



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
April 8, 2014

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by Father Mike Javor, Good Shepherd Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Lakewood High School Jr. ROTC

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Mayor Todd Rogers  
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood  
Council Member Steve Croft  
Council Member Diane DuBois  
Council Member Ron Piazza

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Luedora "Dora" Hawkins, who served as a well-known and liked Crossing Guard in Lakewood for 15 years. The meeting would also be adjourned in memory of Kareem As samad, a Project Shepherd volunteer and former Lakewood Special Olympics Athlete of the Year.

Vice Mayor Wood congratulated Ensign Alexys Quiroz, here tonight to lead the pledge. She had been named next year's commanding officer for the more than 200 ROTC cadets at Lakewood High School.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 25, 2014

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **1.1 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2014-15 ACTION PLAN**

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that as part of the City's participation in the Community Development Block Grant programs, a Consolidated Plan was required every five years, and an Action Plan, describing available resources and addressing priority needs, was required annually. She outlined the proposed programs for fiscal year 2014-15, including Fair Housing, Code Enforcement and Improvement to the Burns Community Center. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments, then approve the FY 2014-15 Action Plan and direct staff to submit the application and approve Action Plan, with required certifications, no later than May 15, 2014.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Mayor Rogers stated that he was continually impressed that the City was able to continue to offers these programs, in light of the continuing decreases in available funds.

### **1.2 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2; AMENDING THE SPECIFIC PLAN FOR 3201-3225 CARSON STREET**

The Director of Community Development displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated the existing Specific Plan for 3201-3225 Carson Street provided for up to four on-sale beer and wine licenses, however, they were linked to specific tenant spaces. An application was received for an amendment to allow one of the four licenses to be used for a new restaurant at a different tenant space. The proposed amendment would still allow only up to four on-sale licenses, but would provide the flexibility to use those licenses at any of the tenant spaces. She advised that the amendment had been presented to and approved by the Planning and Environment Commission, as well as a joint use parking agreement. She noted that only the alcohol license issue was before the City Council.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Tony Modica, Lakewood, the applicant, stated that he had owned a restaurant in Long Beach for many years and wanted to bring an All American steak and seafood restaurant to his home town of Lakewood.

**1.2 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2; AMENDING THE SPECIFIC PLAN FOR 3201-3225 CARSON STREET - Continued**

Rory Hargaden, stated that his family home on Clubhouse Drive, had experienced problems with street parking in front of the house. He objected to the terms of the joint use parking agreement.

Mark Dupre, Lakewood, contractor for the project, stated that the parking agreement was to provide for restaurant employee parking in the lot on the opposite side of Carson Street and that heavier street parking was occasionally caused by overflow from the golf course.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Council Member Croft confirmed from Ms. Southwell that the amendment would not increase the number of locations for alcohol licenses, only offer flexibility in the location within the center and make it easier for the property owner to attract new tenants. Ms. Southwell stated that by providing more flexibility, future amendments would not be required every time a business came into or out of the center.

Council Member DuBois clarified that the only objection was the parking and the parking agreement was not part of Council consideration, only the alcoholic beverage licenses.

Council Member Piazza stated that although he could empathize with the Clubhouse Drive homeowners over the street parking, the number of tenant uses was not changing. He stated that he felt it was most fair to hold the number of allowed licenses at a maximum of four.

Mayor Rogers stated that with the business turnover in this center, the City Council had an obligation to try and help bring new businesses into the City. He stated that he was willing to look for other solutions to the parking issues, but they were not part of this matter tonight.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SPECIFIC PLAN 2007-2

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES**

Mayor Rogers stated that he had prepared the list of appointments to governmental associations, organizations and committees.

**ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

California Contract Cities

Association	Wood - Representative	DuBois - Alternate
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California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority	Wood - Representative	Piazza - Alternate
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So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly	DuBois - Representative	Piazza - Alternate
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Gateway Cities COG Board

DuBois - Representative	Piazza - Alternate
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Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District	Croft - Representative
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Job Training Partnership Act  
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Wood - Policy Board
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League of California Cities

L.A. County Division	Piazza - Representative	Wood - Alternate
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City Selection Committee	Wood - Representative	Piazza - Alternate
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Annual League Conference	DuBois - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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L.A. County Sanitation

District #3 & #19	Rogers - Representative	Wood - Alternate
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Southeast Water Coalition

Rogers - Representative	Croft - Alternate
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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Intergovernmental Relations	Rogers - Chair	Wood - Member
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Lakewood Schools	Rogers - Chair	Wood - Member
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Environmental Management	Piazza - Chair	DuBois - Member
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Public Safety	Croft - Chair	DuBois - Member
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Park Development	Wood - Chair	Rogers - Member
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Water Resources	Croft - Chair	Piazza - Member
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**3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES - Continued**

Community Promotion                                      DuBois - Chair                                      Piazza – Member

Economic Development                                      Rogers – Chair                                      Croft - Member

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.2 • SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICE PROVIDER**

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin presented a report based on the memo in the agenda and reported that Requests for Proposals had been sent to 15 qualified Certified Public Accountant firms to provide independent auditing services. A City Council ad hoc committee had met with staff to review the seven proposals that were received. Following evaluation and review, it was the recommendation of the Committee that the City Council approve an agreement with Pun & McGeady, LLC to act as the City’s independent auditor for fiscal years 2014 through 2016, with an option to extend the agreement term to 2018.

Council Member Croft stated that as Chair of the ad hoc committee, he felt the evaluation and review had been very thorough and that he was confident that the firm was well-qualified and would do a good job for the City.

Council Member Piazza, as the other member of the ad hoc committee, stated that it was a comprehensive review and that he was comfortable with the recommendation.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE PUN & MCGEADY, LLC AS THE CITY’S INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR FY 2014 THROUGH 2016, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.3 • AGREEMENT WITH L.A. COUNTY FOR BRIDGE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that Federal funding was available for bridge preventive maintenance and six bridges in Lakewood that were proposed for the program. Four of the six proposed bridges were over the San Gabriel River, and the other two were over local drains. She advised that the County of Los Angeles would provide the design, bidding,

**3.3 • AGREEMENT WITH L.A. COUNTY FOR BRIDGE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM - Continued**

award and construction management and would apply for \$412,000 in Federal reimbursement. The City portion of the project cost would be \$58,000. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve a cooperative agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program and also find the project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Council Member Piazza applauded staff for finding a way to get this important work done in a way that was economical to the City.

Responding to a question from Council Member Croft, Ms. Rapp stated that the City had a good relationship with the County and would carefully coordinate any street closures or traffic direction issues to provide the least impact on residents. She also noted that the project should be completed within the next 12 months.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND FIND THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMP FROM CEQA. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.4 • VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH ACTIVITIES**

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated the Recreation and Community Services Department had planned several events for volunteer recognition and appreciation during the month of April, National Volunteer Month. She noted that many programs, like Lakewood Youth Sports, Meals on Wheels, and Project Shepherd, could not be offered without the assistance of Lakewood's many volunteers. She also featured volunteer events and programs such as Teens in Lakewood Care (TLC), Junior Lifeguards, instructors offering free classes at the Weingart Senior Center, and the annual Lakewood Volunteer Day.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS**

1. Register of Demands

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dora Hawkins and Kareem As samad.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk