



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 28, 2021

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Tamara John, Christ Presbyterian Church Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 4893/2993

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 Jose De La Riva, the owner of De La Riva Construction, the prime contractor in the major renovation of the Burns Community Center.

Mayor Wood announced that the City's first ever multicultural food and music festival called Lakewood's Fest-Of-All would be held on Saturday, October 9th in the parking lot at the Lakewood Center Mall.

The Mayor stated that he had signed a proclamation on behalf of the entire City Council commemorating National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Council Member Pe commended the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce for a successful Summer Stampede Car Show event held the previous weekend.

Mayor Wood thanked staff and the participants of the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo held on the previous Saturday. He also stated he had been honored to participate in the recent American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event and noted that retired City Manager Howard Chambers had been recognized with a Luminaria tribute.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held September 14, 2021

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-6 Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement File No. 844 With the City of Bellflower For Caruthers Park Stormwater and Urban Runoff Capture Project Construction Support Services

RI-7 Approval of Lease of Water Rights to City of Cerritos

RI-8 Approval of Amendment to Reclaimed Water Agreement with the City of Cerritos

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-57; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR THE LAKEWOOD EQUESTRIAN CENTER

RI-10 Approval of Purchase of ClearStream Zero Waste Trash, Recycling and Food Waste Containers for Special Events

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • PROPOSED PLAN FOR USE OF FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the proposed plan for use of Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He provided an overview of the process and identified the proposed uses, which included replacement of lost public sector revenue; concrete medians for conversion; Palms Park building improvements; homelessness services; water infrastructure upgrades; replacement of City Hall and Centre generators; modular office units; traffic and pedestrian safety upgrades; computer system upgrades; Weingart Ballroom replacement flooring; events related items; public safety related items; Council Chambers enhancements; CityTV media server upgrade; various other expenditures; and unallocated funds and future potential use, which contained the concept of a civic center town square type of project. Mr. Beltran concluded by stating it was recommended that the City Council approve the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations on the use of ARPA funds for the City of Lakewood.

3.1 • PROPOSED PLAN FOR USE OF ARPA FUNDS - Continued

Council Member Rogers expressed gratitude to his colleagues noting the difficulty in suggesting proposed uses while maximizing the benefits of the one-time funds. He explained the concept behind the Town Square idea and stated that the basis of the proposed uses had been to improve the overall quality of life for residents.

Council Member Stuckey stated that the Committee had done an outstanding job in selecting uses from which everyone benefited.

Vice Mayor Croft thanked the Committee and staff for their focus on proposed uses that would build up infrastructure as well as technology and other systems helping to make Lakewood more resilient in times of emergency or disaster.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ARPA AD HOC COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR 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

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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At 8:03 p.m., a moment of silence was observed in memory of Jose de la Riva.

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CLOSED SESSION:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Pursuant to Government Code §54957

At 8:04 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957 to evaluate the performance of the City Manager.

At 8:21 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. No action was taken.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m., to Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Maple Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk