



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 12, 2021

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

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Tim Bessey, St. Timothy Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Todd Rogers

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood (via teleconference)
Council Member Steve Croft (via teleconference)
Council Member Ariel Pe (via teleconference)
Council Member Vicki Stuckey (via teleconference)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers spoke against the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th which resulted in acts of violence, destruction of property and attacks against core institutions and law enforcement. He remarked on the commemoration of the birthday of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who championed achieving civil rights throughout the nation. He announced that he would be signing a proclamation commemorating Dr. King and the City would issue a special eMagazine and social media post devoted to him.

Vice Mayor Wood and Council Member Stuckey stated that Martin Luther King Day was the only Federal holiday that encouraged Americans to volunteer in the community and suggested that residents seek opportunities to offer assistance and service to their neighbors as a way to honor his legacy.

Council Member Croft provided a quote by Dr. King encouraging communication and related it to one of the goals of the Community Dialogue, which was to be open to other people's experiences despite their differences.

Council Member Pe described the actions at the U.S. Capitol as behaviors that threatened democracy and government leadership. He reflected on the positive aspect of the community coming together in tough times and invited residents to reach out to community leaders, non-profit agencies and neighbors.

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Luigi Vernola, who served on the Norwalk City Council for 18 years and whose son, Tommy Vernola, was a Sergeant in the Sheriff's Department and worked in Lakewood; in memory of U.S. Capitol police officers, Brian Sicknick and Howard Liebengood; and in memory of former Los Angeles Dodgers manager, Tommy Lasorda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Council Member Pe reported on recent meetings he had attended with the League of California Cities, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the Community Dialogue.

Council Member Croft highlighted the recent efforts in support of healthcare workers. He reminded residents to take proper precautions by continuing to wear masks in public, washing hands frequently, avoiding unnecessary air travel and minimizing contact with those outside immediate households as much as possible.

Vice Mayor Wood announced that the Lakewood High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps had received the highest honor possible, a rating of “outstanding” in various military review categories.

Mayor Rogers stated that City facilities had been offered to L.A. County to assist in the distribution of vaccines to the community.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 9, July 28, August 11, August 25, and September 8, 2020

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of Investment Transactions

RI-5 Approval of Reimbursement Agreement for Long Beach Transit Dial-A-Lift Paratransit Services

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-5; PERTAINING TO FRONT YARD STANDARDS FOR LANDSCAPING, PERMEABLE AND IMPERMEABLE SURFACES

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, provided a brief history of meetings and actions taken.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO FRONT YARD STANDARDS FOR LANDSCAPING, PERMEABLE AND IMPERMEABLE SURFACES

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the California Voting Rights Act.

Ted Spaseff, 5938 Greentop Street, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to district based elections in the City.

The City Council Members provided comments and Mr. Skolnik responded to their inquiries.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2; APPROVE THE TOLLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE SOUTHWEST VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION PROJECT; AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROCESS OF ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE CITY'S AT-LARGE SYSTEM OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO A DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION SYSTEM, AND ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS THAT COULD BE RECOVERED BY MR. SHENKMAN. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • REPORT ON COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

The City Manager provided an updated report on the Community Dialogue.

MAYOR ROGERS STATED THAT THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE REPORT WAS ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022 - ROPS 21-22

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Maple Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Luigi Vernola, Brian Sicknick, Howard Liebengood and Tommy Lasorda.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk