

Lomita, California  
April 19, 1976

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LOMITA CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Lomita City Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m., April 19, 1976, at the City Hall Council Chambers. 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Hall, Lee Dolley, City Attorney, led the salute to the flag.

3. INVOCATION:

City Administrator Vance gave the Invocation.

4. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Tomita were COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore and Mayor Hall. Also present were City Administrator Vance and City Attorney Dolley.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

Councilman Belba moved the standard motion. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Moore moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 9, 15 and 22, 1976. Councilman Loy seconded the motion.

Councilman Belba stated that on Page 8 of the March 22nd minutes, the following corrections should be made: change "personnel" to "executive" after oral communications and add that he seconded the motion to increase the city administrator's salary.

The minutes as amended carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS

Councilman Belba moved to approve Resolution No. 76-18, the list of regular demands. Councilman Moore seconded the motion.

Councilman Belba questioned uniforms and gloves purchased for city employees.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Cole moved that a copy of the report of the financial condition of the City of Lomita for March 1976 presented to the City Council at this meeting be placed on file in the office of the city clerk, and as so on file, the same be approved subject to annual audit. Councilman Belba seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

9. ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 8 - 251ST STREET

Mayor Hall stated that this was the time and place for hearing protests or objections against the assessment for improvement of 251st Street from Eshelman Avenue to 381' east of Eshelman Avenue.

Mayor Hall asked the city clerk if she had the following affidavits relative to this hearing: affidavit of publication, affidavit of posting and affidavit of mailing. City Clerk Tomita replied yes.

Councilman Belba moved to receive and file the affidavits. Councilman Cole seconded the motion. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

Mayor Hall asked the city clerk if she had received any written protests or objections against the assessment, the improvement as constructed, or the proceedings. City Clerk Tomita replied no.

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There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Cole moved to close the public hearing. Councilman Belba seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Clerk Tomita assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 76-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF 251ST STREET FROM ESHELMAN AVENUE TO 381 FEET EAST OF ESHELMAN AVENUE (A.D. 8)

Councilman Belba moved to approve Resolution No. 76-19. Councilman Cole seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. SITE PLAN NO. 196

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reported that the applicant, Jack Springer, was appealing Planning Commission denial of a request for modification of the required rear yard setback in Zone R-1 at 2032 W. 245th Street, to permit an addition to the existing residence.

Upon receiving the summary, the City Council may:

- a. Take such action as, in its opinion, is indicated by such evidence alone
- b. Refer the matter back to the commission with instructions for further proceedings,
- c. Set the matter for hearing before itself. At such hearing, it shall hear and decide the case de novo.

After discussion, Councilman Belba moved to set the matter for hearing before the City Council at 7:00 p.m., May 3, 1976. Councilman Loy seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

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11. TRACT NO. 32366

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reviewed a communication from the City Engineer recommending approval of the work required by the sanitary sewer agreement, acceptance for public use the sanitary sewers and release the agreement for a 13 lot single family land division at 25113 Walnut Street.

After discussion, Councilman Belba moved to accept the recommendations of the City Engineer. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

STREET MATTERS:

12. CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND SURVEY, 251ST STREET IMPROVEMENT, WEST OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reviewed a proposal from Tierra Engineering Company to perform construction inspection and construction survey on a per day basis, not to exceed \$4,350.

After discussion, Councilman Cole moved to approve the proposal dated April 8, 1976. Councilman Loy seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

C.D.R.C. MATTERS:

13. PROJECT NO. 8 - OUTSTANDING OLDER AMERICAN

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reviewed a recommendation from the Community Development and Resources Commission submitting the following names for selection of an outstanding older American to be honored at the eleventh annual recognition day: Mrs. Irene Lewis, Mr. E. E. Meyer and Mr. Hal Hall.

Councilman Cole stated that normally a nomination is presented by the Lomita Goodtimers Club.

Mayor Hall respectfully declined the honor of nomination and suggested that the Goodtimers Club consider a nomination.

After discussion, Councilman Cole moved to continue the city's policy of forwarding the communication to the Lomita Goodtimers

and that they nominate an outstanding Older American as well as considering the names of Mrs. Irene Lewis and Mr. E. E. Meyer. Councilman Belba seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

14. PROJECT NO. 12 - BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reviewed a communication from the Community Development and Resources Commission recommending approval of the concept of a nationwide bell ringing at 11:00 a.m., July 4th to symbolize the moment in history when the Liberty Bell proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The council discussed ringing the bells on both July 4th and on July 5th, when the time capsule will be placed.

