Centralia Street; Woodruff Avenue and Allington Street; Paramount Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard; Paramount Boulevard and Candlewood Street; Pioneer Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard; and Woodruff Avenue and Centralia Street. She advised that funding for this work was provided through Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, with a ten percent fund match utilizing Proposition C funds. She concluded by stating that the work was scheduled to begin in November and be fully completed in February 2011. 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, California Professional Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$519,023; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, not to exceed \$83,000.

Council Member Croft inquired if data would be available for a comparison of traffic accidents both current and following installation of the improvements, so that the City Council could see the actual impacts of the improvements. Ms. Rapp stated that data collected for the citywide traffic inventory would provide a basis for such a report.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:53 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 DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

### 3.1 • PURCHASE OF MEDIA DIVISION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

The Director of Administrative Services made a presentation based on the reports in the agenda and stated there were several upgrade purchases needed for equipment utilized by the CityTV video production unit. After 11 years of 24-hour a day service, the video program storage system for cablecasting was in need of replacement. The sole source vendor was identified as SeaChange International at a cost of \$48,000. Also, two quotes were received for drives to provide additional capacity for the video editing system storage network and a hush box enclosure. The most favorable quote was received from Media Distributors, at a cost of \$26,573.29, and included a promotional discount allowing for the purchase of a 16 terabyte drive for the same cost as an 8 terabyte drive. Finally, a software upgrade was necessary for the digital video editing system to replace an obsolete database platform that was no longer supported by the manufacturer with SQL based software. Avid Technology,

### 3.1 • PURCHASE OF MEDIA DIVISION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES - Continued

Inc., the sole source vendor of the Sundance digital video editing system, would provide the software upgrade at a purchase cost of \$17,475. She noted that since the proposed upgrades were newer versions of existing systems, data transfer would be simplified and there would be minimal loss of productivity during the upgrade process. She concluded by stating that each of these purchases would be funded through Time Warner and Verizon PEG funds for community television equipment. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council authorize the purchase of technology upgrades for the City's media division.

Council Member DuBois inquired about the sole source nature of the purchases. Ms. Perkin replied by stating that due to the integrated nature of the equipment, it was more cost effective to replace or upgrade individual components, as the alternative was to replace the entire system.

Council Member Croft commended staff for keeping costs as low as possible and stated that the work of the CityTV video production unit had been recognized with many awards and that it was a valuable asset to the community.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Van Nostran

### 3.2 • ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR REFUSE COLLECTION WITH EDCO WASTE SERVICES

The Director of Public Works presented a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the Environmental Management Committee had met to consider an amendment to the agreement with EDCO Waste Services for refuse collection. She presented the two proposed modifications, a minimum commitment for an extra refuse cart, and an extraordinary refuse collection charge. She reported that since contracting for an extra refuse cart required an extra delivery, pickup and billing changes, the Committee was recommending three months as a minimum commitment for an extra refuse cart. As an alternative for residents in need of a one-time special collection, a special service was proposed which would provide for the pickup of up to ten plastic trash bags for a fee of \$20. It was the recommendation of the Environmental Management Committee that the City Council approve an amendment to the agreement with EDCO Waste Services.

Council Member Croft noted that the Committee had felt that the initial proposal of a six month commitment was too long for residents who may have just over-estimated their need for an additional cart, and that the special collection provided options and flexibility.

**3.2 • AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH EDCO WASTE SERVICES** - Continued  
Council Member DuBois inquired if the proposed changes would have any impact on the bulky item collection program. Ms. Rapp responded by stating that the Dial-A-Dump program, which allowed residents to have bulky items picked up at their residence up to six times per year at no charge would remain unchanged.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

At 8:05 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:07 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

June Jackson addressed the City Council regarding alleged harassment by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and law enforcement helicopters.

Carl Scofield presented the City Council with a petition signed by persons interested in a dog park in the City of Lakewood.

Council Member Rogers stated that he wanted to go on record that the City Council supported the addition of a dog park to Lakewood's Recreation system, however, the issues of cost and availability of land and the funding to establish such a park remained to be resolved.

Gerry Heinzl introduced himself as the new Assistant Fire Chief assigned to Lakewood.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Seymour Kull and Rosalinda Manno.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk