



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 24, 2015

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:43 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Deacon Ray Skupnik, St. Cyprian Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Lakewood High School Jr. ROTC

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Ron Piazza

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Members-elect Ron Piazza and Jeff Wood. Each Council Member signed the oath and was presented with a Certificate of Election.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rogers stated that it had been an honor to serve as Mayor for a third time noting that the past year had started off on an odd note when Lakewood had been named the most boring California city by movoto.com, the designation of which had been playfully utilized to emphasize the City's quiet neighborhoods, smooth-driving streets and family-friendly parks. He highlighted some of the features from the past year including the 60th Anniversary celebration which culminated with the first annual holiday tree lighting, the opening of the dog park, the renovated pumpkin and playground at San Martin Park, the commencement of the restoration of the Del Valle Park jet plane and veterans memorial, and the final phase of the San Gabriel River Nature Trail. The Mayor commended staff's hard work, the City Manager's leadership and the cooperation of his Council colleagues. He expressed appreciation to his fellow Lakewood residents and thanked his family for their support. He introduced his wife Sally, his youngest son Brett, and his mom Joan Reiner who were in attendance.

ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Rogers announced that nominations would be taken for the office of Mayor for 2015-2016.

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO NOMINATE JEFF WOOD TO SERVE AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, JEFF WOOD WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL - Continued

ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Wood presented outgoing Mayor Rogers with a plaque, scrapbook and "Boring City" mug commemorating his year of service as Mayor. Mayor Wood also presented Mrs. Sally Rogers with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her support for her husband and the many demands made on their time during his year as mayor.

Mayor Wood announced that nominations were open for the office of Vice Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO NOMINATE RON PIAZZA TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, RON PIAZZA WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

Vice Mayor Piazza expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor and introduced his wife, Nancy, who was his biggest supporter.

Mayor Wood thanked his Council colleagues for the opportunity to serve as mayor and pledged to be a good representative of the Council as well as the residents of Lakewood. He introduced his family in attendance including his wife, Mary Jane, and daughters Kaitlin and Courtney as well as his mother, father and stepmother, aunt, mother- and father-in-law and sister-in-law with her family. He explained that he and Mary Jane had chosen Lakewood as their home for its good schools, affordable homes, safe neighborhoods and attractive parks. He expressed excitement at the upcoming opening of the San Gabriel River Nature Trail and the Veterans Memorial Plaza at Del Valle Park and highlighted other infrastructure projects such as the improvements to Palms Park activity building and the repaving of various street. The Mayor identified some of the challenges facing the City such as the statewide drought and its effect on finances as well as the resulting consequences of the end of redevelopment. He conveyed his appreciation of staff, the City Manager, and the City Attorney for their hard work and customer service efforts and thanked the residents for their pride in Lakewood and their community spirit. He credited former Council Member Joe Esquivel for his start in public service as a Recreation and Community Services Commissioner and later for receiving his support to run for his seat. Mayor Wood concluded by stating that he looked forward to the coming year with its many exciting projects and its fair share of challenges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Sharon Dugais, who worked for the Sheriff's Department, and in memory of Dorothy Levin, an original resident who had lived to 106 years old.

Mayor Wood encouraged attendance at the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries annual book sale to be held on Saturday, March 28th, at the Iacoboni Library and also announced the April 1st deadline to submit brick orders for the Veterans Memorial Plaza.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7 and 10.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held February 24, and March 10, 2015

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NUMBER N009 TO MASTER AGREEMENT NUMBER 07-5315R AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 212TH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-5; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF DUNROBIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-7 Ratification of Purchase of Play Sand for Boyar Park

RI-10 Approval of Gateway Cities Council of Governments Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund Transfer

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Rogers, Piazza and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-8 Approval of Refunding of 2008 Photovoltaic System Lease

Alan Gafford noted the significant savings involved in the bond refunding and inquired about the advantages of a negotiated sale versus a competitive bid.

Administrative Services Director Diane Perkin stated that one of the benefits of a negotiated sale was the speed with which it could be accomplished, an important factor due to a refinancing requirement that it be completed before the April 1st deadline to obtain the savings.

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

Responding to further questions from Mr. Gafford, Ms. Perkin identified some of the reasons that the 2015 bonds would likely not be refunded even if market rates improved and stated that savings would be utilized to support capital improvements in the Water Resource Department.

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Rogers, Piazza and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING A JOB CLASSIFICATION TO SCHEDULE A OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28 PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ENACTING A PERSONNEL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Mr. Gafford also requested additional information on the personnel resolution. Assistant City Manager Lisa Novotny stated that there would be one student intern position in the Administration Department working 320 hours in the summer as part of CAMEO, the high school mentoring program, which provided job experience to promising students in the Long Beach Unified School District.

VICE MAYOR PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-6. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Rogers, Piazza and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2; AMENDING A PRECISE PLAN FOR 3014 SOUTH STREET

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the applicant for a 72-unit condominium project already under construction at 3014 South Street had requested approval for modification to the precise plan, which originally called for a three-foot tall split-face block wall along the north property line. The proposed modification would allow a seven-foot tall wall to be built which was necessary to reduce noise impacts on exterior living areas. It was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council hold a public hearing and introduce the proposed ordinance approving the proposed modification of the precise plan and the associated categorical exemption.

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2; AMENDING A PRECISE PLAN FOR 3014 SOUTH STREET - Continued

Council Member Rogers, stating that while he appreciated the necessity of the approval process, expressed concern that the noise issue had not been addressed earlier. Ms. Southwell explained that because the project had changed hands, the previous developer had not conducted the acoustical analysis as the new project engineer had done. She stated that appropriate analyses would be included as a safeguard on future projects.

In response to questions from Council Member Croft, Ms. Southwell confirmed that more mature landscaping would be installed as part of the compromise to soften the appearance of the fence height.

Ms. Southwell verified for Council Member DuBois that this would be a one-time exception due to the project's proximity to South Street.

Responding to Vice Mayor Piazza's inquiry, Ms. Southwell stated that the distance from the patio area to the sidewalk was approximately 15-16 feet with a five-foot setback.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:32 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD MODIFYING THE PRECISE PLAN FOR THAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3014 SOUTH STREET was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Piazza and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rogers

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the proposed resolutions were part of the annual process of obtaining the appropriate signatures following the mayoral rotation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-8; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-9; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF THE VICE MAYOR IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2015-7, NO. 2015-8, AND NO. 2015-9. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Rogers, Piazza and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.1 • VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH ACTIVITIES

Lisa Litzinger, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated the Recreation and Community Services Department had planned several events for volunteer recognition and appreciation during the month of April, National Volunteer Month. She noted that many programs, such as Lakewood Youth Sports and Meals on Wheels, could not be offered without the assistance of Lakewood's many volunteers. She also featured volunteer events and programs including Teens in Lakewood Care (TLC), Junior Lifeguards, Project Shepherd, and the annual Lakewood Volunteer Day.

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

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Rogers, Piazza and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Sharon Dugais and Dorothy Levin.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk