



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 25, 2014

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Rabbi Howard Laibson, Congregation Shir Chadash

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Campfire Horizon Group

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

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Croft stated it had been an honor to serve as mayor and highlighted the events of the past year including the Relay For Life, during which a "Shear the Mayor" fundraiser event was created after his decision to get a buzz cut in solidarity with those fighting cancer; the kick off to the City's 60th Anniversary; events honoring Lakewood's military veterans; the commencement of the final phase of the West San Gabriel River Nature Trail; and the opening of new businesses such as Round 1 Bowling and Entertainment, ULTA Beauty and Pieology Pizza. He expressed special thanks to his wife, Tess, and his daughter, Ana, for their understanding and support. He thanked the City Manager and staff for their efforts in implementing the Council's policies and programs. He concluded by thanking his colleagues, noting the addition of Council Member Piazza, who was selected to fill the vacancy after the passing of Larry Van Nostran, and expressed his gratitude to the residents for having built the strong foundation of community values which had been maintained over the past six decades.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Croft announced it was his pleasure to nominate Todd Rogers to serve as Mayor for the coming year. He noted that Council Member Rogers was serving his fourth term on the City Council and added that his teaching and law enforcement background equipped him well to serve the community. He also stated that with his knowledge, experience and the support of his wife, Sally, and sons, Brett and Scott, he would lead the City well.

MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO NOMINATE TODD ROGERS TO SERVE AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, TODD ROGERS WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL - Continued

Mayor Rogers presented outgoing Mayor Croft with a plaque, DVD and scrapbook commemorating his year of service as Mayor.

Mayor Rogers thanked his colleagues for the opportunity to serve as mayor and expressed his appreciation to outgoing Mayor Croft for continuing the legacy of good stewardship. He identified some features of the public safety legacy such as maintaining the great team of Sheriff's personnel and safety programs; use of high technology tools; and successful programs like Neighborhood Watch and See Something/Say Something. Mayor Rogers also stated that he looked forward to continuing good, clean fun in Lakewood with events such as the Civic Center Block Party, 60th Anniversary celebration and the first ever Holiday Tree Lighting event in December. He remarked that thanks to its founders, the City was a well-planned community with beautiful parks, safe, tree-lined streets, well-built homes and convenient shopping throughout town and that the Lakewood Plan allowed for the flexibility to secure public services in an efficient and effective way. He concluded by stating that he looked forward to working with his Council colleagues as well as the City's residents to keep on a good path towards the next 60 years and beyond.

Mayor Rogers announced that nominations were open for the office of Vice Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO NOMINATE JEFF WOOD TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, JEFF WOOD WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

Council Member Piazza congratulated the Rotary Club on the success of the recent "Every 15 Minutes" program, which challenged high school students to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 11, 2014

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-30 PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES BY ADDING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULE B

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DENMEAD STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-7 Authorization for Contract Negotiation on Public Works Project No. 2014-1, Fencing Improvements at The Centre at Sycamore Plaza

RI-8 Authorizing Engineering Design Services for Del Amo Pavement Rehab, Willdan

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2013-5, WEST AN GABRIEL RIVER PARKWAY NATURE TRAIL, PHASE 3 DEVELOPMENT

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp made a presentation based on the report in the agenda stating that fourteen bids had been received for the construction of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail Phase 3 Development. She reported that letters of protest had been received from the second and third low bidders and together with the City Attorney, had been reviewed by staff, along with C.S. Legacy's response to the protests, and found no substantial merit to the protests. Ms. Rapp concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications, addenda and working details for the project; reject the protests submitted by Diversified Landscaping and Pima Corporation; award Public Works Project No. 2013-5, in the amount of \$912,903, to C.S. Legacy and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; authorize the Director of Public Works to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as necessary, not to exceed \$300,000; appropriate \$218,380 for the Knabe 2013 Competitive Trails Grant program to the project account (to be reimbursed); ratify \$22,721.16 in expenses paid to project landscape architect for plan modifications during plan check; and approve an agreement with the landscape architect, MIG, for construction phase support services in an amount not to exceed \$45,500 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:07 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 COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS 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

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

Diane Perkin, Director of Administrative Services, stated that the proposed resolutions were part of the annual process of obtaining the appropriate signatures to be filed in order that checks could be written.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-8; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF TODD ROGERS, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF JEFF WOOD, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014-8, 2014-9 AND 2014-10. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.1 • ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC AUDIT COMMITTEE

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the Financial Policy recently implemented by the City included the establishment of an Audit Committee, which would serve as an oversight body during preparation of the City's audit. It was recommended that the City Council establish an Ad Hoc Audit Committee and that the Mayor appoint two Council Members to the Committee, serving on an ad hoc basis.

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA AS MEMBER OF THE AD HOC AUDIT COMMITTEE. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Pat Spievak, Long Beach; Linda Vizzini, Long Beach; Craig Spievak, Long Beach; Gordon Langsam, Lakewood; Art Oster, Rossmoor; and Linda Waltzman, Long Beach, expressed their concerns regarding the placement of the fireworks booth for the Congregation Shir Chadash.

Mayor Rogers, noted the absence of Bob Clayton who had passed away in November, observing that Mr. Clayton's presence and positive comments during the City's annual reorganization meetings would be missed.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josefina Semense-Mayberry, CMC
Deputy City Clerk