Barbara Learnard, Bicentennial Chairman for CDRC, spoke.

After discussion, Councilman Belba moved to forward the request to churches, clubs, etc. requesting bell ringing at 11:00 a.m., July 4th and 1:30 p.m., July 5th. Councilman Loy seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

15. ECONOMIC BASE AND ARCHITECTURAL THEME STUDY

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reviewed a report recommending that the firms of Russell/Speicher & Associates and Charles Kober Associates be selected to prepare an architectural theme study and commercial economic base study in the amount of \$12,000. The cost of the study will be financed from the city's first year allocation of HCD funds.

After discussion, Councilman Loy moved to enter into an agreement with Russell/Speicher & Associates and Charles Kober Associates for the study in the amount of \$12,000. Councilman Belba seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

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City Administrator Vance stated that a visit is planned on April 22nd to the City of La Mirada to review redevelopment projects.

16. CITY HALL CHANGE ORDER

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reviewed Change Order No. 5, changes which were made in the plans and specifications for the city hall construction in the amount of \$8,107.63.

Councilman Belba moved to approve Change Order No. 5. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

17. FIREWORKS APPLICATIONS

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reviewed a report recommending approval of the sale of safe and sane fireworks by the Lions Club, Jr. All American Football, Kiwanis Club, St. Margaret Mary Holy Name Society, Rotary Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Councilman Loy moved to approve the requests. Councilman Belba seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

18. LIABILITY INSURANCE

At the request of Mayor Hall, City Administrator Vance reviewed a report relative to municipal liability insurance and the escalating costs. The California Contract Cities Association appointed a group of city managers to study the problem and suggest some solutions. The committee completed its study and suggested that contract cities go together and hire the firm of Warren, McVeigh, Griffin & Huntington to provide consulting services to each contract city regarding their present coverage and to look into the feasibility of a joint risk management program which would include pooled liability insurance for each participating member.

The cost of the consulting services would be approximately \$54,000 and would be allocated to the individual cities based on a ratio

determined by the cost of the city's present liability payment. The estimate is from 3-5% of that amount. For Lomita, it would be approximately \$550.

The council questioned Mr. Vance on the city's present liability insurance. City Administrator Vance stated that the city is presently paying about \$10,000 a year for coverage.

After discussion, Councilman Loy moved to advise C.C.C.A. by letter of the city's support of the insurance study to be conducted by the firm of Warren, McVeigh, Griffin and Huntington with the condition that Lomita's share of the cost not exceed \$650.00. Councilman Belba seconded the motion.

Hal Croyts, 2028 W. 245th Street, reviewed a study which he conducted for the City of Carson relative to insurance and suggested that the city closely review the proposal.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

It was stated that if the cost of the city exceed \$650 for the City of Lomita, that it be restudied by the City Council.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

1. Councilman Loy spoke on civil defense expenses and asked for a breakdown on expenditures. City Administrator Vance replied that most of Lomita's contribution went for staff time and rental of facilities in Redondo Beach.
2. Councilman Loy spoke about the crime situation in Lomita, especially in the area of burglaries in the business area and against senior citizens. He stated that there should be better coordination between the sheriff's department and the citizenry.

City Administrator Vance suggested that the city council should meet in study session on the sheriff's department.

Councilman Cole spoke about the crime study which was being conducted by the Community Development and Resources Commission.

Councilman Belba spoke about crime statistics.

3. Councilman Cole asked about the parking problems on Hillcrest Avenue and requested that the city initiate a traffic study by the

Traffic Commission. There being no objections, it was so ordered

4. Councilman Cole spoke about presented certificates of completion for those finishing the art class conducted by Leland Hall at Lomita Park. The Council considered presenting a certificate which could be awarded at the conclusion of various classes and activities. There being no objections, City Administrator Vance was requested to study the matter.
5. Councilman Moore stated that the Lomita Little League opening day ceremonies would take place at 10:00 a.m., April 24, 1976.
6. Councilman Moore stated that Narbonne High School's 50th anniversary would take place between 10:00 a.m. at 2:00 p.m., April 24, 1976.
7. Councilman Moore spoke about a study being done by Dominguez State College regarding senior citizen activities in the South Bay area. According to the report, Lomita did not do well in services provided to its senior citizens. It was stated that a survey had been done by the CDRC 5 years ago regarding senior citizens.
8. Councilman Moore spoke on the Airport workshop held on April 10th and stated that it was very constructive. Senator Wedworth was present for a portion of the meeting. Among points discussed were NAVAIDS, legal ramifications for persons who violate noise and elevation laws, the positioning of 3 noise monitoring devices in Lomita. Councilman Moore briefly reviewed the new EIR for the airport.
9. Councilman Belba spoke about a presentation to retiring Dr. Cain, President of California State College, Dominguez Hills.
10. Councilman Belba spoke about the California Contract Cities Association efforts relative to charges by the County of Los Angeles for law enforcement services. He stated that the City of Los Angeles had sued the County of Los Angeles and each contract city and the case was settled in favor of the contract cities.
11. Councilman Belba stated that he contacted Mayor Bradley's office relative to annexation proceedings and was advised to contact Councilman Gibson's office. Councilman Gibson would not cooperate and refused to discuss the issue.
12. Councilman Belba stated that Lomita should consider some methods of noise monitoring. He spoke about the new EIR for the Torrance airport, a helicopter sales office at the Torrance Airport, landing patterns, landings and noise from helicopters. He read portions

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of the EIR and commented on same. He suggested that Lomita strongly oppose the information contained in the EIR; oppose any kind of expansion of the airport. Councilmen Belba and Moore stated that they would be attending the hearing before the Environmental Review Board at 3:00 p.m., April 21. City Attorney Dolley was requested to prepare legal points which should be covered.

13. Councilman Moore moved that the City provide watermelons for the July 4th picnic. Councilman Loy seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

14. Mayor Hall asked about a city plaque being presented to Dr. Leo Cain, retiring as the first president of the California State College, Dominguez Hills. There being no objections, it was so ordered. Councilman Belba stated that he might be able to attend.
15. Councilman Belba stated that hearings would be held in Sacramento on Wednesday regarding community redevelopment agencies.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Barbara Learnard, asked about the location of the 1924 framed map of the Peninsula which was presented by the Lomita Historical Society at the City Hall dedication. She suggested that it be placed in the Commission room. At Mrs. Learnard's request, Mayor Hall declared May 9 - 15 as National Historical Preservation Week. Mrs. Learnard stated that CDRC is presently studying senior citizen activities and crime projects and would appreciate input from the council for effective programs.
2. C. L. Workman, 1858 263rd Street, spoke about the inadequate public address system, the missing bus bench at 263rd Street and Western Avenue, the noise generated from trash pickup at 5-6 a.m., the parkway area being used as a trash area by the Western Avenue Trailer Park; illegally parked vehicles, condition of trees in the Pines area, etc.

Council discussed duties of the parking enforcement officer. City Attorney Dolley stated that he would check the authority of the officer.

3. Councilman Loy moved to appoint Mrs. Linda Croys as the citizen representative to the Advisory Board of the South Bay Juvenile Diversion Project. Councilman Belba seconded the motion. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

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4. Mayor Hall suggested that someone be appointed from the community to attend the Inter City Transportation Committee.

The City Council discussed resumes which were received for vacancies on the Traffic Commission and Railroad Museum Commission. After discussion, the City Council agreed to maintain all applications for a two year period. There being no objections, it was requested that staff review the resumes and contact each applicant as to their interest.

Mayor Hall moved to appoint Charles Taylor to the vacancy on the Traffic Commission. Councilman Moore seconded the motion.

Councilman Cole spoke about transferring commissioners from one commission to another upon individual requests.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Belba, Cole, Loy, Moore  
and Mayor Hall  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

Councilman Belba stated that he agreed with Councilman Cole as to transferring commissioners upon requests.

Councilman Cole spoke about the vacancy on the railroad museum commission and stated that in the past, the commission has been given the privilege of submitting names to the City Council for approval.

The council adjourned to an executive session at 10:25 p.m.

The council reconvened at 11:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Council adjourned at 11:30 p.m., in memory of Muriel Gasser.

ATTEST:

*Dawn R. Tomita*

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CITY CLERK