



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
August 8, 2017

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by High Councilor Lary Carlton, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Cub Scouts Pack 75

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor DuBois announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Lakewood Sheriff's Station motorcycle deputy, Michael Haak, a 29-year veteran of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department; in memory of Al Williams, who retired in 2006 as Assistant Director of Recreation and Community Services after a 26-year career with the City and was involved with the beginnings of the Nature Trail along with the successful two-year maintenance trainee program; in memory of Navy veteran, Bernard Gramling, Jr., the father of Water Resources Department employee Gary Gramling; in memory of Leticia Cochico, a small business owner and the mother of Purchasing Officer Wilfred Cochico; in memory of the mother of Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Bob Rennie, Gladys Rennie, who survived bombing attacks in her native Scotland during World War II; in memory of John Herbold, an icon in Lakewood sports history, who was a baseball coach at Lakewood High School, a city staff member teaching a baseball clinic at the parks and who went on to a Hall of Fame college coaching career at Cal State Los Angeles; and in memory of William Ashe McCormack, the father of Lakewood's incoming City Manager Thaddeus McCormack.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held July 25, 2017

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

RI-4 Approval of Permit for Street Closure for August 26th Block Party

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-37; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-38; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-39; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-40; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-41; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-42; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-43; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-45; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AFFIRMING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET FOR THE USE OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

RI-7 Approval of non-Exclusive License Agreement with T-Mobile for Access through the Lakewood Equestrian Center

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2017-4, CORRIDOR WALL WAINSCOT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING CENTRE AT SYCAMORE PLAZA PROJECT**

Lisa Rapp, the Director of Public Works, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that one bid had been received for installation of the Corridor Wall Wainscot Improvements at The Centre at Sycamore Plaza. The project consisted of interior wall finish improvements, such as the installation of acoustical wall fabric, wall guards and corner guards in the corridor of the Centre. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications, addendum and working details for Public Works Project No. 2017-4; award a contract to Absolute Building Services, Inc. in the amount of \$17,250; and authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders as necessary to the subject project scope of work not to exceed \$1,725.

Responding to Council Member Piazza's inquiry, Ms. Rapp stated that staff had been working to minimize disruptions to the Centre's scheduling and operations.

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.2 • CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CONFORMANCE SELF-CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell presented a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated the City had been required to complete an annual conformance self-certification process for the Congestion Management Program. Components of the Program required a report showing development activity and a public hearing. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution to find the City to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program and adopt the CMP Local Development Report.

**1.2 • CMP CONFORMANCE SELF-CERTIFICATION PROCESS - Continued**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-46; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

Mayor DuBois opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-46. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST OF CARDINAL PIPELINE, L.P. FOR A PIPELINE FRANCHISE AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-7, TO GRANT A FRANCHISE**

The Public Works Director gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated a request had been received from Cardinal Pipeline, L.P., to renew a franchise agreement for a pipeline. The process for granting a new 20-year franchise included introducing a new ordinance and adopting a resolution declaring the intent to grant and setting the date for a public hearing on the ordinance. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 2017-7 and adopt Resolution No. 2017-47.

Ms. Rapp confirmed for Council Member Piazza that the existing franchise had been previously renewed under a different entity name. She responded to his additional questions regarding upgrading and maintenance of the pipes by stating that Federal regulations governed petroleum pipeline safety with testing and certification requirements under the purview of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Responding to Council Member Rogers's inquiry pertaining to franchise fees, Ms. Rapp stated that the rate structure did not allow for flexibility as they were set in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission rates and were paid annually. She stated that revenues were modest noting that they totaled \$1,000.42 in 2016 and \$979.80 in 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO GRANT TO CARDINAL PIPELINE COMPANY, L.P., A FRANCHISE GRANTING THE RIGHT, FRANCHISE AND PRIVILEGE FROM TIME TO TIME TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW, CHANGE THE SIZE OF, AND REMOVE OR ABANDON IN PLACE A PIPELINE SYSTEM FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF INDUSTRIAL GAS, GASOLINE, PETROLEUM OIL, GAS, OTHER HYDROCARBON

**2.1 • RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST OF CARDINAL PIPELINE, L.P. FOR A PIPELINE FRANCHISE AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-7, TO GRANT A FRANCHISE - Continued**

SUBSTANCES, WATER, WASTE WATER, MUD, STEAM, AND OTHER LIQUID OR GAS SUBSTANCES INCIDENT TO THE OIL INDUSTRY, TOGETHER WITH ALL MANHOLES, VALVES, SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND APPURTENANCES NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SAID PIPELINES, INCLUDING ANY FACILITIES NECESSARY FOR CATHODIC PROTECTION OF SAID PIPELINES; WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AT 7:30 P.M. ON THE 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5000 CLARK AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-7; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT AND USE AN OIL PIPELINE TO CARDINAL PIPELINE, L.P. was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-7 AND TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS**

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that the Fall/Winter Recreation catalog would be mailed out to residents around the Labor Day weekend and summarized the programs offered. She highlighted some of the most popular offerings such as the Activity Zone, which included homework assistance, organized games and supervised activities for school-age children; the College Fair, featuring fifty to sixty colleges and would be held this year in the Weingart Ballroom at the Centre; Lakewood Youth Sports, which included a pilot program for volleyball; Patriot Day; Lollipop Lane Craft Boutique; Halloween carnivals at each park; Winter Break activities for children; and the Project Shepherd Holiday Assistance Program. She concluded by stating that the after school programs, youth sports leagues, special events, and contract classes provided residents with opportunities to learn, be active, have fun and connect with the community.

### **3.2 • CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, stated that at its July 25th meeting, the City Council appointed Thaddeus McCormack as City Manager and directed that an employment agreement be brought back for approval. The proposed agreement, for a three-year term, would commence on September 5 with an annual compensation of \$230,072, plus benefits as provided to the City's senior management employees. He concluded by stating it was recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the proposed agreement for employment of the City Manager in a form subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE ITS EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Mr. McCormack expressed appreciation for the City Council's confidence

### **3.3 • APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL BY WILLDAN TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CEQA DOCUMENTS FOR THE LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD REGIONAL CORRIDOR CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

The Director of Public Works gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) had provided a grant of \$3,600,000 in Measure R Funds for improvements to Lakewood Boulevard within the City as part of the Lakewood Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project. The project included street widening, median improvements, bike lanes, sidewalk, street resurfacing, ADA and storm water compliance, traffic signal modification, drought-resistant landscaping and irrigation and signing and striping; all within the existing right-of-way. She concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve Willdan's proposal to provide Environmental CEQA documents for the Lakewood Blvd Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project under their existing Engineering Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$187,174 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal subject to approval of form by the City Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

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 DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Michael Haak, Al Williams, Bernard Gramling, Jr., Leticia Cochico, Gladys Rennie, John Herbold and William Ashe McCormack.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk