



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 8, 2024

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

INVOCATION was offered by Bishop Dave Montgomery, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Scout Troop 65

Mayor Rogers stated that pursuant to Government Code §54953 and as noticed on the agenda, the meeting would include a teleconference location where Council Member Steve Croft was attending the Risk Management Forum of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, where he represented Lakewood and served on the Executive Board. Mayor Rogers determined from Council Member Croft that he had a copy of the agenda, that the agenda had been posted at the location, and the location provided an opportunity for members of the public to participate. Mayor Rogers noted that all votes taken during the teleconference would be taken by roll call vote.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Tami Hayworth, who was killed when struck by a car involved in a roadway accident, and the victims of the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack of Israeli civilians, including 40 Americans. He commented on the Jewish commemorations of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. He stated that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the City was joining the call to wear pink in support.

Council Member Arellano spoke of his support on the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month since he lost his mother to the disease.

Council Member Wood reported on his attendance at recent events including the Public Safety Expo and the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries where he met with Anthony Iacoboni, the son of Angelo Iacoboni, who was the first Mayor of Lakewood.

Council Member Croft congratulated Mayor Rogers on his recent appointment as Chief of Police at Rio Hondo College.

Mayor Rogers stated that he had attended the farewell event for Assembly Member Anthony Rendon and wished him well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Mayor Rogers introduced Director of Recreation and Community Services, Valarie Frost, who, as President Elect of the Rotary Club of Lakewood, made a presentation regarding Project Shepherd. She concluded by requesting the Mayor consider serving as honorary chairperson for the event.

Mayor Rogers stated that he would be honored to accept the role of honorary chair and encouraged Lakewood residents to support Project Shepherd.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held July 9, August 13, September 10, and September 24, 2024

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-59; 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. 2024-25

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-60; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TIME LIMIT PARKING ZONE ON SOUTH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-6 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with Southland Industries for HVAC Maintenance

RI-7 Approval of Justice Assistance Grant Program Funding for Expanding Network of Cameras

RI-8 Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting #9 Update

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Council Member Arellano stated that he and Vice Mayor Chase, as members of the Audit Committee, served on the committee and appreciated the reports regarding the status of the projects.

1.1 • RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH FINDINGS REGARDING ANTICIPATED ENERGY COST SAVINGS AND ENTERING INTO AN ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT CERTAIN CITY SITES

[Continued from September 10, 2024]

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, stated that while progress was being made, the project was not ready to proceed at this time and staff recommended continuing the item to the City Council meeting to be held on November 12, 2024.

Mayor Rogers 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.

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CHASE SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • RESOLUTION NO. 2024-61; APPROVING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PLAN FOR THE LAKEWOOD ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT AND THE ALLOCATION OF PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, introduced Joe Dieguez, Senior Vice President, Kosmont Companies, who displayed slides and explained the Infrastructure Financing Plan for the Lakewood Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District. He reviewed tax increment financing; contents of the Plan; proposed map; future development assumptions; potential investments for funding; financing section draft terms; regional and communitywide significance; ability to attract other funding; and targeted formation schedule. Mr. Dieguez stated that the City Council and County Board of Supervisors must independently approve the Infrastructure Financing Plan before the Public Financing Authority formed the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District. It was recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution approving the Infrastructure Financing Plan for Lakewood Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District and allocation of property tax increment within the Lakewood Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members regarding tax increment allocation and the timeline for the process.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-61; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PLAN FOR THE LAKEWOOD ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT AND THE ALLOCATION OF THE CITY'S INCREMENTAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE WITHIN THE LAKEWOOD ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 53398.68 AND 53398.75

2.1 • RESOLUTION NO. 2024-61; INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PLAN FOR THE LAKEWOOD ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT AND THE ALLOCATION OF PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARELLANO SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-61. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGED SERVICES AGREEMENT

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding information technology management services. It was recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a three-year professional services agreement with Infinity Technologies for information technology services for the period November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2027, with two optional one-year extensions.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members pertaining to onsite and remote delivery of service, the transition process, security issues and the ticketing system.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARELLANO 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

3.2 • ADAPTIVE RECREATION AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM REPORT

Recreation and Community Services Director Valarie Frost displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that since 1981, the City had offered the Adaptive Recreation and Special Olympics programs for people with special needs. She concluded by stating it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council receive and file the report on Adaptive Recreation and Special Olympics.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Phillip Norris, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding ordinances, municipal code, employee communications regarding dumped items and security cameras.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m. to Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Tami Hayworth and the victims associated with the Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk