



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
May 27, 2014

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

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. John C. Bonner, Chaplain Emeritus to the City Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop 140

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood
Council Member Ron Piazza

ABSENT: Council Member Steve Croft (excused)
Council Member Diane DuBois (excused)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Karolina Mora, a young woman who grew up in Lakewood and died in a recent car accident. The meeting would also be adjourned in the memory of the U.C. Santa Barbara students murdered in Isla Vista.

Mollie Wilson, a Lakewood resident and student from St. Joseph High School, addressed the City Council regarding her participation in the Young Senators Program established by State Senator Ricardo Lara, representing the 33rd Senate District. She briefly outlined the sessions she had attended as part of the program to experience and be informed about the major industries of the State of California.

Public Information Officer Bill Grady displayed slides and made a presentation regarding the Memorial Day ceremonies held at Del Valle Park. He also presented the design concept for the new Veterans' Memorial Plaza, to be constructed and completed by Memorial Day, 2015.

Council Member Piazza remarked on the terrific job done by the staff to recognize Lakewood's veterans and those lost in war time. He noted that many residents had expressed their pride at being part of the event and residents of the City.

Vice Mayor Wood stated that the reading of the poem, "The Boys of Del Valle Park," had been both moving and emotional.

Mayor Rogers stated that although he had attended the annual event many times, with the theft of the original metal plaque for the poem, and the City's recent designation as, "the most boring city in California," it was the perfect timing for the unveiling of the proposed new memorial. He stated that he saw more bonding among the residents in attendance and a re-igniting of a sense of community pride.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Continued

Council Member Piazza stated that the new memorial would be the perfect illustration of “Times Change, Values Don’t.”

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held May 13, 2014
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF ALBURTIS AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
- RI-5 Approval of Reappointment to the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board of Directors
- RI-6 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Coordinated Compliance Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors
- RI-7 Approval of Request to Change Operational Setting on Emergency Interconnection with Golden State Water Company
- RI-8 Approval of Proposal for Design Services with Meyer & Associates for the Del Valle Memorial Plaza Project
- RI-9 Approval of Agreement with Merchants Building Maintenance for Custodial Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

1.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2014-5; GRANTING A PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L.P.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that at the April 22nd meeting, a resolution had been adopted setting a public hearing on the proposed franchise ordinance, which had also been introduced at that meeting. The ordinance was presented for public hearing and adoption at this time.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT AND USE AN OIL PIPELINE TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L.P. was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2014-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

1.2 • ORDINANCE NO. 2014-6; GRANTING A PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO TESORO SOCIAL PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC

The City Attorney stated that the proposed ordinance was identical in nature to the ordinance just adopted and was also presented for public hearing, second reading and adoption.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

1.2 • ORDINANCE NO. 2014-6; GRANTING A PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO TESORO SOCIAL PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC - Continued

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-6; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT AND USE AN OIL PIPELINE TO TESORO SOCIAL PIPELINE COMPANY LLC was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2014-6. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

1.3 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 02-14, TWO C2500 AND ONE C1500 CHEVROLET SILVERADO TRUCS

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She reported that three bids had been received for the replacement of three utility trucks for use by the Water Resources Department. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing and authorize the purchase of three utility trucks from George Chevrolet of Bellflower in the amount of \$100,883.92.

Council Member Piazza confirmed with Ms. Perkin that the old vehicles would be going to auction.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF UTILITY TRUCKS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

1.4 • RATES FOR SPECIAL BIN SERVICES

The Director of Administrative Services made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that in accordance with the refuse collection contract, the rates for commercial services were to be adjusted annually based on the April-to-April CPI. She noted that the resolution established the maximum rate for bin and special refuse collection service. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution for special bin service rates.

1.4 • RATES FOR SPECIAL BIN SERVICES - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADJUSTING THE MAXIMUM FEES OR CHARGES FOR BIN AND SPECIAL REFUSE SERVICE

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

1.5 • PURCHASE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SURFACING FOR SAN MARTIN PARK

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation on the proposed playground improvements for San Martin Park. She reported that the school-age playground would be completely removed and any of the equipment that could be recycled would be donated to Kids Around the World. She reviewed the concept for the new playground, which would continue the existing storybook theme, with a new pumpkin coach and castle. She stated that the new equipment would be completely accessible, even to children in wheelchairs. She concluded by noting that the entry plaza area where the statue was located would also be redesigned.

Based on the report in the agenda, the Director of Administrative Services advised that since Lakewood was a member of the National Joint Powers Alliance, the play equipment was available through a cooperative, or piggy-back purchase, based on the lowest price offered.

Mayor Rogers 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.

Sam O'Neil, Lakewood, expressed the need for additional shade for parents.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

1.5 • PURCHASE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SURFACING FOR SAN MARTIN PARK – Continued

Vice Mayor Wood stated that several generations of Lakewood children had enjoyed the existing playground and that the new equipment would not only enhance the play area by creating additional accessibility, but would remain true to the original playground theme going forward, creating good memories for future generations.

Council Member Piazza congratulated the Park Development Committee for the great design.

Mayor Rogers stated that although it had been a struggle to bring the playground up to new standards, while maintaining the character of the park, he was excited about the project.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING DEMOLITION, INSTALLATION AND SURFACING FOR SAN MARTIN PARK. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

3.1 • FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF DEL AMO AND LAKEWOOD BOULEVARDS

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that a grant of Measure R funds for intersection improvements was available through the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The intersection of Del Amo and Lakewood Boulevards had been identified as a congestion location eligible for improvements. The proposed project would widen the west side of Lakewood Boulevard across the drainage channel south of Del Amo Boulevard, add a left-turn lane in each direction and modify the traffic signals. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve a funding agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for \$3,320,000 in improvements to the intersection of Del Amo and Lakewood Boulevards, and authorize staff to execute a proposal from Willdan for project approval and environmental documentation services in the amount of \$149,915.

Responding to a question from Mayor Rogers, Ms. Rapp stated that there would be an additional left-turn lane on each of the four sides of the intersection.

Vice Mayor Wood determined from Ms. Rapp that the project schedule would include consideration of holiday traffic around the Lakewood Center Mall.

3.1 • FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE MTA FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF DEL AMO AND LAKEWOOD BOULEVARDS - Continued
VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION.

Council Member Piazza stated that he would abstain from voting on this item as he was an owner of a business located at this intersection.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piazza

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

3.2 • PREVIEW OF 2014 SUMMER PROGRAMS AND SUMMER CATALOG

The Director of Recreation and Community Services displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that the Summer Recreation Catalog had just been mailed out to Lakewood residents, offering hundreds of programs and events. She briefly reviewed some of the offerings such as: over 650 contract classes for adults and youth; Lakewood Youth Sports, with t-ball, baseball and softball teams; Aquatics programs at both Mayfair and McCormick Pools and wading pools at each local park; the Finally It's Friday events for families; the annual Civic Center Block Party on June 28th; and the Summer Concerts in the Park, with a special line-up recognizing Lakewood's 60th Anniversary through bands presenting music from each of the past six decades.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Wood, Ms. Litzinger stated that attendance at the Concerts in the Park generally ranged between 2,000 and 2,500.

MAYOR ROGERS STATED THAT THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE ITEM WAS ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft and DuBois

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Govt. Code §54957.6

Designated Representative: City Manager Howard Chambers

Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

Instructions were given to the City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Karolina Mora and the victims of the Isla Vista murders.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk