



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
September 10, 2024

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Executive Board Room, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

Mayor Rogers announced that Council Member Steve Croft would be attending the meeting via teleconference, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 54953(f)(2)(A)(i), for “just cause,” as set forth in Section 54953(j)(2). The just cause was a current and temporary physical disability involving the recovery from surgery making him temporarily unable to attend these meetings in person, as described in California Government Code, Section 12926.1.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor Cassandra Chase (arrived 5:37 p.m.)
Council Member David Arellano
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Jeff Wood

FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AND FUNDING

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the facility infrastructure upgrades and funding and the associated challenges.

Vice Mayor Chase arrived and assumed her seat at the dais.

Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works, introduced William Travers, P.E., Senior Project Developer, Southland Industries, and Dominic Cardenas, Senior Account Executive, Southland Industries, who displayed slides and made a presentation outlining Government Code section 4217, possible solutions, actions taken to date, results of the investment grade audits, funding the work and next steps.

Staff and the consultants responded to questions and comments from Council Members pertaining to selection of potential sites based on the Facility Condition Assessment; short term improvements for emergency repairs; utility incentives; and tentative financial commitment. It was stated that any formal action would be considered at a future meeting.

At 6:48 p.m., the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council was recessed. At 6:56 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Public Safety Director Joshua Yordt displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding a proposed joint powers authority that would function to promote collaboration among the cities of Bellflower, Paramount and Lakewood to plan, coordinate and provide for a variety of public safety services that would enhance quality of life and improve overall public safety for the communities. He stated that through the JPA, a variety of measures could be enacted that would be supplemental to existing services. He concluded by stating that the recommendation for approval of an agreement to form a public safety Joint Powers Authority would be considered at the next City Council meeting.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members with regards to limitations of available resources and the positive aspects of collaboration and innovative ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry
City Clerk