



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
October 11, 2016

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

INVOCATION was offered by Mr. Omid Dadgar, Spiritual Assembly of Bahá'í of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 1023

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Piazza announced that it had been a sad week in Southern California with the losses of L.A. County Sheriff's Sergeant Steven Owen, Palm Springs police officers, Jose Gilbert Vega and Lesley Zerebny. He extended condolences to their families and friends and stated the meeting would be adjourned in their memory. The Mayor also expressed sympathy to City Manager Howard Chambers and his family and friends on the passing of his sister, Peggy Lee Chambers, an original Lakewood resident who worked in public service as well and retired from the City of Long Beach. Mayor Piazza added that the meeting would also be adjourned in her memory.

Council Member Rogers expressed gratitude to the City Council and staff for their support of the Lakewood Education Foundation's recent golf tournament and on the success of the event. He noted that in all the years that LEF had been operating, over \$357,000 in grants had been awarded to enhance educational opportunities for students in Lakewood schools.

Council Member Rogers conveyed concerns that in light of recent events, California had become a haven for nonviolent offenders. He stated that with the passage of legislation, such as AB 109 and Proposition 47, along with the expected passage of Propositions 57 and 64 in November, the resulting rise in crime rates were a disturbing trend. He noted that the recent attacks on deputy sheriffs and police officers had become an all too regular occurrence and that there had been an exponential rise in the mentally ill and homeless populations. He described a new correctional facility being considered for approval by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors to replace the men's central jail, which called for a thousand fewer beds than recommended, rendering it overcrowded and insufficient to serve the needs of the County by the time of its opening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

He pointed out that there had been more initiatives benefitting offenders while those who were victimized, whether law abiding citizens or law enforcement officers, suffered the consequences. Council Member Rogers articulated the need for in-depth discussions among the City Council, whether in a study session or with the public safety committee, and to involve other cities, the California Contract Cities Association and the League of California Cities, to consider such key issues as accountability and rehabilitation incentives for nonviolent criminals and drug offenders and cost versus savings of decriminalization measures in terms of increased victimization and neighborhood disruption. He communicated his refusal to accept that being a victim had become a necessary part of the cost of living in California.

Mayor Piazza and Council Member Wood concurred with Council Member Rogers' suggestions and supported continuing the City Council's considerations of such issues.

Council Member Wood stated that it was gratifying to see the benefits to the teachers and students in Lakewood schools who were appreciative of the Lakewood Education Foundation's efforts.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held September 27, 2016

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-5 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-6 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-60; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-61; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF BARLIN AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

3.1 • APPROVAL OF DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MAYFAIR PARK WATER CAPTURE PROJECT

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the City Council had previously approved a Cooperative Implementation Agreement with Caltrans for the Mayfair Park Water Capture Project, providing funding of up to \$15 million for the project intended to capture and infiltrate or beneficially reuse stormwater and urban runoff. No match had been required from the City and the project was similar in concept to the Bolivar Park Water Capture Project that had been designed and awarded for construction. She continued by stating that Tetra Tech, who did the design for the Bolivar Park project, had submitted a proposal to design the project, and Willdan had submitted a proposal to provide project management and environmental documents services for the design phase. The agreement with Caltrans stated that they would reimburse one hundred percent of the City's expenses up to a maximum of \$15,000,000. Since the agreement was on a reimbursable basis, the City had been required to incur the costs and bill Caltrans afterward. She stated it was recommended that the City Council approve Amendment No. 3 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Tetra Tech for the Lakewood Water Capture and Infiltration Project in the amount of \$713,196 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, and authorize staff to approve Willdan's proposal to provide project management and environmental documents services for the design phase of the Mayfair Park Water Capture Project under their existing Agreement for Engineering Services, in the amount of \$123,155.

Responding to Mayor Piazza's request for an explanation of payments, Ms. Rapp stated that invoices would be submitted to Caltrans as expenses were incurred. She noted that due to their prompt disbursements on the Bolivar Park project, billing would occur as frequently as once a month as the construction progressed.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

3.2 • 2016 HALLOWEEN CARNIVALS

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and announced that Halloween carnivals would be held at eight Lakewood parks on Monday, October 31st, where it had been estimated that over 15,000 participants would be in attendance. She stated the carnival elements featured game booths, specialty contests, a costume parade and costume contests at each park location, as well as haunted houses at four of the locations. Affordable fee-based attractions such as the inflatable slides and bouncers would complement the carnivals at Mayfair and Bolivar parks.

Mayor Piazza and Council Member Croft shared fond memories of past attendance at the Halloween carnivals and commended staff and volunteers for adjusting the attractions to accommodate the various age groups.

3.3 • LAKEWOOD SHREDS COMMUNITY EVENT

The Public Works Director displayed slides and provided a review of Saturday's "Lakewood Shreds" event. She reported that the annual event had been a success with 290 participants bringing in documents to be shredded, electronics to be recycled or to receive free mulch. She stated that helpful environmental items, such as battery boxes, oil kits and sharps containers, had been distributed and would allow Lakewood residents to practice safe disposal. She noted that another event was being planned for spring 2017 after tax season.

Mayor Piazza expressed gratitude to staff, EDCO and all the volunteers for taking the time to make the event such a success.

Council Member Wood inquired about this year's attendance numbers in comparison to past turnout. Ms. Rapp stated that since the first event held in 2012 and through last year, this year's participation figures were more or less in the middle.

Council Member Croft speculated that the reduced number may be due to the fact that current participants already submitted material at past events, therefore having accumulated fewer documents for shredding.

3.4 • COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY EVENT AT LAKEWOOD CENTER

Public Information Officer Bill Grady made a presentation on the upcoming Community Appreciation Day, organized by the management of the Lakewood Center, with assistance from the Lakewood Sheriff's Station and the City. Lakewood Center management intended the event as a way of thanking the community and to encourage residents to visit the mall while enjoying fun games, attractions and raffle prize opportunities. The event would be held on Saturday, October 22nd and would offer special passports on which stamps could be collected from different stations, such as at the "Thank A Servicemember" table, the Sheriff's Safety Center and the Lakewood Center Security Office.

3.4 • COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY AT LAKEWOOD CENTER - Continued

Mayor Piazza and Council Member Rogers emphasized the importance of the City's collaboration with Lakewood Center to help stimulate shopping as well as maintaining residents' comfort level at the mall.

Council Member Croft highlighted the success of recent promotional efforts noting the popularity of the weekly Farmer's Market held on Saturdays.

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DuBois

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Peggy Wright, Long Beach; Theresa Hew, Long Beach; and Rayma Powers, Lakewood; addressed the City Council regarding coyotes.

Mayor Piazza acknowledged those who addressed the City Council and stated that their concerns had been heard. He explained that Lakewood had recently increased its public communication efforts pertaining to coyotes by including articles in the City's eMagazine, in the local community newspaper and in the utility bill inserts due out in November and December. He stated that Lakewood residents would have ample opportunity to learn about ways to minimize the presence of coyotes and to safeguard their pets.

Sarah Comfort, Iacoboni Library Manager, spoke regarding the partnership between the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the County of LA Public Library to provide flu vaccines at no charge to people without health insurance or whose healthcare provider did not offer them. The event would be held at the library on October 19th, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piazza adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Sergeant Steven Owen, Palm Springs police officers, Jose Gilbert Vega and Lesley Zerebny, and Peggy Lee Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk