



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
May 14, 2024

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Talale Pati, New Hope Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Scout Troop 75

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor Cassandra Chase
Council Member David Arellano
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Jeff Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers expressed thanks to all the staff, volunteers and community organizations that came together over the past weekend for the Pan American Fiesta. He announced that Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month was currently being commemorated in Lakewood and across the nation. The Mayor made an announcement regarding the City and the Sheriff's Department hosting an upcoming event for residents to obtain a free software upgrade to certain Hyundai vehicles which were vulnerable to theft.

Council Member Wood stated that he had attended the Water Replenishment District's Groundwater Festival along with Lakewood High School's One World Club. He reported that the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board staff were hosting a job fair and that Council Member Arellano and he had attended the recent Southern California Association of Governments General Assembly meeting.

Council Member Arellano recognized his recent commission appointees, Norman Nelson (CSC), Jerry Rowland (PEC) and Kristie Larison (RCSC), who were in attendance.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack provided a brief summary of the phases of the project for Routine Item 10.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held April 23, 2024

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB 1234

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - April 2024

RI-6 Approval of Permit for Street Closure for Block Party on Autry Avenue

RI-7 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 2022-2, Well 13A Treatment Facility, Canyon Springs Enterprises

RI-8 Scope of Work and Proceed with Issuing RFP for Design Architectural Firms for the Council Chambers Improvements

RI-9 Award of Bid for Public Works Projects No. 2024-3 and No. 2024-5, Tot Lot Playground Improvements to Biscailuz Park and Playground Improvements to Boyar Park

RI-10 Approval of Agreement with Los Angeles County for Financing and Construction of a Traffic Signal Synchronization Program along Woodruff Avenue

RI-11 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE FOR CARWASH BEYOND NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Croft, Arellano, Chase and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS, CIVIC CENTER BLOCK PARTY PREVIEW AND CATALOG PREVIEW

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She reported that the Recreation and Community Services Department had a full range of activities planned for all ages over the summer, with events like the Summer Concerts in the Park series, the Finally It's Friday family programs, Summer Day Camp, Aquatics programs at Mayfair and McCormick pools, Lakewood Youth Sports and contract classes for youth and adults. Ms. Frost added that the Civic Center Block Party would include familiar components from past years including the event finale, a spectacular fireworks display.

MAYOR ROGERS STATED THAT THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE REPORT WAS ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Disposition and Development Agreement with Habitat for Humanity

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He stated that the City, in its capacity as Housing Successor to the former Lakewood Redevelopment Agency, had been negotiating with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles for the development of 37 affordable for-sale townhomes. The non-contiguous sites, which were acquired by the Redevelopment Agency in 2012 and were zoned Multi-Family Residential. Mr. Avalos concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council enter into a Disposition and Development Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, and designate staff to execute said agreement.

The Community Development Director introduced Erin Rank, President and CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, Inc., who along with staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members pertaining to affordable housing, drought tolerant landscaping, public education and project timeline.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Croft, Arellano, Chase and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Carol Brown, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding sidewalk vendors.

Darryle Clouse, Lakewood, spoke about noise concerns and Sheriff’s Department response times.

At 8:32 p.m., Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: City Manager, Office of the City Attorney and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Deputy City Manager, Human Resources Manager, Administrative Assistant II
Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees’ Association

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC

City Clerk