



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
January 26, 2021

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**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 Council Member Steve Croft

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Ariel Pe

**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 announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Evelyn Ennis, mother of longtime City employee Janet Mondragon; and in memory of longtime Lakewood resident Gary Herbert.

The Mayor provided an update on COVID-19 vaccinations.

Vice Mayor Wood announced the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board's stakeholder and community forum to be held on February 2nd.

Council Member Pe reported on Council Member Stuckey's and his attendance at the Cal Cities New Members Academy.

Council Member Croft shared that with the approval of Measure L, some of the capital improvement projects, discussed at an earlier study session, would be commencing in the near future.

Mayor Rogers expressed gratitude to Assembly Member Anthony Rendon and L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn for their responsiveness in assisting the City with navigating through the vaccination process.

The Mayor also announced that he had been invited by the League of California Cities to serve on an ad hoc committee to evaluate and make recommendations on some of the legislative issues on police reform. He stated that he had accepted and would keep everyone apprised in terms of the proposals moving forward.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** - Continued

Mayor Rogers introduced Captain David Sprengel of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, who provided the quarterly update on public safety.

The Council Members thanked Captain Sprengel for the comprehensive report, for his leadership and for the continued partnership with the Sheriff's Department.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held September 22, October 13, October 27, November 10, November 24, and December 8, 2020

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - December 2020

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-7 Authorization of Architectural Services Agreement with David George+Associates

RI-8 Amending Agreement for HVAC and Refrigeration Maintenance and Repair Services with Aire Rite A/C and Refrigeration, Inc.

RI-9 Authorization of Lease of High-speed Color Printer for the City Print Shop

RI-10 Approval of Additional Consulting Services for Mayfair park Water Capture Project by Tetra Tech, Incorporated and Willdan Engineering, Inc.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.1 • ANNUAL CITY INVESTMENT POLICY AND QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the City Investment Policy and Quarterly Schedule of Investments. He stated that staff recommended that the City Council adopt the Investment Policy and receive and file the Quarterly Schedule of Investments for December 31, 2020.

Richard Babbe, Senior Managing Consultant, Public Financial Management (PFM) provided a detailed investment presentation including broader market and economic policy factors.

In response to comments from Vice Mayor Wood and a suggestion from Mayor Rogers, Mr. Gomez and Mr. Babbe confirmed that reports pertaining to pooled investments could be provided on a monthly basis.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND RECEIVE AND FILE THE QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ACTION PLAN**

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and highlighted the proposed Community Dialogue Action Plan, which included creating a Council Committee on Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.; creating a public Quarterly Roundtable on Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; creating a Lakewood Multicultural Festival/International Food Festival; providing training on racial sensitivity and inclusion to City officials and staff; enhancing the City's work with teens on racial equity; organizing more community talks with the Sheriff's Department; publicizing the public complaint process for the Sheriff's Department and the business discrimination process of the State and Federal governments; uniting members of different community groups in volunteer service projects; educating residents on the City motto of "Times Changes, Values Don't"; and actions already taken by the City that should be continued. It was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the creation of the Council Committee on Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and approve the Community Dialogue Action Plan.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ACTION PLAN; APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RACE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (REDI); AND APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE TO THE REDI COMMITTEE.

**3.2 • COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ACTION PLAN - Continued**

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 8:46 p.m., to Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Maple Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Evelyn Ennis and Gary Herbert.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk