



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 12, 2021

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 Dr. Fardad Mogharabi, The Bahá'í Faith Community

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 863

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Kevin Lockett, son of City employees, Barbara and Carlos Countee; and in memory of Paul Wesley Bates, father of Kirsten Spreitzer of the Public Works Department and grandfather of David Spreitzer, a Trainee in the Recreation & Community Services Department.

Mayor Wood stated that the City had recently held its first multicultural food and music festival, called the Fest-Of-All, which had come about from the recommendations made by a number of Lakewood residents as part of the Community Dialogue. He also announced the upcoming public roundtable related to race, equity, diversity and inclusion to be held at the Lakewood Youth Center on Wednesday, October 20th.

Council Member Rogers expressed thanks to those who participated in the Lakewood Education Foundation's annual golf tournament noting that total donations exceeded \$600,000, that would benefit Lakewood students.

Vice Mayor Croft reported on the number of COVID-19 related deaths and encouraged vaccinations for those who had not yet received them or boosters for those who qualified.

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ROUTINE ITEMS:

Mayor Wood stated that Routine Item 3 and 7 would be considered separately.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1, 2 AND 4 THROUGH 6.

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held September 28, 2021

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

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

RI-5 Approval of Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-6 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Contract 2021-2; Lakewood Equestrian Center Abatement and Demolition, Interior Demolition Inc.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

Vice Mayor Croft and Council Member Rogers responded to questions from David Whitt, Lakewood, by indicating the processes and policies behind approval of the Registers of Demands.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-7 Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Employment of City Manager

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, clarified the facts provided in the report for Mr. Whitt.

The Council Members each remarked on the City Manager's merits stating support for approval of the proposed amendment to the agreement.

MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 7. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack stated his appreciation noting that he was humbled and honored by the Council's supportive remarks.

2.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-4; AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; RESOLUTION NO. 2021-58; RELATING TO COMPENSATION

Mr. McCormack made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to compensation of Council Members. He stated that staff recommended the City Council introduce the proposed ordinance and proposed resolution.

Mr. Skolnik explained that the proposed resolution was a companion item to the proposed ordinance and that both would be considered for approval at the same time at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Croft stated that the proposed ordinance adjusting the compensation would not take effect until after the next election.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RELATING TO INCREASES IN CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-4; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE. NO. 2021-4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood

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3.1 • NOMINATION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB)

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the City's representative on the Workforce Development Board (WDB) Policy Board. He stated it was the Mayor's recommendation that the City Council approve the nomination of Michael Segura as one of Lakewood's business sector representatives to the SELACO WDB.

MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO NOMINATE MICHAEL SEGURA AS LAKEWOOD'S BUSINESS SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SELACO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. 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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3.2 • LAKEWOOD STATE LEGISLATIVE BILL POSITIONS AND FINAL OUTCOMES IN 2021

Mr. Beltran made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and provided a summary of the State legislative bill positions and final outcomes. He concluded by stating it was recommended that the City Council receive and file the report.

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE 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

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER PE 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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

David Whitt, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding SB1383 and State mandated regulations.

Greg Papke, Lakewood, voiced his opinions pertaining to a lack of indoor seating at a local restaurant and race issues.

Sarah Mendoza, Lakewood, expressed appreciation for the Fest-Of-All event and support for City leadership.

Brian Cuaron, Lakewood, spoke about clean up at Pioneer Boulevard and Carson Street; vaccination mandates; civil rights; City Manager salary; and Council compensation.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m., to Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Weingart Ballroom. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Kevin Locket and Paul Wesley Bates.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk