



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
May 9, 2017

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Ahmed Rafi, Member of the Lakewood Muslim Community

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Girl Scout Troop 1023

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor DuBois announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of former Long Beach Mayor Ernie Kell, who had been a longtime council member and then became the first elected mayor in the city in 1988.

Council Member Wood announced that he had received notification that May was Fine Forgiveness Month at the Los Angeles County libraries, where fines would be waived with the return of overdue materials.

Public Information Officer Bill Grady displayed slides and gave a presentation on the upcoming ceremony planned for Memorial Day. He noted that staff had worked closely with local veterans' groups in planning for the event, which would include recognition of veterans in attendance at the event, a presentation of the colors by the Lakewood High School Naval Junior ROTC, patriotic music sung by the Golden Sands Chorus, keynote speaker Lieutenant Colonel Carl Fabrizio, Jr., as well as a reading by Lakewood High School graduate and Marine Corps veteran, Bob Pierce, of the poem, "The Boys of Del Valle Park," written by Lakewood resident and veteran, Dennis Lander. He stated that also included in the event were a roll call of Lakewood's fallen; the placing of memorial wreaths; and a highlighting of the veterans history project.

Paolo Beltran, Assistant to the City Manager, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and provided an update on Assembly Bill 1250, which set up a complex process for cities and counties to follow when seeking to contract for various services. He explained that the process effectively eliminated contracting services for cities and counties. Some of the burdensome and costly provisions of the measure required cities like Lakewood to complete cost-benefit and environmental impact analyses prior to entering into or renewing a contract;

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** - Continued

perform an annual performance audit of each contract; develop a fully searchable database to be posted on the city's website; and provide non-city employees an orientation, adding potentially significant cost and logistical concerns. Implementation of these requirements would ultimately be borne by the taxpayer, because while the bill provided for the prospective contractor to reimburse the city for the cost of the analyses and audit, they would eventually be factored into the cost of providing the services. He stated that the bill would be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and could either end up in the suspense file due to its significant fiscal impact to local agencies or move to the assembly floor. He concluded by stating that over one hundred cities and organizations opposed the bill, including the League of California Cities and the California Contract Cities Association.

Mayor DuBois, Council Member Piazza and Council Member Wood emphasized the importance of contract services and noted the bill's potential effects on the City's budget. In response to their questions pertaining to providing notification to those who would be affected by the passage of the bill, Mr. Beltran stated that residents could visit the City's website to obtain legislators' contact information and proactively convey their opposition to the proposed bill.

Council Member Rogers stated that as the first contract city, it was important to take a proactive role in opposing the bill. He expressed concern that passage of the bill could be devastating for future contract cities and would have a permanent and draconian impact on existing contract cities.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Council Member Rogers requested that Routine Item 5 and Routine Item 6 be considered separately.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 25, 2017

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Amendment to Intergovernmental Relations Committee

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

**RI-5 Authorization for Rynerson Park Sewer Main Design Services by Willdan Engineering**

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She explained that the restrooms at Rynerson Park had been built in the late 1980s and were connected to septic systems that no longer functioned effectively and required replacement with a sewer main. She stated that Lakewood had an on-call agreement for city engineering services with Willdan Engineering, whose engineers were capable of designing a new sewer main that could serve the restrooms in Rynerson Park. In addition to the preparation of the plans, specifications and estimate for the new sewer main, Willdan would prepare the necessary documents to apply for a Sanitation District permit to connect to their line, and to apply to SCE for an easement to construct our new main on their property. Willdan would also provide the survey information needed to allow the City Architect to prepare the site plans for the proposed prefabricated replacement picnic shelters and bathrooms. She concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council authorize Willdan Engineering to provide design services in the amount of \$23,730 for Rynerson Park Sewer Project under their existing on-call agreement.

Council Member Rogers stated that it was important to inform residents of the upcoming plans for Rynerson Park and noted the timeliness of the bathroom renovations. Ms. Rapp confirmed for Council Member Rogers that there would be coordination with Little Leagues and other users to accommodate schedules.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE WILLDAN ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,730 FOR RYNERSON PARK SEWER PROJECT UNDER THEIR EXISTING ON-CALL AGREEMENT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**RI-6 Approval of Water Sale Agreement, WD-3329, with Long Beach Water Department**

Jason Wen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He stated that the City of Lakewood owned 9,432 acre-feet of Allowed Pumping Allocation of extraction rights in the Central Basin and in an effort to gain beneficial use of the City's excess pumping rights, the Department of Water Resources proposed a new agreement with the City of Long Beach Water Department for the purchase of the City's excess water supply. The agreement would provide for the pumping and conveying of water to Long Beach through the inter-connection on Palo Verde Avenue south of Carson Street. The cost per acre-foot would be the average between the set floor and ceiling prices. The fiscal year 2016-17 water purchase price would be \$638 per acre-foot and future rate adjustments would be made based on the formula along with updated actual costs.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

He concluded by stating that the Water Resources Committee recommended that the City Council approve a water purchase agreement, WD-3329, with the City of Long Beach Water Department and upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, authorize its execution by the Mayor on behalf of the City.

Vice Mayor Croft explained that he and Council Member Piazza, as members of the Water Resources Committee, had studied various options and brought forward the recommended action. He described the pricing methodology agreed upon with Long Beach that was beneficial to the City's ratepayers. He stated that with residents having replaced their lawns and household fixtures with more water efficient options, less demand and excess supply seemed to be the "new normal."

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Eleanor Mendoza addressed the City Council regarding code enforcement matters.

Bernard Gizzi spoke about parking issues related to street sweeping.

Justin Rodriguez addressed the City Council regarding park accessibility and speeding vehicles near Rynerson Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Long Beach Mayor Ernie Kell.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk