



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held  
August 13, 2019

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

### **PILLARS/LEGENDS OF LAKEWOOD**

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack stated that since Lakewood's 50th anniversary, the City Council began the tradition of naming individuals, organizations, groups of organizations, and programs as Legends of Lakewood. He explained that Legends were listed on the Pillars of Community outside the Civic Center; however, the Pillars were currently in the process of being redesigned and ultimately would be reconstructed inside The Centre. He reported that individuals, organizations and programs that made a significant contribution to the development of Lakewood over many years had been selected as Legends of Lakewood by the City Council at every five-year anniversary of the City's incorporation. The City Manager described the process and criteria for recommending and selecting the honorees for the distinction. He identified the proposed honorees as Howard Chambers, who served as Lakewood's City Manager for 41 years; Don Waldie, the City's longtime Public Information Officer; and various community volunteer and service organizations, all of whom would be celebrated and recognized at a future event.

Responding to Vice Mayor Wood's question regarding the timeframe for the honoree's involvement in the community, Steve Skolnik, Office of the City Attorney, stated that the body of work of established contributions of a person being considered for designation as a Legend would have to have occurred in the previous twenty years.

Council Member Croft stated that it had been determined that neither current staff nor existing commissioners would be considered for the distinction.

Council Members offered suggestions such as the Lakewood Jaycees, the Board of Electors of the Lakewood Youth Hall of Fame, Pathways and Su Casa, for consideration as Legends.

Council Member Piazza suggested that recognition of the honorees be a standalone event.

In response to Mayor Rogers' comments regarding the process of making the selection of the Legends honorees and the efforts involved in nominating future contenders, Mr. McCormack stated that an ad hoc committee could be formed to determine prospective candidates.

**PILLARS/LEGENDS OF LAKEWOOD - Continued**

Mayor Rogers maintained that while the process could begin on the committee level, it was essential that the entire City Council be involved in making the final selections. He noted the importance of keeping the history of Lakewood alive serving as a reminder to future generations of the contributions of those who came before them.

Council Member Croft and Mr. McCormack reviewed the proposed chronological display of former and current Council Members in the hallway at city hall in conjunction with the existing gallery of photographs depicting the City's history.

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp responded to Vice Mayor Wood's question regarding additional entries for those who served intermittent terms by stating that Council Members' portraits would only appear with their names and term dates from when they first took office.

Responding to Council Member Piazza's suggestion regarding locating the display at a more visible and accessible site such as a park or other outdoor setting, Mr. McCormack cited the substantial costs involved with such locations. Ms. Rapp added that situating the gallery inside city hall would allow for protection from vandalism and outside exposure to the elements.

Mr. McCormack discussed the option of providing a video presentation curated by Mr. Waldie as the City's historian describing the various features of the gallery.

Vice Mayor Wood suggested making the photographs available digitally on the City's website. He also proposed the option of presenting a pin or other commemorative gift to those being recognized as Pillars if not too cost prohibitive.

Mayor Rogers recommended inviting all surviving retired Council Members to the unveiling ceremony noting the importance of acknowledging their contributions.

Mr. McCormack concluded by stating that with Council Members' concurrence on the proposed honorees, staff would move forward with options for a recognition event and draft a proposal of the selection process for future consideration and could include the formation of an ad hoc committee.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 6:38 p.m., Mayor Rogers announced that the City Council would recess to a closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: City Manager, Office of the City Attorney and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, Director of Administrative Services, Assistant to the City Manager, Human Resources Manager, Personnel Technician  
Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

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**CLOSED SESSION:** - Continued

At 7:12 p.m., the City Council reconvened and Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, advised that there was no action to announce.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk