



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 24, 2017

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 Jack Sheets, Cityline Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Council Member Jeff Wood

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 meeting would be adjourned in memory of Michael Johnston, a longtime Lakewood resident and Rotary Club member; Sheriff's Lieutenant Kevin Hannigan, a former member of the Special Assignment Team; Thomas Stanley, who helped start the first Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops in the City and an original Lakewood resident; and Jack Huntsinger, one of the City's earliest and longtime employees, who went on to become City Clerk and Director of Personnel.

Mayor Piazza also announced that the Lakewood Youth Sports Hall of Fame awards dinner would be held on February 27th with tickets going on sale on January 30th and encouraged residents to support the event.

In response to Council Member Rogers' request for an update on the impacts of the recent rain storms, Jason Wen, Director of Water Resources, reported that Lakewood had received significant rainfall which totaled almost eleven inches just in the month of January. He stated that reservoirs were filling up and that the snow content was well above normal after having received over thirty-two inches so far. Mr. Wen concluded by stating that the water season was off to a good start.

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp provided a brief summary of the tree-related responses resulting from the storms. She explained that the system to prevent flooding had worked as intended and the efforts to clear the catch basins and screens kept debris from clogging drain lines and had allowed for continuous water flow. She reported that no public building or facility had been damaged but that work on the Bolivar Park capture project had been slowed by the rain storms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Ms. Rapp responded to Council Member Rogers' inquiry by stating that residents should continue to report any tree-related concerns, such as cracked or hanging limbs, even after hours when staff could be dispatched for inspections or to resolve any issues.

Council Member Wood expressed concern with service issues experienced with Frontier Communications. Paolo Beltran, Assistant to the City Manager, encouraged residents to report service interruptions, outages and other issues directly to Frontier.

Mayor Piazza introduced Lynda Johnson, Field Deputy for L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who stated that she looked forward to working in the community and had already been recruited to participate in board positions in various Lakewood service organizations.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held December 13, 2016
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions
- RI-5 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments
- RI-6 Approval of Appointment to the Development Review Board
- RI-7 Ratification of Purchase of Catch Basin Insert Equipment
- RI-8 Approval of Use Agreement with Los Angeles County for Bolivar Park Water Capture Project

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY INVESTMENT POLICY

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin displayed slides and gave a presentation based on her memo in the agenda and noted that the City's investment objectives continued to be safety, liquidity and yield. She stated that as specified by law, the City's Investment Policy was reviewed annually to conform to sound investment practices and laws. She explained that in addition to reviewing the list of suitable investments, Public Financial Management's performance was also reviewed annually and included a comparison of PFM's returns to a market index. It had been anticipated that in 2016, fluctuations in yields would be evident as the Federal Reserve began raising rates, but the real impacts had come from China's slowing growth, dropping oil prices, global negative interest rates, and Brexit. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the Investment Policy and continue the investment management services of PFM.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND CONTINUE THE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF PFM. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • ADOPTION OF AMENDED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Lisa Litzinger, Director of Recreation and Community Services, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the City's first emergency plan had been approved in 1979 and was last updated in 1999. She stated that the plan required updating to be compatible with the Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System. Staff requested proposals, conducted interviews and selected Carolyn Harshman, President of Emergency Planning Consultants, as its consultant. The EOP Planning Committee, made up of representatives from each department, met monthly from August to November and worked with the consultant on the Plan. She stated that staff recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution amending Lakewood's Emergency Operations Plan, revised in accordance with current State and Federal guidelines.

Ms. Litzinger introduced Alex Fritzler, Lead Assistant, Emergency Planning Consultants, who displayed slides and made a presentation on the various earthquake scenarios demonstrating different locations, magnitudes and faults.

Mayor Piazza suggested that residents seek information on obtaining earthquake insurance at this time prior to the occurrence of any large magnitude quake event. He also encouraged residents to take advantage of training programs offered by the City that would not only help the community but could save the lives of family members.

3.2 • ADOPTION OF AMENDED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN - Continued

Council Member Croft inquired about upcoming Survive for Seven and CERT classes available for residents noting the benefits of such programs which included valuable information from emergency responders and learning potentially life-saving skills. Community Services Manager Nancy Hitt provided information on classes in the coming months and suggested that residents contact the Recreation Department for more details.

Council Member Wood commended staff for their efforts in producing such a significant document. He stated that after having worked in emergency management at the State level, he appreciated the importance of the City Council's involvement to ensure the availability of educational resources to its residents.

Mr. Fritzler responded to a question from Council Member Rogers regarding earthquake early warning systems by stating that due to their instantaneous nature and the speed at which earthquakes travel, the technology had yet to be developed to provide sufficient advanced notice.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING AN AMENDED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN-BASIC PLAN

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD 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

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2. Approval of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for July 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2017 – ROPS 16-17

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1 2016, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017.

2. Approval of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for July 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2017 – ROPS 16-17 – Continued

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

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS 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:

James Davidson, Westminster, addressed the City Council regarding occupational fraud.

Steven Nagy, Field Representative to Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, introduced himself and stated that as a lifelong resident of Lakewood, he looked forward to working with the City Council and staff.

Alan Calcote, Lakewood, expressed support and concern for protection of the elderly, the sick and children.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piazza adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Michael Johnston, Kevin Hannigan, Thomas Stanley and Jack Huntsinger.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk