



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
August 13, 2019

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**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 Mr. Ahmed Rafi, Member of the Lakewood Muslim Community

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by 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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of the victims of the mass shootings in Gilroy, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio; California Highway Patrol Officer Andre Moye; original Lakewood resident Kenneth Mallard; and Maggie Montgomery, the wife of former ABC Unified School District board member, Bishop David Montgomery of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Mayor noted that with summer coming to a close, he expressed best wishes for a successful school year. He highlighted the efforts of the Lakewood Education Foundation to raise funds to go towards grants of up to \$500 for classroom improvement projects

Council Member Piazza and Vice Mayor Wood commended staff on the success of the Concerts in the Park series.

Mayor Rogers introduced Anais Medina Diaz, Public Information Officer of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, who made a presentation and provided a map with information and statistics regarding the various mosquitoes such as the *Culex* and *Aedes* mosquitoes with the potential to transmit Zika, dengue, yellow fever and chikungunya. She identified methods of protection from mosquito incidents, which included elimination of standing water and the use of insect repellents.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** - Continued

Council Member Croft expressed gratitude to Ms. Medina Diaz for her presentation. He reported that the uptick of incidents from the previous year were related to the introduction of the *Aedes* mosquitos, commonly referred to as ankle biters, that had migrated into the area. He stated that unlike the *Culex* variety, which tended to bite at dusk or dawn, the *Aedes* would bite at any time of the day. He encouraged residents to visit the District's website for more information and to remain vigilant and aware of potential sources of standing water citing that even a bottle cap obscured by plants could fill up enough to allow mosquitos to breed. He added that with people becoming more educated and by being more involved, it would make a difference.

Ms. Medina Diaz concurred by stating that mosquito control was a shared responsibility and cited the available resources provided by the District, such as brochures, social media content and community events. She identified the recommended insect repellent ingredients that were recommended by the Center for Disease Control, such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 and oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Responding to Council Member Piazza's inquiry regarding mosquito bites, Ms. Medina Diaz stated that West Nile virus symptoms did not usually manifest immediately and that the older adult population and those with compromised immune systems would suffer the more severe symptoms which included cold-like symptoms such as fever, rash, and cough and could lead into paralysis, meningitis and even a coma.

Vice Mayor Wood inquired whether the map could provide more detail to include major streets and landmarks, such as schools and parks. Ms. Medina Diaz replied that she would work with the District's GIS/IT staff personnel to create more of the visually identifiable locations.

In response to further questions from Vice Mayor Wood regarding public information dissemination, City Manager Thaddeus McCormack stated that further outreach efforts could be continued beyond the summer months.

Ms. Medina Diaz responded to Vice Mayor Wood's query regarding sightings of Vector Control vehicles by stating that District staff were spraying larvicides to target mosquito larvae and did not affect others that might drink from the same water source.

Council Member Croft and Ms. Medina Diaz highlighted the efforts of Thelma and Louise, the mosquito mascots, as well as the mosquito swat lab, a mobile hands-on lab with 3D screens, which focused on educating students and their families.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 11, and July 23, 2019

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - July 2019

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-30; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MORE THAN THREE YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-33; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-34; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-36; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RI-7 Approval of Agreements with Lew Edwards Group and FM3 Research for Community Engagement and Public Opinion Surveying Related to the City's Fiscal Situation

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, DEFINING THE CONDITIONS AND HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT AND ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR UNREPRESENTED CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-38 PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ENACTING A PERSONNEL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING PAYING AND REPORTING THE VALUE OF EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FOR UNREPRESENTED CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

RI-11 Approval of Agreement with City of Cerritos to Cost Share Del Amo Paving Maintenance East of Bloomfield

RI-12 Approval of Amendment No. 7 for Filtration Alternative Study for Mayfair Park Water Capture Project with Tetra Tech, Incorporated

RI-13 Appropriation of Funds for Facilities Maintenance Annual Projects

RI-14 Purchase of Riding Mower for RCS-ERD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **1.1 • REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and reported that 464 notices had been mailed to property owners with delinquent charges pending for garbage, waste and refuse collection. He advised that as of close of business this day, 273 accounts remained delinquent totaling approximately \$48,200 and that payments would continue to be accepted until August 15th. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution confirming the report of delinquent fees.

Responding to Mayor Rogers' inquiry regarding increases each year in the number of delinquent accounts as well as the amount totals, Mr. Gomez replied that it had been difficult to determine the cause of such trends but noted that staff had been considering options to incentivize the process.

Mr. Gomez confirmed for Vice Mayor Wood that services could not be curtailed due to nonpayment since it was a public health issue.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAY 31, 2019

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **1.2 • CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the Congestion Management Program (CMP) was a State-required program that directed local agencies to prepare an annual report showing development activity and the adoption of a resolution to self-certify conformance with CMP requirements. He reported that the CMP for all of Los Angeles County had been developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and essentially addressed the impact of local growth on the regional transportation system. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution finding the City to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program and adopting the Local Development Report.

