



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 10, 2018

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Larry Harris, Calvary Chapel Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 2993

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Croft congratulated former Lieutenant Rick Harpham on his promotion to Captain and on being named the Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station. Captain Harpham stated it was a privilege to take command of Lakewood Station having spent some of the past sixteen years of his career there in various ranks. He noted that he looked forward to continuing the collaborative effort in the approach to public safety and ensuring that Lakewood remained a safe community to live, work and play. He provided a public safety update with regards to the first quarter crime statistics and noted that in the last year, overall, crime in Lakewood was down; however, there had been a rise in burglary. He explained that in response to the rise in burglary, the City had authorized additional funding for a dedicated burglary suppression car, which concentrated on residential, commercial and vehicle burglary at all hours of the day throughout the City and had, so far, resulted in sixty arrests and five guns being taken off the streets. He reported that across the board, there had been a reduction in Part 1 crimes and that Lakewood Center had continued its downward trend in Part 1 incidents as well. He acknowledged traffic safety as an issue which was of importance to residents and stated that the City had authorized ninety-six hours of traffic enforcement overtime per month which utilized motor officers on patrol targeting specific areas. Captain Harpham stated that more citations had been written in the first quarter of the current year than in the previous year and that traffic collisions were down as a result. He noted that despite the sometimes negative attention directed towards law enforcement, Captain Harpham maintained that their combined efforts promoted public safety and quality of life. He commended Sheriff's personnel for their positive actions which were infrequently publicized citing as an example a recent incident with a man experiencing mental health issues, who had doused himself and others with gasoline. Deputies quickly responded to prevent ignition of a lighter in his possession and were able to refer him for treatment without injuries to himself or to the deputies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Vice Mayor Rogers thanked the Captain for noting that the reason for deputies writing traffic citations was not to generate revenue but to reduce the incidence of traffic collisions. Responding to a question posed by Vice Mayor Rogers regarding package thefts from porches, Captain Harpham stated that the issue had been addressed with the department's crime analysts who were working to study and determine if there had been any patterns or trends that could be identified. He added that they were also working towards formulating proactive efforts including positioning deputies at target locations and public safety messaging to alert residents and provide suggestions to reduce the likelihood of having their packages stolen.

Responding to questions from Council Member Wood regarding volunteer opportunities for residents, Captain Harpham explained that the collaborative unit that he had referenced earlier included community members who assisted with public safety and fighting crime. In addition to the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and Volunteers on Patrol programs, there were opportunities for assisting in the day-to-day operations at the station and with traffic control. He stated that the services provided by volunteers were invaluable and invited those who were interested to become involved.

Captain Harpham made a presentation on behalf of Sheriff Jim McDonnell and the personnel of the Lakewood Station to Council Member DuBois in recognition of her leadership and dedicated service during her mayoral term.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 13, 2018
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities
- RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-58 TO ADD A NEW COMMITTEE TO THE LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
- RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD SUPPORTING THE VETERANS AND HOUSING BOND SLATED FOR THE NOVEMBER 2018 STATEWIDE BALLOT

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Croft presented the list of appointments to governmental associations, organizations and committees.

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

California Contract Cities

Association	Wood - Representative	Piazza - Alternate
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California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority	Wood - Representative	Croft - Alternate
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So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly	DuBois - Representative	Piazza - Alternate
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Gateway Cities COG Board

	DuBois - Representative	Piazza - Alternate
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Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District	Croft - Representative	
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Job Training Partnership Act

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League of California Cities

L.A. County Division	Piazza - Representative	DuBois - Alternate
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City Selection Committee	Croft - Representative	DuBois - Alternate
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Annual League Conference	DuBois - Representative	Croft - Alternate
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L.A. County Sanitation

District #3 & #19	Croft - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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Southeast Water Coalition

	Rogers - Representative	Croft - Alternate
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3.1 • APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES - Continued

STANDING COMMITTEES

Intergovernmental Relations	Croft - Chair	Rogers - Member
Lakewood Schools	Rogers - Chair	Wood - Member
Environmental Management	DuBois - Chair	Wood - Member
Public Safety	Rogers - Chair	Piazza - Member
Park Development	DuBois - Chair	Wood - Member
Water Resources	Croft - Chair	Rogers – Member
Community Promotion	Piazza - Chair	DuBois – Member
Economic Development	Croft – Chair	DuBois – Member
Hall of Fame - Board of Electors	Wood - Chair	
Audit	Croft - Chair	Piazza - Member
Capital Improvement Plan	Wood - Chair	Croft - Member

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

3.2 • AUTHORIZING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ISES CORPORATION FOR FACILITY CONDITION ASSESSMENT

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and explained that many of Lakewood's parks and facilities were now over fifty years old and staff was recommending the preparation of a Facility Condition Assessment, which would identify and document current facility condition deficiencies, recommend corrections for all deficiencies, provide cost estimates for corrections, and forecast future facility renewal costs. She stated that the assessment would also allow staff to prioritize capital improvement and facility maintenance needs, and properly budget for those needs over the next twenty years. She reported that a new standing council committee was being established to review the scope and cost of an overall Capital Improvement Program for the City and that the Committee would make recommendations regarding long-term capital project planning, and

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the Facilities Condition Assessment would be a key tool in assisting both staff and the CIP Committee in their efforts to prioritize investment in facilities. She added that the Facilities Condition Assessment should be completed in approximately four months. It was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the consulting agreement with ISES Corporation for engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$92,950; authorize execution of the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney; and authorize a contingency of \$9,000 for additional work as needed.

Mayor Croft commented on the value of such an assessment and stated that a similar analysis had been conducted at the Water Resources Department that facilitated the development of a more comprehensive plan for the future with regards to investment needs.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Rocky Pavone, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding financial literacy and extended an invitation to attend complimentary workshops at the Cerritos Financial Center.

Kevin Harbor, Lakewood; Dodi Murrill, Lakewood; and Ernest McBride, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding a vehicle incident and traffic issues at the intersection of Cherry Avenue and Denmead Street.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 2993, St. Pancratius School, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding the donation of a portion of the proceeds to veterans from over \$30,000 in cookies sales and that the juniors and cadets were working on their civics badges.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. to Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk