

**MINUTES
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING**

6:00 p.m.

August 3, 2009

Minutes are not a verbatim transcription, but rather an attempt to capture the intent of the speaker by the City Clerk.

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Lakewood Civic Center, 480 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

Those present were: Mayor Bob Murphy, Presiding

Diana Allen
Doug Anderson
Karen Kellen
Sue King
Debbie Koop
Ed Peterson
Tom Quinn

Absent: Cindy Baroway
Adam Paul
Vicki Stack

Staff in attendance: Mike Rock, City Manager
Paul Kennebeck, Deputy City Attorney

Full and timely notice of this Study Session had been given and a quorum was present.

ITEM 3 – PRESENTATION – ICAST CLEAN ENERGY INCUBATOR PARTNERSHIP

Michelle Hadwiger, Economic Development Specialist, gave a presentation to recommend a proposal where the City of Lakewood would act as a pass-through agency for federal grants as they relate to clean technology, which are intended to promote economic development and sustainability. This proposed partnership will be with the International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology (iCAST). This 501(c)(3) company has been located in Lakewood since 2002, and they provide economic, environmental and social benefits to communities. They also provide education and training that builds local capacity.

She defined clean technology as being a “diverse range of products, services and processes that harness renewable materials and energy sources, dramatically reducing the use of natural resources and cutting/eliminating emissions and wastes”.

Using the Triple Bottom Line Approach, iCAST leverages available technical, financial and intellectual resources and they help meet the challenges of the future by building stronger communities and a well-prepared workforce. The grants, to be applied for, will focus on funding sustainable economic development activities, which includes business incubation, workforce training for “green” jobs, job creation, energy audits and energy conservation measurements.

Direct benefits for Lakewood would include reducing energy costs, creating an economic multiplier effect, providing educational opportunities that are aimed at preparing the local workforce for the new economy, creating jobs, providing a competitive business climate and creating a comprehensive city-wide energy plan. This is a federal grant so it is not subject to TABOR laws. Also, some of the grant funds can be used for administrative costs and oversight to administer the grant program.

As one of the City’s Economic Development Specialists, it is her recommendation that City Council instruct staff to pursue the opportunity to act as a pass-through organization for iCAST in order to apply for federal and other grants geared toward economic development and clean technology.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council Members present to move this item forward to the August 10, 2009 meeting.

ITEM 4 – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Murphy noted that the Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community is working on a long-term project to potentially acquire the historic trolley car that’s now being repaired and housed at the Denver Federal Center. Councilors interested in seeing the trolley car will meet at a date yet to be determined. This is not a mandatory Council meeting. If Council agrees, acquisition for the trolley car will be through grant funds.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

Mayor Murphy and City Council Members reported their attendance at previous meetings and events and announced upcoming neighborhood meetings and events.

ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

Margy Greer, City Clerk