**1.2 • CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - Continued**

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-41; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-41. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.3 • WATER SYSTEM PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT 2016-2018**

Jason Wen, Director of Water Resources, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that State and Federal contaminant level goals required the preparation of a Public Health Goals Compliance Report every three years. He reported that the water quality data from the reporting period indicated that the constituents exceeding a State Public Health Goal (PHG) or the Federal Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) was arsenic and that the health protection benefits of further hypothetical reductions were not economical or quantifiable. He explained that since the City's water system was in full compliance with Federal and State water quality regulations, no further action was proposed. It was the recommendation of the Water Resources Committee that the City Council conduct a public hearing to accept and respond to public comments on the Public Health Goals Report for 2016 – 2018.

Council Member Croft stated that some of the results were theoretical calculations on what zero would be and that arsenic at high levels could be dangerous, but that the existing levels would be the equivalent of one person out of one million who drank two liters of the City's water for seventy years. He explained that such levels would not put residents at risk and that the water was constantly monitored.

Council Member Piazza reported that despite the unfeasibility and impracticality of gleaning the arsenic, the City's drinking water was safe and clean.

Vice Mayor Wood commended staff on the report and suggested that the information be provided on the City's website.

Mr. Wen confirmed for Mayor Rogers that the levels found would pose no health risk and that as arsenic was a naturally occurring element, trace amounts of it would not be harmful.

**1.3 • WATER SYSTEM PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT 2016-2018** - Continued  
Council Member Croft stated that those with a predisposition for having an allergic reaction to arsenic could opt for a reverse osmosis system that could be installed in residences.

Mr. McCormack explained that in addition to arsenic being a natural constituent, it was not unique to Lakewood and was a common element in most aquifers in the area.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:13 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT FOR 2016–2018. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.1 • JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

Joshua Yordt, Director of Public Safety, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated the City was eligible for an entitlement grant of \$17,872 through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. It was proposed that the funding be utilized to purchase a license plate reader (LPR) equipped vehicle through the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, which would expand the current LPR network of cameras. He reported that a second project was a special condition requirement through JAG that three percent of the funding, or about \$536, be set aside for the development and implementation of a replacement system for the current summary reporting system that FBI uses for their uniform crime reporting. He concluded by stating it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the submittal of the JAG Program funding for the vehicle mounted License Plate Reader system; authorize the City Manager to apply for the grant and sign the appropriate paperwork; and direct the Director of Administrative Services to appropriate \$17,872 of JAG funds in the FY2019-2020 budget when the grant was awarded.

Mr. Yordt confirmed for Vice Mayor Wood that the grant funds would be utilized as stated and could not be used for salaries, however, they could be used towards implementation and development of the National Incident Based Reporting System project, which might include the hiring of consultants.

Mayor Rogers commended the successes of the the automatic license plate readers citing the high number of stolen cars that had been identified and recovered. He stated that the unit would be exclusively for use within the City and was considered to be a worthwhile expenditure of funds that would enhance public safety.

### **3.1 • JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM - Continued**

In response to Vice Mayor Wood's inquiry regarding statistics, Mr. Yordt stated that the cameras that would be placed on the vehicle were part of the same system and would go into the same database. Mayor Rogers explained that the Sheriff's Department had been working on coding the hits received from the ALPR cameras and that there would be more readily available statistical reporting.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • CONSULTING SERVICES FOR WELL #28 DRILLING PROJECT**

The Water Resources Director made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and reported that in 2017, the Department of Water Resources' Water System Master Plan identified the need to drill a new well to maintain water system production capacity. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was prepared for contractors to provide a well designed report, Drinking Water Source Assessment and Protection report, plans and specifications for the drilling phase of a water production well; in addition to providing construction management and inspection services. He stated that the Water System Master Plan provided details of the City's historical and future projected demands, water supply sources and water quality requirements, water production and distribution facilities, and its finished water pumping, storage and distribution facilities. An RFP to provide consulting services to assist staff in developing plans and specifications to bid the construction of drilling a new well had been developed and five proposals were received by the submittal deadline. It was recommended that the City Council award a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Consulting Services for Water Well #28 Drilling Project to Geoscience Support Services, Inc. of La Verne, CA until such time that a notice of completion was filed for the construction of drilling a new well for a not-to-exceed cost of \$189,000 by June 30, 2022, and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract.

Council Member Croft stated that there were adequate funds in the Capital Improvement Plan to carry out the work.

Mr. Wen clarified for Vice Mayor Wood that the project would take two to three years.

Responding to Vice Mayor Wood's questions regarding the location of the project, Mr. Wen explained that it would be located off site in the vicinity of the print shop.

Council Member Croft explained that there would be usual notification to area residents to inform them of the project.



**3.2 • CONSULTING SERVICES FOR WELL #28 DRILLING PROJECT - Continued**

In response to Vice Mayor Wood's inquiry, Mr. Wen stated that there would be a well pump above ground and another would be a water submersible pump.

Council Member Croft noted that drought tolerant plants would be installed as well as appropriate fencing to minimize the visual impact in the neighborhood.

Steve Skolnik, Office of the City Attorney, clarified that this was a specialized type of service and the agreement with the consultant was not technically a public works contract subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the Public Contract Code. He further stated that although staff did get multiple bids to consider, once a bid package had been developed, it would be bid as a public works project.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the victims of the mass shootings in Gilroy, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, Andre Moye, Kenneth Mallard and Maggie Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk