



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
June 11, 2019

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

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Olu Harding, Lakewood First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Boy Scout Troop 134

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the Lakewood Youth Sports opening day ceremony and the Public Safety Expo would be held on Saturday, June 15th, with a fun zone of free activities including bouncers, a rock climbing wall, games and an opportunity to meet Lakewood's Deputy Sheriffs to obtain information on public safety topics.

Mayor Rogers extended thoughts and prayers to the family of an off-duty member of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, who was in critical condition after a recent shooting in Alhambra and commended the Long Beach Police Department on apprehending the suspect.

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ROUTINE ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Wood requested that Routine Item 5 be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 AND ROUTINE ITEM 6.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held May 28, and June 1, 2019

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Permits for Street Closures for July 4th Block Parties

RI-6 Approval of Amendment No. 6 for Additional Design Support Services for Mayfair Park Water Capture Project with Tetra Tech, Inc.

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-5 Approval of Reappointment to the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO WDB)

Vice Mayor Wood stated that as the City's SELACO WDB representative, currently serving as the Chair, he wanted to acknowledge Lakewood Rotary and Chamber of Commerce member, Mark Dameron, one of Lakewood's two WDB members and an active member of the community, who was in attendance.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ITEM. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He presented the Revised Budget 2018-2020, by indicating that FY 2018-19 had been balanced after \$2 million in budget modifications and the year ended with a slight surplus due to the influx of one-time monies. He reported that FY 2019-20 had initially been projected to end breaking even; however, the continued decline in revenue and an increase in expenditures left a deficit and the budget had been balanced after \$1.3 million in cuts. He further stated that the underlying structural deficit still existed and that the inevitable recession would only exacerbate the situation. Mr. McCormack identified the challenges of maintaining the local quality of life; keeping local property values high; keeping streets well maintained; maintaining quality parks and recreational programs; and protecting safe and clean public spaces and neighborhoods. He outlined some of the impending issues to the City, such as the loss of local control of funding; the flattening of revenues; and the rise in the cost of doing business and maintaining facilities. He explained that some of the actions to deal with the issue included deficit reduction measures, such as leaving positions unfilled, deferring equipment and capital projects when safe and appropriate, and canceling the Block Party; redoubled work on cutting costs in the organization undertaking comprehensive fee and cost recovery studies and identifying possible areas for new revenue; and beginning the process of seeking long-term solutions, such as the citizen's Budget Advisory Group and commencing outreach to the broader community. Mr. McCormack stated that \$1.3 million in additional spending cuts as well as the reclassification of the Deputy City Manager position were needed to maintain a balanced budget for the next fiscal year and that more cuts were likely to be needed in future years to offset increase costs and State takeaways, including cuts to basic services.

1.1 • CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR FY 2019-20 - Continued

Jose Gomez, Director of Administrative Services, displayed slides and detailed the City's operational budget highlighting the general fund budget; general fund revenues; department expenditures; general fund reserves; and water utility fund budget.

Mr. McCormack explained that post budget adoption actions included developing a long term, sustainable plan; continuing outreach to residents on Lakewood's financial situation and determining their service priorities for the community; focusing on essential services and strategies for keeping costs down, such as considering organizational structure for opportunities to consolidate and gain efficiencies, finalizing comprehensive fee and cost recovery studies and identifying possible areas for new revenue.

Council Member Piazza, noting the recent media reports of Governor Newsom's budget surplus and local governments' inability to get back the money taken away by the State, commented that Sacramento should be made aware that those surplus monies could ease some of the difficulties that cities would be facing to make ends meet in the future.

Vice Mayor Wood applauded staff's efforts to streamline the budget process and to continue to explore options. He reported that in his upcoming visit to Sacramento to meet with recently elected Senator Gonzalez, who came from local government, he would remind her of cities' reliance on tax revenues and invite her to visit the City to meet with staff.

Council Member Croft commended staff for their hard work in taking into consideration the City Council's priorities and goals. He cautioned that there were challenges ahead noting that while presenting a balanced budget, no major investments in infrastructure were being made, thereby deferring costs that would be faced in the future. He stated the importance of restoring health to the City's physical sustainability and maintaining reserves.

Council Member DuBois stated that the budget had been thoroughly studied and expressed appreciation for staff's diligence in finding ways to best serve Lakewood.

Mayor Rogers concurred with the Council Members' comments and thanked the City Manager for presenting a balanced budget, noting its importance as a core value in Lakewood. He acknowledged the past need to utilize reserves during the recession and the efforts to promptly replenish them. He stated that the budget reflected the City's fiscal responsibility and that some decisions, such as to eliminate the Block Party event, had to be made to avoid cutting other essential services. He noted that the reserves were intact and a healthy fund balance had been maintained for unforeseen occurrences.

Mr. McCormack concurred by stating that despite the health of the current financial forecast, it was important to maintain the rainy day fund for the coming storm.

Mayor Rogers indicated that with this budget, essential City services and public safety would be maintained, the parks and recreation programs would continue to be robust and the elements that were detailed as the "Lakewood way" would be adhered to.

Vice Mayor Wood emphasized the importance of "shopping Lakewood" and ensuring that sales tax dollars remain in the City.

1.1 • CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR FY 2019-20 - Continued

Steve Skolnik, Office of the City Attorney, reported that the agenda packet included proposed budget resolutions, one of which contained a calculation required to be done annually of the Gann limitation. He advised that the remaining items included various resolutions as well as individual contractual items requiring action as part of the budget process, and that following a public hearing for any public comments, the City Council could take action to approve all of the items with a single motion and vote.

c. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF RESERVE FUNDS INTO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

d. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DETERMINING THE TOTAL ANNUAL APPROPRIATION SUBJECT TO LIMITATION OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

e. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE BIENNIAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

1) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO CERTIFY TO CITY LIGHT AND POWER LAKEWOOD, INC., THAT BASIC FEE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO CERTIFY TO CITY LIGHT AND POWER LAKEWOOD, INC., THAT BASIC FEE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET

2) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING AND RENEWING A COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

3) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND COMMUNITY FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER PROVIDING COUNSELING SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND JUVENILE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

1.1 • CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR FY 2019-20 - Continued

4) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RENEWING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION (HSA) TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR SENIOR ADULT RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

5) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND LAKEWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

6) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND PATHWAYS VOLUNTEER HOSPICE, INC. PROVIDING SERVICES FOR TERMINALLY ILL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

7) Approval of Agreement with Lakewood Meals On Wheels for Use of Burns Community Center

8) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Nestle Waters

9) Approval of Agreement for Youth Transportation Services with Durham School Services

10) Approval of Agreement for Adult Travel Trip Services with Pacific Coachways

11) Approval of Agreement with Advanced Green Solutions for Carpet Cleaning at The Centre

12) Approval of Agreement for Backflow Prevention Device Testing and Repair Services with Greene Backflow

13) Authorize Purchase of Water Parts and Supplies from S&J Supplies

14) Approval of Professional Services Agreement (PSA) - Engineering Services for Multiple Year Watermain Replacement Projects FY2015-FY2019

15) Approval of Agreement for Telecommunications Services with Abilita LA

16) Approval of Agreement for HVAC and Refrigeration Maintenance and Repair Services with Aire Rite A/C and Refrigeration Inc.

17) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Engineering Services with Associated Soils Engineering, Inc.

1.1 • CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR FY 2019-20 - Continued

18) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Hardscape Maintenance with CJ Construction

19) Approval of Agreement for On-call Roof Warranty Inspection and Consulting Services with D7 Consulting

20) Approval of Agreement for Architectural Services with Dahlin Group

21) Approval of Agreement with Dekra-Lite for Centre Decor

22) Approval of Amendment to Appendix B for Refuse Collection with EDCO Waste Services

23) Approval of Agreement for On-call Electrical Engineering Services with FBA Engineering

24) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Electrical Support Services with Fineline Electric

25) Approval of Amendment of Storm Water Services Agreement with G2 Construction Inc.

26) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Storm Water Services with John L. Hunter & Associates

27) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Elevator Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services with Liftech Elevator Services, Inc.

28) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Transportation Planning and Engineering Services Agreement with LSA Associates, Inc.

29) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Engineering and Traffic Survey Services with Newport Traffic Studies

30) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Environmental Consulting Services with Nicholls Consulting

31) Approval of Renewal of Agreement for On-call Hazardous Waste Removal Services with Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc.

32) Approval of Agreement for Traffic Striping Maintenance Services with PCI Striping

33) Approval of Agreement for On-call Mechanical and Plumbing Engineering Services with Pocock Design Solutions Inc.

1.1 • CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR FY 2019-20 - Continued

34) Approval of Agreement for Landscape Architectural Support Services with Richard Fisher Associates

35) Approval of Agreement for On-call Structural Engineering Services with Robert F. Daniels Structural Engineer

36) Approval of Amendment of Agreement for Environmental Services with S.C.S. Consultants

37) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Animal Control Services with SEAACA

38) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Street Banner Marketing Program with Sierra Installations, Inc.

39) Approval of Renewal of Agreement for Fire and Burglar Security Systems Monitoring and Maintenance Services with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions

40) Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Engineering Services with Willdan

41) Approval of Agreement for Document Imaging System Maintenance and Support with ECS Imaging, Inc.

42) Approval of Agreement with Macerich Lakewood LP for Law Enforcement Services at Lakewood Center Mall

43) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND CITY OF LAKEWOOD, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

44) Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Telecom Law Firm, PC

45) Approval of Consultant Services Agreement with Telecom Law Firm, PC

46) Approval of Agreement with Pun Group LLC for Audit Services

47) Approval of Agreement with Tyler Technologies for MUNIS Accounting Software Licenses and Support

48) Approval of Amendment of Agreement with Fair Housing Consulting Services

49) Approval of Extension of Reimbursement Agreement for Long Beach Transit Fixed Route and Dial-A-Lift Services

50) Approval of Extension of Agreement for Provision of City Attorney Services

1.1 • CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR FY 2019-20 - Continued

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:19 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ITEM 1.1 IN ITS ENTIRETY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Community Development Director Abel Avalos displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He reported that as part of the City's participation in the Community Development Block Grant programs, a Consolidated Plan was required every five years, and an Action Plan, describing available resources and addressing priority needs, was required annually. He outlined the proposed programs for fiscal year 2019-20, including Code Enforcement, Fair Housing and Improvements to the Weingart Senior Center. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments, then approve the FY 2019-2020 Action Plan and authorize the City Manager to direct staff to submit to HUD the approved Action Plan, with required certifications, no later than June 14, 2019.

Council Member Croft commented that the CDBG program was another program that had seen reductions in funding levels and that while Lakewood was fortunate to continue to receive such funds, the lower amounts added to the pressures placed on the City's budget.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Lisa and Gerald Meester, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding abatement, traffic and safety issues in the neighborhood of Elvins Street and Sylvanwood Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Govt. Code §54957.6

Designated Representative: City Manager, Office of the City Attorney and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, Director of Administrative Services, Assistant to the City Manager, Human Resources Manager, Personnel Technician

Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

At 9:10 p.m., the City Council reconvened and the City Attorney advised that there was no action to announce.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk