



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

### Regular Meeting held November 9, 2021

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Weingart Ballroom at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Pastor Kevin Johnson, Strength Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Girl Scout Troop 2993 and 4893

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Ruth Neil, who directed Lakewood Meals on Wheels for 21 years and, with her husband, were original Lakewood homeowners.

The Mayor stated that he had recently signed proclamations on behalf of the City Council for two calendar commemorations in Lakewood. United Against Hate Week would be commemorated on the week of November 14 to 20, and November would be celebrated as Veterans and Military Families Month. Mayor Wood added that on Veterans Day, the City would post a series of short videos from CityTV on Facebook and Instagram that highlighted some of the many veterans residing in Lakewood.

Council Member Rogers expressed gratitude to all those who participated in the Lakewood Education Foundation fundraising efforts noting that a milestone had been reached this year. He explained that because of the generosity of Lakewood residents and corporate sponsors, grants would be awarded to every Lakewood teacher who applied.

Jon Gotz, of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and the Committee Chairperson for Project Shepherd, stated that the program was in its 49th year, and that 436 families had been assisted the previous year during the holiday season. He asked Mayor Wood to consider serving as the honorary chairperson. Mayor Wood stated it would be his honor to serve and that he looked forward to volunteering with the distribution.

#### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Dorian Johnson, Lakewood, and David Whitt, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding RI-5.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held October 26, 2021

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-60; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-6 Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Funding Agreement with Metro - Improvements at Intersection of Del Amo and Lakewood

RI-7 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Project No. 2015-4, Del Amo and Lakewood Intersection Improvements

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-61; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING APPLICATION(S) FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS

RI-9 Authorize Contract for Business License Software with HdL Software, LLC

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-7; PERTAINING TO STATE MANDATED RESIDENTIAL DENSIFICATION STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS**

Community Development Director Abel Avalos displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the proposed ordinance pertaining to State mandated residential densification. He stated that the Planning and Environment Commission recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing; introduce the proposed ordinance; approve the related CEQA exemption; and consider and continue to November 16, 2021, a resolution to authorize the creation of the Administrative Manual for Residential Development.

Mr. Avalos responded to questions from the Council Members.

**1.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2021-7; PERTAINING TO STATE MANDATED RESIDENTIAL DENSIFICATION STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS** - Continued

Council Member Rogers requested that residents remain engaged regarding the State legislation citing SB9 as an attack on neighborhoods and local control.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-7; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO STATE MANDATED RESIDENTIAL DENSIFICATION STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE MINISTERIAL REVIEW OF LAND DIVISIONS AND ALLOW ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS IN THE R-1 AND R-A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS was read by title by the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-62; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REGARDING THE APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO CREATE OBJECTIVE STANDARDS AND MINISTERIAL PROCEDURES TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LAKEWOOD RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN STANDARDS, WHERE ALLOWED BY SENATE BILL 9 STATE REGULATORY MANDATES

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING, INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2021-7, APPROVE THE RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION AND CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-62 TO NOVEMBER 16, 2021. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers and Stuckey

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood

**1.2 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8; PERTAINING TO UPDATING AND CLARIFYING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE**

The Director of Community Development displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the updating of various provisions of the Lakewood Municipal Code. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council hold a public hearing; introduce the proposed ordinance; and approve the related CEQA exemption.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:17 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

**1.2 • ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8; PERTAINING TO UPDATING AND CLARIFYING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE - Continued**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING ARTICLES IV, VIII AND IX OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO UPDATING AND CLARIFYING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE TO RECOGNIZE PROCEDURAL CHANGES, CONSISTENCY WITHIN THE CODE AND STATE LAW AND TO SIMPLIFY AND CLARIFY REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD, PARKING, AND VARIOUS OTHER REGULATIONS was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING, INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8 AND APPROVE THE RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.3 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT**

The Community Development Director displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). He concluded by stating that staff recommended 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and following the hearing, direct staff to take into consideration all comments received on the CAPER and submit those comments, if any, to the local HUD office.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:24 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • SUPPORTING THE "OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES" INITIATIVE**

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to support of the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Initiative and stated that staff recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-63, supporting the initiative and authorizing the listing of the City of Lakewood as a supporter.

**2.1 • SUPPORT THE “OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES” INITIATIVE** - Continued

The Council Members made comments and stated support for the initiative.

Mayor Wood suggested a drive to collect signatures and to send a copy of the resolution to the initiative’s author, Cal Cities, Gateway Cities COG, Contract Cities and legislators.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-63; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD SUPPORTING THE “OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES” INITIATIVE TO AMEND ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO MAKE ZONING AND LAND USE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND NOT OF STATE INTEREST

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-63. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Brian Cuaron, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding homelessness.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m. to Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the Weingart Ballroom. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ruth Neil.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk