



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
December 9, 2003

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Todd Rogers

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Esquivel
Vice Mayor Todd Rogers
Council Member Wayne Piercy
Council Member Larry Van Nostran
ABSENT: Council Member Robert Wagner (excused)

Mayor Esquivel announced that an item of business had occurred since the posting of the agenda which required the immediate action and attention of the City Council.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO ADD TO THE WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS SECTION OF THE AGENDA, THE GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S TOWN HALL REQUEST. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Esquivel announced that a reception had taken place prior to the meeting to recognize winners of the annual Library Bookmark Contest and a report was made on Project Shepherd. Mayor Esquivel urged Lakewood residents to consider contributions to Project Shepherd to help needy families during the holiday season.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held October 23, October 28, and November 12, 2003

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands dated November 20, November 26, and December 4, 2003

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-97; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF VEHICLES BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 3 P.M. ON TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR STREET SWEEPING PURPOSES ON BOTH SIDES OF LEMMING STREET BETWEEN WARDHAM AVENUE AND BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-6 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with BidAmerica/Convert-A-Doc for Scanning and Indexing of Building Plans

RI-7 Approval of Letters of Intent for 50th Anniversary Activities

RI-8 Approval of Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation for Centre Concessionaire Manager

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2003-98; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF BRIERCREST AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-99; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENTOP STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE AND SPECIFIC PLAN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5505 CARSON STREET

Chuck Ebner, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet. He stated that a project had been proposed that would demolish the existing bank/office building located at 5505 Carson Street and replace it with a smaller bank building and a pharmacy. The site would need a zone change since the parking area for the original building had included three residential lots.

1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE AND SPECIFIC PLAN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5505 CARSON STREET - Continued

Changing the zoning from existing Single Family Residential (R-1) to Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) would allow the new buildings to be located on different parts of the site. The General Plan designations would be changed from Low Density Residential to Commercial as well. In addition, a Specific Plan would be implemented that would regulate development for the entire site. He advised that prior to development, a Parcel Map, combining all of the lots into one, would be recorded, and that development of the site was subject to Development Review Board approval. The Parcel Map would also determine the reconfiguration of the corner of Marber Avenue and Tilbury Street. He noted that an Initial Study had been prepared for the project and, with mitigation measures contained within the Negative Declaration, there would be no significant effects on the environment. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution approving the General Plan Amendment, introduce the proposed ordinance to change the zoning map, and introduce the proposed ordinance implementing the Bellflower and Carson Specific Plan.

Responding to a question from Mayor Esquivel, Mr. Ebner stated access to the site would be from either Carson Street or Bellflower Boulevard and that there would be no vehicular or pedestrian access onto Marber Avenue or Tilbury Street.

Mayor Esquivel opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Tab Johnson, representing Rich Development Company, stated they had worked diligently with City staff and met with neighboring residents to address their concerns. He noted that currently, there was traffic in the residential neighborhood caused by a number of delivery and other vehicles using the abutting residential streets for temporary parking since there was walk-through access. The new development would replace the existing three-foot block wall with a six-foot block wall with no pedestrian access through the residential neighborhood. He also noted that the side of the new bank building, which would face the residential neighborhood, had been designed to blend in with a residential appearance.

Vice Mayor Rogers thanked Mr. Johnson and his company for working hard to address the concerns of the neighboring residents and inquired if there were any significant issues that had not been resolved. Mr. Ebner responded by stating that all significant problems raised had been mitigated.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

City Attorney John S. Todd enumerated the attachments and exhibits required for the project.

1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE AND SPECIFIC PLAN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5505 CARSON STREET - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-100; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 5505 CARSON STREET, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL, AND DESIGNATED AS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2003-3

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2003-100. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-9; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5505 CARSON STREET, LOTS 20, 25 AND 26 OF TRACT 13000, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATED AS ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 107

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2003-9. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-10; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE BELLFLOWER/CARSON SPECIFIC PLAN

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 10. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

2.1 • PARKING RESTRICTION ON ROCKET STREET BETWEEN BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD AND ADENMOOR AVENUE

The Assistant Director of Public Works, Max Withrow, presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and stated that in response to resident concerns about late evening noise and littering adjacent to the “In-N-Out” restaurant, the Community Safety Commission had considered additional parking restrictions. It was the recommendation of the Commission that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution to establish a “No Parking 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.” zone on both sides of Rocket Street between Bellflower Boulevard and Adenmoor Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-101; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON BOTH SIDES OF ROCKET STREET BETWEEN BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD AND ADENMOOR AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2003-11. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

3.1 • APPLICATION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT 2003, PART II

Joan Biegel, Director of Recreation and Community Services, presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security had allocated over \$2 million in discretionary funds to local jurisdictions to purchase equipment to aid in a response to terrorism. The City of Lakewood was entitled to an apportionment totaling \$18,834, which was proposed to be used for communications-based equipment, such as hand-held radios and ham radios. The terms of the grant would require the City to allocate funds, purchase the equipment, and then be reimbursed by the State Office of Homeland Security within 60 days. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve an appropriation in the amount of \$18,834 from the General Fund and authorize the purchase of the communications-based equipment.

Responding to questions from Council Member Piercy, Ms. Biegel stated that the equipment would be used in the Emergency Operations Center located within City Hall. She noted that the EOC would be staffed with representatives from each department.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN NOSTRAN MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

3.2 • AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON CARSON STREET AND PIONEER BOULEVARD

The Assistant Director of Public Works presented an oral report based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that a request had been received from the City of Long Beach to assume operation and maintenance for the traffic signal located at Carson Street and Pioneer Boulevard. He advised that the traffic signal was located on the borders of Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens and Long Beach. Noting that the City of Long Beach already maintained signals to the east and west of the site, he explained that transferring operation and maintenance to them, from the County of Los Angeles, would insure that operational changes could be made more rapidly, improving traffic flow. The transfer could be accomplished by amending an existing agreement. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve an amendment to the "Agreement between the Cities of Lakewood and Long Beach pertaining to certain Municipal Services on Carson Street."

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

REQUEST OF GREATER LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TOWN HALL MEETING

Mayor Esquivel summarized correspondence from the Chamber of Commerce notifying the City that the Town Hall event that they had planned for November 19, 2003, would now be held on January 30, 2004. The Chamber was requesting that the City Council approval previously granted for use of facilities and staffing be transferred to this new date.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERCY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE CHAMBER. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piercy, Rogers, Van Nostran and Esquivel

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wagner

At 8:18 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed for the Meeting of the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency. At 8:18 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk