



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 14, 2010

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

INVOCATION was offered by Associate Pastor Eric Atherton, Life Center Assembly of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Larry Van Nostran

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Esquivel advised that City Manager Howard Chambers had announced his plans to retire at the end of the year. The Mayor thanked him for his strong leadership of the City staff, acknowledging his part in the development of a City with sound finances, safe streets, and award-winning parks. He noted that although the transition ahead would not be simple, the City Council had confidence in the management team.

Vice Mayor Van Nostran stated he remembered Howard's early days with the City and how well he had grown into the job. He noted his deep involvement with the community and the extra time he devoted to civic events. He commended him for developing a staff that was second to none.

Council Member DuBois stated that having grown up in town, Howard was an original product of Lakewood, who put into place systems, such as a standard for outstanding customer service and concern for residents that would continue going forward.

Council Member Croft stated that many had benefitted from Howard's great leadership and wise counsel and that his legacy was evident, stamped upon every part of the community. He noted that due to conservative, fiscal responsibility, even in very poor economic times, Lakewood continued to do well.

Council Member Rogers stated that although it was a happy time to celebrate Howard's long career with Lakewood, it marked the end of an era. He stated that he wished to assure the community and the staff that the City Council would make every effort to select a successor that would honor the traditions that have made Lakewood what it is today.

Council Member Croft announced that Mayor Esquivel and his wife Pat had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held August 24, 2010

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-55; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ORDERING THE COSTS OF ABATEMENT TO BE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIEN AGAINST THE PARCEL OF LAND COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5938 CLARK AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

RI-5 Approval of Change Orders for Public Works Project No. 09-5, Demolition for Scattered Lot Acquisition Program

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 09-4, STREET RESURFACING IN CENTRALIA STREET

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She noted that since the year 2000, 95 percent of Lakewood's 196 miles of streets and alleys had been resurfaced. She reported that the City had received funding for street projects through the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and that following the completion of work on South Street and on Bloomfield Avenue, not all funds had been expended. The proposed project for street resurfacing in Centralia Street was qualified for use of the remaining funds, with the balance of the project funds coming from Federal STPL, Proposition C and Measure R funds. She stated that nine bids had been received for the Centralia Pavement Rehab project, which was scheduled to begin in early October and be completed early in December. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details for Public Works Project No. 09-04; award a contract to the low bidder, R.J. Noble Company, in the amount of \$927,454; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of contract change orders, as needed, not to exceed \$100,000; authorize staff to approve a proposal from Willdan to provide construction management for the project in the amount of \$129,500; and authorize the use of \$100,000 in Measure R funds, subject to approval by the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 09-4, STREET RESURFACING IN CENTRALIA STREET - Continued

Council Member Croft commended staff for getting the most out of the funding available and for the ability to get in, get the work completed, and get back out quickly.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Van Nostran, Ms. Rapp stated they were extremely happy with the performance of the rubberized asphalt and would continue to use the product in street resurfacing.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING BUSINESS FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES

Assistant City Manager Lisa Novotny displayed a video and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) was proposing that cities adopt Business Friendly Principles to show elected officials in Sacramento that cities were committed to working together to eliminate impediments to economic growth in Southern California. She reported that having been nominated in 2009 by the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation as a business friendly city, Lakewood's philosophy aligned well with the SCAG objectives. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution supporting Business Friendly Principles.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-56; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING BUSINESS FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2010-56. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

At 8:02 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.

3.1 • REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING RELOCATION PLAN FOR 11645 AND 11647 207TH STREET

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell reported that the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency had considered and approved a Relocation Plan for housing located at 11645 and 11647 E. 207th Street, a property acquired by the Agency through Housing Set Aside Funds. It was the recommendation of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution approving the proposed relocation plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-57; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING A RELOCATION PLAN FOR RESIDENTS OF 11645 AND 11647 E. 207TH STREET, LAKEWOOD

VICE MAYOR VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2010-57. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Carlos Armendariz.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk