



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
September 26, 2017

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Reverend Olu Harding, Lakewood First United Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Camp Fire Wild Things

**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 Richard Lubner, an original Lakewood resident and World War II veteran, who, along with his late wife Ruth, were active in the community and had been honorees in the Lakewood Beautiful program.

The Mayor also announced that the Lakewood Shreds event would be held on Saturday, October 7th, providing residents with an on-site shredding service courtesy of the City and Lakewood's trash and recycling contractor, EDCO Waste Disposal.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Council Member Piazza requested that Routine Item 1 be considered separately.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 2 THROUGH 8.**

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 Appointment to Lakewood Project Shepherd Board

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

RI-6 Approval of Release of Subdivision Improvement Bonds, Tract Map No. 72071, Lyon Homes – Canvas, 3014 South Street

RI-7 Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Telecom Law Firm, PC

RI-8 Approval of Consultant Service Agreement with Telecom Law Firm, PC

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held September 12, 2017

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piazza

**3.1 • AGREEMENT FOR A WATER INTERCONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

Water Resources Director Jason Wen gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposed to construct an interconnection facility to join Signal Hill's water system. The agreement would provide for the DWR to pump and convey water to Signal Hill through an interconnection on Cherry Avenue. The amount of water purchased would be determined through discussions between the agencies as needed. The water purchase would be billed at the rate for treated potable water in effect at the time of use. In addition, the proposed agreement placed the allocation of water for Lakewood water customers ahead of this water purchase. The City anticipated having excess water available and the sale of the water to the City of Signal Hill could offset operation costs. He concluded by stating that the Water Resources Committee recommended that the City Council approve a water purchase agreement with the City of Signal Hill and upon approval as to form by the City Attorney authorize its execution by the Mayor on behalf of the City.

Vice Mayor Croft stated that as a member of the Water Resources Committee, he appreciated the efforts of staff to continually seek opportunities for usage of excess water supplies and that resulted in revenues from their sale.

Mr. Wen confirmed for Council Member Wood that the pipelines would be located in Long Beach and that no road work would occur within Lakewood as a result of the interconnection.

**3.1 • AGREEMENT FOR A WATER INTERCONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL - Continued**

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.2 • AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENTS FOR TENANTS OF THE BURNS COMMUNITY CENTER**

Valarie Frost, Assistant Director of Recreation and Community Services, gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported a major renovation project was currently underway at the Burns Community Center providing such upgrades to the building as improvements to the lobby, restrooms, kitchen, and assembly room on the first floor, a new elevator to comply with current A.D.A. regulations and standards, a new HVAC system, and a modern look for the exterior of the building. Tenants at Burns Community Center included Lakewood Meals on Wheels, who provided home delivery services of nutritional meals to the elderly, handicapped and convalescing; Nifty after Fifty LLC, who provided health and wellness programs designed for people over 50 years of age; and Mothers at Work Children's Center, who provided childcare and instruction for children ages 2 to 12. She explained that Nifty after Fifty had requested consideration of a 20% monthly rent reduction during the improvement project as they anticipated additional administrative expenses to manage customer service issues. To provide equity among the building tenants, City staff consulted with Mothers at Work, who also anticipated challenges as they remained operational during the renovation. She stated it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve a 20% reduction in the monthly rental rate for Nifty after Fifty LLC, and M.A.W. Incorporated during the Burns Community Center Improvement Project; and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the first amendments to the agreements for Nifty after Fifty LLC, and M.A.W. Incorporated, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Council Member Wood stated that staff and the members of the Park Development Committee had considered the rent reduction a goodwill gesture towards addressing some of the tenants' inconveniences.

Ms. Frost responded to concerns from Council Member Rogers and Council Member Piazza by stating that after assisting one of the tenants with packing and moving, she experienced firsthand some of the disruption and difficulty resulting from the renovation project. She also presented the possibility that in relocating the tenants, there was the potential for them not returning as a tenant to the facility after the completion of the improvements.

**3.2 • AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENTS FOR TENANTS OF THE BURNS COMMUNITY CENTER - Continued**

VICE MAYOR CROFT 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

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Piazza, Croft, Rogers and DuBois  
NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. to Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Richard Lubner.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk