

AGENDA

ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5000 CLARK AVENUE
LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

December 16, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

LEGISLATION:

2.1 Consideration of the Appointment of the Persons Who Were Nominated to the Offices That Were to be Elected on March 3, 2015 and Canceling said General Municipal Election, Resolution No. 2014-67

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

ADJOURNMENT



COUNCIL AGENDA

December 16, 2014

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: 2015 General Municipal Election

INTRODUCTION

The City of Lakewood holds a General Municipal Election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years. When the nomination period closed for the March 3, 2015, election, only two candidates had been nominated to fill the two four-year terms. The City Council may now act to either proceed with the election or to appoint the nominees.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The nomination period for the office of Member of the City Council was held from November 10 through December 5, 2014. When the nomination period closed at 5:00 p.m. on December 5, only two candidates had been nominated, Ron Piazza and Jeff Wood.

The California Elections Code sets forth three courses of action when the number of persons nominated does not exceed the number of offices to be filled. The options that may be exercised by the City Council are as follows: 1) appoint to the office the persons who have been nominated; 2) appoint to the office any eligible voter if no one has been nominated; or 3) hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated. The City Clerk's certification that there are not more candidates than offices to be elected was presented to the City Council on December 9, 2014. Also, in accordance with State election law, a notice describing these facts and options was published in the *Long Beach Press Telegram* on December 10, 2014. The City Council may now make the appointments or direct the election to be held.

The nominees, if appointed, would qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election. The term of appointment for the four-year term would begin in March of 2015 and expire in March of 2019.

The option of proceeding with the election as called, with only two names appearing on the ballot for the two offices would be very costly. Election costs include: the printing of the ballots and sample ballots; the postage for mailing sample ballots and vote-by-mail ballots; the recruiting, training and compensation for polling place workers; and staffing, training and equipment for the central counting area. The cost of the City's last election, in March of 2011, was in excess of \$88,000, not including regular City Clerk's Office staff time. Postage alone for that election, accounted for more than \$15,000 in expenses, and would be significantly higher based on the elevated voter registration following the recent election.

Should the City Council select the option of appointment, a resolution has been prepared to confirm the appointments and cancel the election.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution to cancel the March 3, 2015, election and appoint the nominees to fill the offices.

Carol Flynn Jacoby
Deputy City Manager



Howard L. Chambers
City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 2014-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICES OF THIS CITY THAT WERE TO BE ELECTED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

WHEREAS, pursuant to §10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, as of the close of the nomination period on December 5, 2014, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected and that §10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council:

1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
2. Appoint to the office any eligible voter if no one has been nominated.
3. Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

WHEREAS, a notice was posted and published on December 10, 2014, in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to law.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to §10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the following action is being taken:

A. The following persons are being appointed to the office to which they were nominated:

Ron Piazza
Jeff Wood

SECTION 2. The election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, is now cancelled.

SECTION 3. The persons appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

SECTION 4. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter in into the book of original resolutions.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Acting City Clerk