



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 10, 2024

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:41 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Andrew Chung, Saint Pancratius Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member David Arellano

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
Council Member David Arellano
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Jeff Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of 6-year-old Lakewood resident Chance Crawford and Rick Taylor, who was a Park Maintenance Worker from 1998 to 2006.

The Mayor also announced that the annual Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo would be held on September 28th at the Civic Center parking lot.

Council Member Wood and Council Member Arellano discussed the various events they had recently attended. Council Member Arellano reminded the community to slow down for students since school was back in session.

Mayor Rogers presented proclamations in recognition of Service Club Recognition Month to the various volunteer service clubs who played a vital role in enriching the civic life of Lakewood through a wide range of activities.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 11, July 9, July 23, August 13, and August 27, 2024

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

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. 2024-8, Asphalt Improvements at Mayfair Park Parking Lot

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-54; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING, BUS LOADING, PASSENGER LOADING, TIME LIMITED PARKING, AND HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON THE EAST SIDE OF BARLIN AVENUE AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF HARDWICK STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-55; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING 20 MINUTE PARKING ZONES, BUS LOADING ZONES, AND 3 MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING ZONES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HARDWICK STREET AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF BARLIN AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-56; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-57; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-10 Approval of Agreement with Regional Government Services Authority for Management and Administrative Services

RI-11 Authorize Edison - Lakewood Boulevard Rule 20B Transmission Undergrounding Design

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-12 Approval of Extension of Memorandum of Understanding for Use of City Owned Parcel for Farmers Market

RI-13 Granting Special Event Permit for Public Display of Fireworks - Artesia High School and Lakewood High School

RI-14 Authorize Extension of Information Technology Services Agreement with BreaIT

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). He stated it was recommended that the City Council hold a Public Hearing to solicit citizen comments on the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and direct staff to take into consideration all comments received and submit them along with the CAPER to the local HUD office.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND MAYOR ROGERS 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

1.2 • RESOLUTION REGARDING ANTICIPATED ENERGY COST SAVINGS AND OTHER BENEFITS FROM ENTERING INTO AN ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT CERTAIN CITY SITES

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, stated that the subject of this item had been presented at the earlier study session, at which time, it was determined that the item would be continued to the October 8th meeting for consideration.

1.2 • RESOLUTION REGARDING ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN, PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION - Continued

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARELLANO SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE HEARING TO THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2024. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH SOUTHWEST PATROL, INC. EXTENDING DAYTIME DEPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE SECURITY PATROLS

Joshua Yordt, Director of Public Safety, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and stated that overnight private security patrol service had been a component of Lakewood's overall public safety model to increase the capacity to deter criminal activity and improve the safety and security of the community. In response to an uptick of daytime residential burglaries and other crime in June, additional private security patrols were deployed during daytime hours on a trial basis. It was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve an agreement amendment with Southwest Patrol, Inc. to extend the daytime deployment of private security guards from August 28, 2024 to October 31, 2024, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARELLANO SECONDED TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH SOUTHWEST PATROL, INC. TO EXTEND THE DAYTIME DEPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS FROM AUGUST 28, 2024 TO OCTOBER 31, 2024, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • STATUS REPORT ON SEARCH FOR LONG-TERM LESSEE FOR THE LAKEWOOD EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She explained that staff's direction from the report provided on the Lakewood Equestrian Center on June 25, was to conduct a search for a viable operator for the LEC and to return with a status report. Through a working group comprising of both senior city staff and members of the LEC community, a request for qualifying information (RFQI) was developed and released on July 16 to solicit interest for an experienced and capitalized operator to successfully improve and manage the LEC as its new long-term lessee.

3.2 • STATUS REPORT ON SEARCH FOR LONG-TERM LESSEE FOR THE LAKEWOOD EQUESTRIAN CENTER - Continued

She continued by stating that a more extensive analysis would be needed to determine the cost of transitioning to a potential new operator and that staff expected to complete the analysis by mid-to-late October. Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the Status Report on the search for a long-term lessee for the Lakewood Equestrian Center and allow staff to return to the council with a secondary status report following staff's advertised process for identifying a long-term lessee for the Lakewood Equestrian Center.

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

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Phillip Norris, Lakewood, spoke regarding homelessness issues, a stop sign at Centralia Street east of Pioneer Boulevard; light pole signs for districts; and complaint responses.

Matthew Duncan, Orange, spoke about coyote trapping.

Larry Andre, Lakewood, stated his concerns pertaining to Lakewood Regional Medical Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Chance Crawford and Rick Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk