

Minutes Lakewood City Council Regular Meeting held February 14, 2012

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by Reverend George Fessler, Life Center Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Diane DuBois

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Van Nostran announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Steve Baze, a detective with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, who had recently lost his battle with cancer.

Council Member Rogers stated that he marveled at Detective Baze's positive outlook whether at work or during treatment. He expressed sadness at the loss and stated that Baze's wife, Dana, should be honored for everything she did for her husband.

Captain Merrill Ladenheim, Sheriff's Station Commander, stated that on behalf of the LASD, he wished to thank the City Council, City staff as well as the community for their outpouring of support for Detective Baze.

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#### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Mayor Van Nostran stated that Routine Item 4 would be considered separately.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 AND 5 THROUGH 8.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held January 24, 2012
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

## **ROUTINE ITEMS:** Continued

- RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION
- RI-6 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions
- RI-7 Approval of Proposition A Fund Exchange and Assignment Agreement
- RI-8 Approval of Agreement for Employment of City Manager

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

RI-4 Approval of Water Rights Exchange Agreement with City of Compton

City Attorney Steve Skolnik stated that subsequent to the preparation of the agenda, Water Resources Director Jim Glancy learned that the City of Compton had approved the water rights exchange via a resolution rather than as an agreement and that they had asked that the City take similar action.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 1,400 ACRE-FEET OF WATER RIGHTS FROM THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO THE COMPTON MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, AT NO CHARGE, IN EXCHANGE FOR RETURNING 700 ACRE-FEET OF THOSE WATER RIGHTS TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD IN JULY 2012 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2012-7. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

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2.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1; HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

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ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIED PROGRAMS CONTAINED IN THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND CLARIFYING GUEST QUARTERS was read by title by Mayor Van Nostran.

**2.1 • ORD. NO. 2012-1; HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION -** Continued COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

# 3.1 • WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM UPDATE

The Director of Water Resources displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda providing an update to the Water Conservation Rebate Program which had its kickoff in May 2011 and had been designed to help people interested in upgrading their yard irrigation and other systems on a voluntary basis. He reported that the State mandated that there be a twenty percent reduction in per capita water use by 2020 with an interim goal of ten percent reduction by 2012 noting that water agencies failing to meet the twenty percent reduction would be ineligible for State managed loans and grants. Stating that previous conservation efforts had focused on indoor use such as low flow shower heads, low flow toilets and water efficient washers, Mr. Glancy explained that the recommended changes focused on outdoor usage, where for most families, sixty to seventy percent of water use had been found. The current program, which was on a voluntary basis included water saving devices, turf removal, and rebates up to \$195 per home. He identified the Water Resource Committee's proposed changes such as updating the device list to include drip line irrigation; additional moisture sensors; allowing for multiple rebate submittals; increasing the maximum turf removal area to eight hundred square feet; increasing the project construction timeline to six months; allowing project extensions; and public outreach plans. He concluded by stating it was the recommendation of the Water Resources Committee that the City Council approve the revisions to the Water Conservation Rebate Program.

Council Member Croft commented that the Committee's intent with the proposed changes had been to broaden the program making it more worthwhile for residents to participate in the process.

Responding to Council Member Wood's inquiry, Mr. Glancy stated that while the lower than expected number of applications was probably due to restrictions on qualifying devices and turf removal, additional outreach efforts would help to increase visibility of the program.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT THE REVISIONS TO THE WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM AS PRESENTED BY THE WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

# 3.2 • APPOINTMENTS TO OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Mayor Van Nostran reported that in accordance with the implementation requirements of ABx1 26, Oversight Boards for the Successor Agencies of the former Redevelopment Agencies were being established and would be comprised of two representatives from each city, two members appointed by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, and members appointed by the L.A. County Board of Education, the Chancellor of the Community College and the largest special district by property tax share. Mayor Van Nostran stated that Howard Chambers would be appointed to represent the City and Celia Rodriguez to represent the employees of the former redevelopment agency. He congratulated them and wished them luck.

## SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2012

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2012. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

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## 2. APPROVAL OF REGISTERS OF DEMANDS

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY INVESTMENT POLICY

Diane Perkin, Director of Administrative Services, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that with the enactment of AB 26 and the dissolution of all the Redevelopment Agencies, the agencies had been instructed to withdraw their funds from the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). She stated that in order to reinvest the funds, it was staff's recommendation that the Successor Housing Agency approve the investment policy as required by LAIF.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE INVESTMENT POLICY.

#### SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS - Continued UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

# 2. SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY LAIF ACCOUNT

The Administrative Services Director made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that subsequent to the Agency's approval of the investment policy, it was recommended that the Agency adopt a resolution authorizing the investment of Successor Housing Agency funds in the Local Agency Investment Fund.

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RESOLUTION NO. LSHA 2012-1; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF)

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. LSHA 2012-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

At 8:02 p.m., a moment of silence was observed in memory of Steve Baze.

# CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Van Nostran announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

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CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Govt. Code §54957.6 Designated Representative: City Manager Howard Chambers Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

At 9:06 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. The City Attorney announced that no action had been taken.

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# ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry, CMC Deputy City Clerk