Minutes
Lakewood City Council
Regular Meeting held
June 23, 2015

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. Bill Cox, Victory Through Jesus Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 3433/113

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

Mayor Wood explained the process for anyone in the audience wishing to submit a written protest to either the refuse or water rate proposed increases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:
Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Bill Holt, who had a long and distinguished career with local government and had served as the City Prosecutor for Lakewood.

Mayor Wood thanked staff as well as personnel from the Sheriff’s and Fire departments and other public agencies for their work on the LYS Opening Day and Public Safety Expo.

The Mayor also announced that the upcoming Lakewood High School alumni picnic would be held on July 12 at Del Valle Park.

Sarah Ambrose, American Cancer Society, presented a plaque to the City Council on the success of the recent Relay for Life event held at Lakewood High School.

Mayor Wood presented an Award of Merit to Scott Bauman, a longtime Lakewood resident, who had been a recreation employee and a Community Safety Commissioner, and would be relocating to the great Northwest.
ROUTINE ITEMS:
Council Member DuBois requested that Routine Item 1 be considered separately.

Council Member Rogers requested that Routine Item 12 be considered separately.

Mayor Wood stated that a request had been made to pull Routine Item 11. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 2 THROUGH 10.

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
RI-4 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions
RI-5 Approval of Mayfair Pool Heater Replacement
RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF FACULTY AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-21; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WHITEWOOD AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD
RI-7 Ratification of Amendment to Agreement for Legal and Training Services with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
RI-8 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 13-5, West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail and 2014/15 Park Projects, CS Legacy
RI-9 Approval of Agreement for Cost Sharing for the Installation of Monitoring Equipment and Monitoring Pursuant to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
RI-10 Adoption of 2014 Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held June 9, 2015

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

RI-12 Approval of Agreement with Macerich Lakewood LP for Law Enforcement Services at Lakewood Center Mall

Council Member Rogers commented that since the incident last August regarding Deputy Brandon Love, he felt that there had been issues with the perception of safety at the mall. He recalled having received assurances from the owners that the mall operators would be taking steps to make Lakewood shoppers feel more comfortable. He expressed concern that the proposed agreement represented a reduction in the amount of money committed for deputy services at the mall and that the Safety Center would be relocating from its current location. He reported that he would have no problem approving the item but that it was necessary that the City Council be fully informed to make sure that these changes would not have a material effect on the shopping experience at the mall.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH MACERICH LAKEWOOD LP, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND REQUEST THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE STAFF UPDATES ON SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AS WELL AS QUARTERLY REPORTS ON STATISTICS ON CRIME AND CALLS FOR SERVICE AT LAKEWOOD MALL FROM AUGUST 2014 UNTIL JUNE 2016. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-15/2015-16

City Attorney Steve Skolnik explained that staff had requested that an item regarding the acquisition and funding of surplus helicopter and equipment be considered for approval. He explained the provisions of the Brown Act and stated that since the matter arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda and required immediate action by the City Council, it would be appropriate for the City Council to vote to add this item to the agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIAZZA SECONDED TO ADD TO THE AGENDA ITEM 1.1.E.43, APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION AND FUNDING OF SURPLUS HELICOPTER AND EQUIPMENT.
1.1 • AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FY 2014-15/2015-16 - Continued
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

City Manager Howard Chambers displayed slides and reported that the City was currently entering the second year of its tenth two-year budget. He reviewed the current Economic Climate, including higher retail sales and property values and lower unemployment and deficit numbers and noted the impacts of legislative actions in Sacramento. He highlighted Revenues and Appropriations as well as the Focus Areas, which included Budget for sustainability; Keep Lakewood safe; Enhance parks and open space; Foster a sense of community; Support a caring community; Preserve neighborhood quality of life; Promote economic vitality; Highlight government transparency; Defend traditional right to contract; and Protect the environment. He also discussed the budget impacts of State and Federal regulations related to the drought as well as to capital improvement projects.

Steve Skolnik, City Attorney, stated that 1.1.b was his annual memo to the City Council which explained the actions necessary to implement the budget. He advised that all of the budget documents could be considered at the same public hearing and adopted by a single roll call vote, however, since written protests had been received regarding items 1.1.e.34 & 35, each would be considered as separate public hearing items.

1.1.e.34 – Adjusting Residential Refuse Rates
Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin gave a brief presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the proposed increase to residential refuse rates was directly related to increases in tipping fees and fuel costs. She noted that due to the time required for noticing the increase, the initial fee increase of two percent had been estimated, and the actual increase would be less, at 0.62 percent. Ms. Perkin added that the new residential refuse rate would be effective and reflected on billings for refuse collection usage on July 1st.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:23 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

E. Zimmer, Lakewood, stated that she had submitted the written protests and expressed her opposition to the rate increases.

The City Attorney stated that there had been a total of 235 written protests received regarding the rate increase for refuse collection. Mr. Skolnik reported that with over 22,000 residential refuse accounts, the protests did not meet the threshold and the proposed rate adjustment could go forward.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-33; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKewood TO ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL REFUSE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
1.1 • AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FY 2014-15/2015-16
1.1.e.34 – Adjusting Residential Refuse Rates – Continued
VICE MAYOR PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-33. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1.e.35 – Pertaining to Water Rates and Charges
The Director of Administrative Services gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that many factors were considered in determining the proposed water rates such as increases in operating costs, electrical energy and water replenishment costs and over $35 million in capital improvements required over the next five years. The proposed water consumption rate increase raised the typical residential monthly bill by $6.38. She concluded by stating that it was recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution.

Council Member Rogers expressed concern at the negative impact of residents being charged a higher rate for their water conservation efforts.

Council Member Croft maintained that the City had a history of managing its water well by investing in infrastructure and making prudent decisions to maintain the quality of life.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:39 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

The City Attorney stated that there had been a total of 235 written protests received regarding the rate increase for water. Mr. Skolnik reported that with over 19,600 water service accounts, the protests were well below the threshold and the proposed rate adjustment could go forward.


VICE MAYOR PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-34. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

The City Attorney stated an additional public hearing needed to be held on the remainder of the budget items: 1.1.c, 1.1.d, 1.1.e, 1.1.e.1 through 33 and 1.1.e.36 through 43.
1.1 • AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FY 2014-15/2015-16 - Continued


e. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-24; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

1) RESOLUTION NO. 2015-25; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO CERTIFY TO CITY LIGHT AND POWER LAKEWOOD, INC., THAT BASIC FEE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-26; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO CERTIFY TO CITY LIGHT AND POWER LAKEWOOD, INC., THAT BASIC FEE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET

2) RESOLUTION NO. 2015-27; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28 PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ENACTING A PERSONNEL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

3) RESOLUTION NO. 2015-28; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING AND RENEWING A COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

1.1 • AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FY 2014-15/2015-16 - Continued


6) RESOLUTION NO. 2015-31; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND LAKEWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016


8) Amendment to Agreement with Merchants Building Maintenance for Custodial Services

9) Agreement for Charter Bus Services with Pacific Coachways

10) License Agreement with Southern California Edison for Use of Candleverde Park

11) Agreement with Trend Offset Printing for Catalog Publications

12) Agreements with TruGreen LandCare for Median Landscape Maintenance and Mowing Services

13) Agreement with Abilita LA for Telecommunications Services

14) Extension of Agreement for Engineering Services with Associated Soils Engineering

15) Extension of Agreement for Hardscape Maintenance with CJ Construction

16) Authorize Purchase Order with CR&R, Inc. for Street Sweeping Debris Recycling

17) Agreement with Dekra-Lite for Centre Decor

18) Extension of Agreement for Electrical Contracting Services with Fineline Electric

19) Extension of Agreement for Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services with Liftech Elevator Services

1.1 • AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FY 2014-15/2015-16 - Continued

21) Amendment to Agreement for On Call Architectural Services with Meyer & Associates

22) Extension of Agreement for Engineering and Traffic Survey Services with Newport Traffic Studies

23) Amendment to Agreement for Engineering Services with Reedcorp Engineering

24) Extension of Agreement for Environmental Services with S.C.S. Consultants

25) Amendment to Agreement for Animal Control Services with SEAACA

26) Extension of Agreement for Street Banner Marketing Program with Sierra Installations, Inc.

27) Extension of Agreement for HVAC Preventative Maintenance Services with Velocity Air Engineering

28) Amendment to Agreement for Tree Maintenance with West Coast Arborists

29) Amendment to Agreement for Engineering Services with Willdan

30) Agreement with Western Printing and Graphics for Preparation of City Informational Periodicals

31) Extension of Reimbursement Agreement for Long Beach Transit Fixed Route and Dial-A-Lift Services

32) Renewal of Agreement with Fair Housing Consulting Services

33) Agreement for the Fix Up/Paint Up Program

36) Amendment to Agreement for Refuse Collection with EDCO Waste Services

37) Prefunding of PARS Retirement Plan

38) Renewal of Agreement for Information Technology Support with BreaIT

39) Renewal of Agreement with Infosend, Inc. for Printing, Mailing and Online Bill Pay Services

40) Agreement with Pun Group LLC for Audit Services

41) Agreement for Provision of City Attorney Services

42) Amendment to the Agreement with the City Manager
1.1 • AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FY 2014-15/2015-16 - Continued
   43) Acquisition and Funding of Surplus Helicopter and Equipment

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:41 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience
wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING BID 01-15, VARIOUS IRRIGATION
MATERIALS
The Director of Administrative Services gave a report based on the memo in the agenda
stating that bid packages had been distributed soliciting bids for various irrigation materials
and that two sealed bids had been received. It was the recommendation of staff that the City
Council hold a public hearing and authorize the purchase of irrigation materials from
Hydro-Scape in the amount of $23,510.21.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience
wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS
SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL
VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • PREVIEW OF 2015 CIVIC CENTER BLOCK PARTY
Lisa Litzinger, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a
presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the City’s annual Civic
Center Block Party would be held on June 27th. Highlights of the event included a Family
Fun Zone; “A Taste of Lakewood” specialty food event; live entertainment by pop band,
“The Zippers”; a Beverage Garden; “Shop Lakewood” promotion; and concluded with a
fireworks show. She concluded by stating that the Block Party was one of the City’s most
popular special events.
3.2 • DECLARING JULY AS “PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER℠” MONTH

The Recreation and Community Services Director displayed slides and made a presentation regarding Parks and Recreation month. She reviewed the “Parks Make Life Better℠” campaign which emphasized that parks and recreation programs enriched lives and added value to the community’s homes and neighborhoods. She concluded by recommending the City Council adopt the proposed resolution declaring July as “Parks Make Life Better” and Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Lakewood.

RESOLUTION 2015-35;  A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DECLARING JULY AS PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!® MONTH

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-35. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • AMENDMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS FOR THE LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER, THE LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL AND LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHEDS

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda packet. She provided a brief history and timeline regarding the Watershed Management Program noting the City had been situated in three separate drainage watersheds. The implementation of the Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program for the Lower Los Angeles River, the Los Cerritos Channel and the Lower San Gabriel River watershed would be multi-city efforts and that participating cities were assessed costs based on formulas as detailed in the respective amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding. The annual contribution for the amendments would vary depending on the required monitoring and special studies needed to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit. The City’s annual contribution for all three watersheds had been estimated at $170,433 with funds included in the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget. She concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council approve Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Gateway Water Management Authority for the implementation of the Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program for each of the Watershed Committees of the Lower Los Angeles River – Reach 1, the Los Cerritos Channel and the Lower San Gabriel River.

Richard Watson, lead consultant for the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Program, identified the locations of existing and future principal monitoring stations and stated that they were designed to help track the source of pollutants.
3.3 • AMENDMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS FOR THE LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER, THE LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL AND LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHEDS - Continued


AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.4 • APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR STORMWATER PROJECT

The Public Works Director displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda packet and stated that the City had been working with other cities to develop a Watershed Management Program (WMP) to set forth programs and projects to help the cities achieve compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit. Caltrans had offered to partner with the City by providing a grant of full funding for a project. The WMP identified a potential project in Mayfair Park adjacent to the Clark Channel which would divert water into a pretreatment facility. As an alternative project, a similar design would be considered for the Del Amo Channel at Bolivar Park, which would have the added benefit of reducing the use of potable water for irrigation. The projects would meet Caltrans criteria, and make a positive impact on water quality within the watershed. Ms. Rapp reported that staff had been working closely with Caltrans staff, the watershed consultant, Richard Watson and Associates, and the City Attorney to develop acceptable language in the Cooperative Implementation Agreement. There would be a time limit on the funds; the funds obligated before June 30, 2015 must be spent within two years, and the funds obligated in the subsequent year would have one additional year. She concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council approve a Cooperative Implementation Agreement with Caltrans for a Stormwater and Urban Runoff Infiltration Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Ms. Rapp confirmed for Council Member DuBois that information had been prepared for both opportunities at Mayfair and Bolivar parks.

Responding to Vice Mayor Piazza’s inquiry regarding the timeline, Mr. Watson stated that there were two sets of overlapping periods and that deadlines were being negotiated.
3.4 • APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR STORMWATER PROJECT - Continued
COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois, Rogers, Piazza, Croft and Wood
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:
John Hoop, founder of Hoop Foundation, addressed the City Council regarding Giving Tuesday, celebrating a day of giving, which would be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bill Holt.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk