



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
September 27, 2016

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

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Chris Logan, Christ Presbyterian Church of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy/Cub Scout Troop 140

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Piazza announced that the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries would hold a book sale on October 1st. He also announced the College Information Fair to be held on October 4th and the "Survive for 7" disaster preparedness training session on October 5th. He added that information on all the events could be found on the City's website or by calling city hall.

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held August 9, and September 13, 2016
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Permit for Mayfair High School Homecoming Parade
- RI-5 Approval of Amendment to Rental Agreement for Burns Community Center with Nifty After Fifty

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

**1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2016-5; LAKEWOOD STORMWATER AND RUNOFF CAPTURE PROJECT AT BOLIVAR PARK**

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, displayed slides and made a presentation based on her memo in the agenda. She provided an overview of the stormwater and runoff capture project at Bolivar Park, which would include the construction of a facility to divert, treat and store urban dry weather runoff and a small portion of the early part of wet weather flow. A portion of the water would be used to irrigate the park and the rest would be infiltrated into the ground. She reported that six bids had been received and that the project would be funded by a grant from Caltrans with no matching funds or cost share required from the City. It was recommended that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award a contract to Reyes Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$8,598,768; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of contract change orders, as needed, not to exceed \$500,000; authorize staff to approve Willdan's proposal to provide project management; and authorize staff to approve Tetra Tech's proposal to provide design support services during the construction phase.

Council Member Croft explained that the purpose of the low flow, which was a year round process, and the first flush, which occurred with initial rainfall, was to remove and prevent contaminants from the stormwater streaming to the ocean. He expressed enthusiasm at moving forward with the project.

Council Member Rogers, noting the potential inconveniences associated with the project, commended the consultants and staff on their efforts to mitigate the impacts to the nearby residents.

Responding to Council Member Wood's suggestions for some type of advanced notification such as "coming soon" banners or notices directing residents to the City website for additional information, Ms. Rapp stated that such signage and information could be placed around the neighborhood of the construction site.

Mayor Piazza opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Mitchell Ramirez, Lakewood, inquired regarding responsibility for the maintenance of the facility.

Ms. Rapp explained that maintenance needs were not expected to be substantial and since the project served others in the watershed besides Lakewood, it had been determined that the cities with territory draining into the project would share in a proportional cost for maintenance.

Mayor Piazza noted that additional savings would be realized since reclaimed water would be used to irrigate the parks thereby offsetting the costs of using potable water.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PW 2016-5; LAKEWOOD STORMWATER AND RUNOFF CAPTURE PROJECT AT BOLIVAR PARK - Continued**  
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Rogers, Wood and Piazza

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.2 • APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ONE JOHN DEERE TRACTOR 5100M**

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin displayed slides and gave a report based on the memo in the agenda. She stated two proposals had been received for the purchase of a tractor needed to replace two older models acquired in 1984 and 1986. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing, appropriate \$85,083 of General Funds and authorize the purchase of one 2016 John Deere 5100M tractor with all necessary hardware at the contract price of \$85,082.05 from RDO Agriculture Equipment Company of Riverside.

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger responded to Council Member Croft's inquiry by stating that after having purchased a smaller tractor a few years ago, the addition of the new equipment would sufficiently cover replacement of the two older models.

Vice Mayor DuBois expressed appreciation to staff for being good stewards of public equipment by maintaining the older tractors, which lasted over thirty years.

In response to Council Member Wood's inquiry regarding having obtained only two proposals, Ms. Perkin stated that the locality of the vendors for such equipment seemed to influence the number of proposals received.

Mayor Piazza opened the public hearing at 7:57 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 COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:**

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Rogers, Wood and Piazza

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • RESOLUTION NO. 2016-59; DECLARING OPPOSITION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEASURE M**

City Attorney Steve Skolnik stated that subsequent to a recent meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to consider the transportation ballot measure on the November ballot, it was the committee's recommendation that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution to oppose Measure M.

**2.1 • RESOLUTION NO. 2016-59; DECLARING OPPOSITION TO L.A. COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEASURE M - Continued**

Denny Zane, Executive Director of MoveLA, Santa Monica, urged support for Measure M.

Vice Mayor DuBois reported that transportation projects such as the eco-rapid transit and the widening of freeways were not contained in Measure M. She explained that over \$7.5 million in sales tax would be collected from Lakewood and only \$1 million would be received in local returns. She added that more than forty cities collectively were opposing the measure. She confirmed for Council Member Wood that the negotiations between some of the cities and Metro were non-binding and that the assurances being offered by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti may not be supported by the Board. She cited as an example the “subway to the sea” project touted under Measure R which had been replaced by airport and other projects. She expressed frustration at the imbalance of the region’s needs being pushed aside by Metro in favor of projects benefitting those in other communities.

Council Member Croft commented that while on a countywide level, the measure appeared to be a noble effort, there were no guarantees that projects in the Gateway or South Bay regions would be a priority. He stated the belief that worthwhile projects, if designed well, could be successfully passed by voters in the future.

Council Member Rogers expressed appreciation for the efforts of Vice Mayor DuBois and Supervisor Knabe on the Metro Board noting that the vision of the majority of the Board for the County’s transportation needs did not reflect the different regions’ priorities. He added that while it was important to support mass transit and critical infrastructure needs, residents were being unnecessarily burdened with additional taxation as shown by the large number of State and local tax measures on the ballot. He observed that it was the duty of elected officials to do what could be done to make life better and easier for their constituents. He remarked that cities should have been consulted about their priorities at the time the measure had been drawn up and not a month away from the election date. He affirmed the philosophy that there needed to be a collective vision for transportation within the County and stated that he would be voting against Measure M and supporting the proposed resolution.

Mayor Piazza concurred with the comments made by his colleagues stating that a larger tax which guaranteed projects being completed in the region sooner would be more beneficial than the half-cent increase that delayed the commencement of some of the improvements for decades. He expressed support for the proposed resolution and added that he would be voting no on Measure M.

Council Member Wood maintained that he would also support the proposed resolution noting that while transportation improvements were essential, it was also important to balance the goals of the City with the needs of the residents.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-59; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DECLARING OPPOSITION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEASURE M**

2.1 • RESOLUTION NO. 2016-59; DECLARING OPPOSITION TO L.A. COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEASURE M - Continued  
VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-59. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

Vice Mayor DuBois thanked Mr. Zane for his presentation and she expressed gratitude to her Council colleagues for their support in opposition of the measure.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands  
COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands  
VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piazza adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk