

FAIR EMPLOYMENT WAGE BOARD MEETING ~ 6/13/05

In attendance: Board Members Jack Filak, Ron Yannitello, John Sweo, Steve Greenwell and Ken Kowalski

Excused: Mark Davis and Barbara McDonnell

Also in attendance: Assistant Law Director Jennifer Mladek and Acting Procurement Officer Kim Smith

Meeting began at 6:40 p.m.

Assistant Law Director Mladek began the meeting by explaining the Mayor was proposing to City Council to make a couple of changes to the Living Wage ordinance. One change being suggested was to amend subsection 113.04 (b) with regard to the appointing authority for the FEWB so that City Council will make three appointments to the Board and the Mayor will make three appointments to the board. The seventh member will be a representative of the Mayor's administration. As it is now worded, City Council only has one appointment to the Board with the rest of the appointments being made by the mayor.

Another change being suggested is to amend section 113.04 (c) to allow for the Mayor and City Council to alternate their appointments to the Board as the existing Board members terms expire.

The final change will amend section 113.04(d) to call for the FEWB to meet semi-annually. The current ordinance calls for quarterly meetings.

In an effort to ensure that the community is informed about the Living Wage Ordinance and the FEWB, it was decided that it would be a good idea to post the minutes of the FEWB meetings on the City of Lakewood's website.

Mr. Kowalski reported that in checking with the City administration, all vendors covered by the Living Wage Ordinance are in compliance.

Acting Procurement Officer Smith reported that the Living Wage had been adjusted to \$9.50/hr with insurance and \$10.54/hour without insurance. This is an increase of 3.3%, reflecting the Consumer Price Index for Urban Earners and Clerical Workers and is effective 1/1/05. This increase is being made in compliance with section 113.02(a) of the Living Wage ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Sweo, seconded by Mr. Filak, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Garrett
Secretary to FEWB