



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
March 23, 2021

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Maple Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

WATER RATE STUDY

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the water rate study. He introduced Steve Gagnon and Tim Williams of Raftelis Financial Consultants, who provided additional information. It was recommended that the City Council approve commencement of the public noticing process for the recommended rate structure changes for a three-year period (FY 2021-22 through FY 2023-24), as outlined, and to occur in time for a public hearing at the City Council meeting on June 22, 2021.

The Council Members discussed the timing and impacts to residents of a water rate increase.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO APPROVE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC NOTICING PROCESS FOR THE RECOMMENDED RATE STRUCTURE CHANGES FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD (FY 2021-22 THROUGH FY 2023-24), AS OUTLINED, AND TO OCCUR IN TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 22, 2021. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
City of Lakewood, et al. v. Central Basin Municipal Water District, et al., Case No. 19STCP03882

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CLOSED SESSION - Continued

At 7:09 p.m., the City Council reconvened.

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND THE PETITIONING WATER PURVEYOR MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NUMBER 19STCP03882 TITLED *CITY OF SIGNAL HILL v. CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT*; AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN A FORM APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk