



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

### Adjourned Regular Meeting held November 9, 2021

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:31 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Weingart Ballroom at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Mayor Jeff Wood  
Vice Mayor Steve Croft  
Council Member Ariel Pe  
Council Member Todd Rogers  
Council Member Vicki Stuckey

#### **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATION OF A DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION SYSTEM**

Mayor Wood introduced Shalice Tilton and Doug Johnson (participating via Zoom teleconference) of National Demographics Corporation (NDC). Ms. Tilton displayed slides and provided an overview of the districting process.

Ms. Tilton and Mr. Johnson responded to comments, concerns and inquiries from the Council Members.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Mayor Wood noted that written/email comments had been received from Marisela Cervantes, James Gutierrez, Lynn Laughon, Kani Berger, Susan Benoit, Catherine Farrell, Filiberto Sanchez, Jennifer Muzquiz, Jeannie Moorman and Cassandra Chase.

Lakewood residents Kenneth Graham, Gregory Slaughter, Marisela Cervantes, Sara Rohani, Teresa Robbins, Joy Janes, Brian Cuaron, Nakia Smith, Olga Rios and Marisa Perez; and Alan Gafford, Long Beach, addressed the City Council regarding communities of interest, district maps and sequencing options.

The Council Members extended gratitude to the demographer for the presentation and to the residents and the community for their input. They expressed concerns regarding the polarizing effect of the districting process and stated the hope for maintaining unity noting their continued efforts to advocate for all residents.

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, explained that the proposed ordinance and resolution could be considered separately; however, he urged introduction of the ordinance in order to adhere to the timeline for adoption.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATION OF A DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION SYSTEM** - Continued

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-6; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING FIVE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS FOR A BY-DISTRICT ELECTORAL SYSTEM was read by title by the City Clerk.

MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2021-6. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers, Stuckey and Wood  
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-59; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING THE FIVE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR A BY-DISTRICT ELECTORAL SYSTEM

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-59 TO INCLUDE MAP NDC 104 WITH ELECTION SEQUENCING OF DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 5 IN 2022 AND DISTRICTS 3 AND 4 IN 2024 ONCE PUBLISHED FOR SEVEN DAYS.

The Council Members discussed clarifications to map options, district numbering and election sequencing.

Mr. Skolnik explained that since the motion contemplated a sequence that had not been published, if the motion passed and the document were posted immediately following the action, the City Council could legally vote on anything published for seven days at a subsequent meeting. He stated that if the Council Members voted on another alternative that had been published for seven days, the resolution could be adopted at this time.

MAYOR WOOD MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO ADOPT MAP NDC 103 WITH THE INCLUDED SEQUENCING.

THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe and Stuckey  
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood  
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk