



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
July 27, 2021

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by Rick Rodriguez, Lakewood Station Volunteer Clergy

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Girl Scout Troop 70133

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of longtime Lakewood resident Jean Haynes, who was married to former Lakewood Commissioner Chuck Haynes. He also announced that in cooperation with the L.A. County Fire and Sheriff's departments, the City would celebrate National Night Out on August 3rd at Palms Park.

Council Member Pe stated that he had attended and been impressed by the most recent Coffee With A Deputy and the Sheriff's Explorer Program events.

Mayor Wood introduced Captain David Sprengel of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, who provided the quarterly update on public safety. Captain Sprengel introduced Deputy Pasquale Mastantuano, who would serve as the dedicated traffic enforcement deputy to the Lakewood team.

In response to Council Member Rogers' questions, Captain Sprengel commented on the impacts of the District Attorney's cases and filings and on the closing of the Men's Central Jail.

Council Member Rogers stated that very little revenue had been derived from traffic citations and that the primary obligation of the City as well as of the traffic deputies had been to provide safety for the community.

The Council Members thanked Captain Sprengel for the report and for the ongoing partnership with the Sheriff's Department.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Mayor Wood stated that Routine Item 8 and Routine Item 11 would be considered separately.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7, 9 THROUGH 10, AND 12 THROUGH 14.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 22, and July 13, 2021

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 - June 2021

RI-6 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments - June 30, 2021

RI-7 Approval of Agreement with InfoSend for Utility Billing – Print and Mail Services Provider

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-10 Approval of FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant Program Funding for License Plate Reader System

RI-12 Appropriation of Funds for Emergency Repair - Plant 27 14-Inch Steel Pipe and Award of Purchase Order to Doty Bros. Construction Co.

RI-13 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-39; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING A JOB CLASSIFICATION AND AMENDING EXISTING PAY RATE IN ATTACHMENT B OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15

RI-14 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-40 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAYTER AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

**RI-8 DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack explained Cal Cities, also known as the League of California Cities, would be holding its annual conference in September of this year in Sacramento. He added that when the City Council reorganized in April, the list of appointments had been revised to identify Council Member Stuckey as the voting delegate and Vice Mayor Croft as the alternate. He concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council take action to confirm those selections or choose other preferences.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**RI-11 AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES WITH CITY OF BELLFLOWER FOR CARUTHERS PARK STORMWATER AND URBAN RUNOFF CAPTURE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES**

Staff stated that the item would be pulled at this time and would be considered by the Water Resources Committee noting that it would be brought back for Council consideration at a subsequent meeting.

**1.1 • CONFIRMING 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 regarding unpaid charges for garbage, waste and refuse accounts. He stated that it was recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution confirming the Report of Delinquent Fees.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41; 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, 2021

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

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.2 • RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36; RESIDENTIAL REFUSE RATES ADJUSTMENT**

*[Continued from June 22, 2021]*

The Finance and Administrative Services Director made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to proposed adjustments in refuse collection and disposal fees. Mr. Gomez noted that one protest regarding the proposed increase had been received. He concluded by stating that staff recommended the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution.

Mark Perumean, EDCO Waste Services, and staff responded to questions from Council Members regarding organic waste collection.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Brian Cuaron Lakewood, spoke against State mandates on waste collection.

Mr. Gomez responded to an inquiry regarding the EDCO contract from Mitchell Ramirez, Lakewood, by identifying the proposed refuse rate adjustments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TO ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL REFUSE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Vice Mayor Croft stated that the City Council and staff had been very much involved as the regulations were being developed in order to help mitigate even more onerous requirements and to minimize the impacts to residents.

COUNCIL MEMBER PE MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.3 • RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37; WATER RATES ADJUSTMENT** *[Continued from June 22, 2021]*

The Director of Finance and Administrative Services made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding water rate changes to take place over a three-year period. He stated that staff recommended the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution.

Vice Mayor Croft stated that the Water Resources Committee, staff and consultants had worked diligently to evaluate capital needs, the need for new wells and the projected regulations for contaminants. He continued by stating that a realistic plan had been developed to ensure that adequate funds were available to maintain production and to make certain that the facilities were reliable and could meet residents' water needs.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:23 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Mr. Gomez and Vice Mayor Croft responded to questions posed by Darryl Harris, Lakewood, regarding reserve funds, capital plan and the amount of the water rate increase.

Vice Mayor Croft replied to a question from Mitchell Ramirez, Lakewood, pertaining to the sale of water to other agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE NORMAL QUANTITATIVE RATE CONTAINED IN SECTION 10 OF THE CITY'S "WATER SERVICE PROCEDURE MANUAL", AND AMENDING THE RECYCLED WATER RATE

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.4 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2020-3, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING SAN MARTIN PARK**

Samantha Chambers, Assistant Project Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda related to the improvements to the existing San Martin Park project. She stated it was staff's recommendation that the City Council reject the protest filed by PUB Construction, Inc.; adopt the specifications, and working details for the subject project; award a contract for the Improvements to the Existing San Martin Park, Public Works Contract 2020-3, in the amount of \$733,000 to the low bidder Deark E&C Inc., and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as necessary not to exceed \$110,000; and authorize construction management, materials testing, and labor compliance services for the project under Willdan Engineering's on-call agreement in the amount of \$136,215.

**1.4 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2020-3, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING SAN MARTIN PARK - Continued**

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:33 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.5 • CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT (CARES ACT) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG-CV) CONSOLIDATED PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2020-2024 SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 3**

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding Coronavirus Aid, Relief And Economic Recovery Act (Cares Act) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Consolidated Plan Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Substantial Amendment No. 3. He concluded by stating staff recommended the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment; approve the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment No. 3; and authorize the City Manager to direct staff to submit to HUD the approved Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment No. 3 along with the required CDBG certifications.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:39 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

Staff responded to questions from Brian Cuaron, Lakewood, and Darryl Harris, Lakewood.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.6 • CONFIRMING REPORT OF 90-DAY DELINQUENT ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEES, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42**

The Community Development Director displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the collection of 90-day delinquent administrative citation fines.

**1.6 • CONFIRMING REPORT OF 90-DAY DELINQUENT ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEES, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42 - Continued**

Mr. Avalos stated that it was staff's recommendation that the City Council conduct a lien hearing pursuant to LMC Section 4908.3 and consider all competent evidence presented related to any outstanding delinquent fine amounts, late fees and related costs from fiscal year 2020-2021; adopt the proposed resolution finding that the final list of delinquent 2021 fines and related costs are due to the City as cost of nuisance abatement; order the outstanding delinquent fines to be paid within 5-days; and direct staff to forward after 5-days a final list of the unpaid fines to the County Tax Assessor for collection as a lien on the related property, as part of the annual property tax assessment.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:50 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CONFIRMING REPORT OF 90-DAY DELINQUENT ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, JULY 27, 2021

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42 UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43; APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Vice Mayor Croft stated that with the retirement of longtime Recreation and Community Services Commissioner Winnie Heiss, he was pleased to introduce and nominate Veronica Lucio to serve the remaining term.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING VERONICA LUCIO TO THE RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Christian Hamlin, Lakewood, addressed the City Council opposing mask mandates.

Brian Cuaron, Lakewood, spoke against vaccination requirements.

Mr. Harris, Lakewood, noting the deaths related to the COVID-19 pandemic, expressed support for mask mandates.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Jean Haynes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk