



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
May 10, 2016

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

INVOCATION was offered by High Councilor Lary Carlton, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scouts Troop 65

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Piazza announced that John Kelsall had recently retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and had been a well-known member of the Lakewood community for the past ten years. He stated that during that time, Mr. Kelsall had organized the Summer Stampede Car Show and many other events, including a visit of the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall in 2014. The Mayor stated that John, along with his wife, Teri, would be dedicating their time to the Jonas Project, assisting U.S. veterans in starting their own businesses. The project was named in honor of their son, the late Lieutenant Commander Jonas Kelsall, who served as a Navy SEAL. Mayor Piazza presented Mr. Kelsall with the City Council Award of Merit.

Mayor Piazza commended staff and the Pan American Association for the success of the past weekend's four-day event, noting that The Fiesta was a great example of residents and community organizations working closely with the City for an event which brought some fun and meaningful tradition to Lakewood.

Vice Mayor DuBois remarked on the teamwork demonstrated by staff in their efforts to provide a safe and dry environment for the band performance to proceed after the rainfall.

Assistant to the City Manager, Paolo Beltran, provided information regarding the recent transition of landline and broadband operations from Verizon to Frontier Communications, affecting subscribers in Lakewood. Although local agencies no longer had any regulatory authority over video service providers since the enactment of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act, DIVCA included some protections for the consumer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Some of the Frontier service issues ranged from slow Internet speeds, missing channels and Video On Demand content, and complete service outages. Mr. Beltran encouraged Lakewood residents still experiencing issues with Frontier to escalate their complaints to the Office of the President. Due to the extensive issues that California Frontier customers had been facing since the transition, state lawmakers were getting involved. Assembly Member Mike Gatto, chairman of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee, would be holding a public hearing on May 18th in Sacramento and Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell was hosting a town hall meeting on May 14th in Long Beach. Staff had also been working with staff at the office of Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, in coordinating with the Public Utilities Commission, to provide an update at the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Rogers stated that he had been experiencing telephone and cable service interruptions as well and noted that despite having no authority over them that Frontier would be held accountable in other ways.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 26, 2016
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON FOR JULY 26, 2016
- RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 92-36 PERTAINING TO THE LOW-INCOME EXEMPTION OF THE UTILITY USERS TAX
- RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A HARDSHIP WAIVER FROM ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING REGARDING AN ADMINISTRATIVE OR PARKING CITATION
- RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-20; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING A JOB CLASSIFICATION AND AMENDING EXISTING PAY RATE IN ATTACHMENT B OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2016-17 ACTION PLAN

Sonia Southwell, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She stated that to be eligible to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Community Development Block Grant Program, the City was required to submit a Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan. Ms. Southwell outlined the proposed activities as described in the Action Plan, which provided for Public Services, Community Conservation, Fair Housing and Public Facility Improvements, noting that the estimated allocation for fiscal year 2016-2017 was \$529,085 and that projects for the year ahead included partial funding of the code enforcement program, fair housing services, funding for public services and improvements to the Burns Community Center. She concluded by stating that staff recommended the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Action Plan and following the public hearing, approve the FY 2016-2017 Action Plan and authorize the City Manager to submit the CDBG funding application along with the required CDBG certifications to HUD by May 15, 2016.

Mayor Piazza opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY PREVIEW

Public Information Officer Bill Grady displayed slides and gave a presentation on the upcoming ceremony planned for Memorial Day at Del Valle Park Veterans Memorial Plaza. He noted that staff had worked closely with local veterans' groups in planning for the event, which would include recognition of all veterans in attendance at the event; a presentation of the colors by the Lakewood High School Junior ROTC; live performance of patriotic music; and a reading of the poem, "The Boys of Del Valle Park" by Lakewood High School baseball coach, Spud O'Neil as written by Lakewood resident, Dennis Lander, both of whom were Vietnam veterans. Also, included in the event were addresses from a Lakewood High School JROTC cadet and keynote speaker U.S. Congresswoman Linda Sanchez; the placing of memorial wreaths; a roll call of Lakewood's fallen; a new commemorative pin; and the introduction of a veterans history project. He noted that since the installation of two thousand bricks from last Memorial Day, five hundred additional bricks had been installed.

3.1 • MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY PREVIEW - Continued

Mr. Grady confirmed for Council Member Croft that a directory would be available to assist people with locating their bricks.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Virginia Baxter, Long Beach Community College District Trustee, Area 5, addressed the City Council urging support for Measure LB, a bond measure for classroom improvements, repairs and upgrades to LBCC's two campuses.

Bob Logan spoke regarding the enforcement of canopy structures violations.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:12 p.m., Mayor Piazza announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Govt. Code §54957.6

Designated Representative: City Manager Howard Chambers

Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

At 8:44 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. No action was taken.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piazza adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC

City Clerk