



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
November 26, 2019

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

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. Fardad Mogharabi, Bahá'í Faith Community

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Scout Troop 140

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Dean Marinos, the father of Sofia Riley and George Marinos of TGIS Catering. He expressed support for the family and friends of a Lakewood Sheriff's Station Deputy working in Paramount, who suffered a serious injury when in pursuit of a suspect, she was hit by a drunk driver.

The Mayor extended warm Thanksgiving greetings and provided a reminder that information pertaining to changes in City services over the long weekend could be found by calling city hall or visiting the website. He noted that recreational vehicle/trailer permits could be obtained during that time by contacting the Lakewood Sheriff's Safety Center.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held October 8, 2019

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Authorizing Contracts for Informing the Public about the March 3, 2020 General Municipal Election and Authorizing Transfer for Postage

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • LAKEWOOD STATE LEGISLATIVE BILL POSITIONS AND FINAL OUTCOMES IN 2019

Paolo Beltran, Assistant to the City Manager, gave a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated that with direction and guidance from the 2019 Legislative Platform, the City of Lakewood took a position on sixteen pieces of legislation. He reported that of the five bills the City supported, two were enacted and would become State law; two were adopted by the State Legislature but vetoed by the Governor; and one failed passage in the State Legislature. He further explained that of the eleven bills the City opposed, six were enacted and would become State law and five failed passage in the State Legislature. He noted that even though bills failed passage, the Legislature would be entering the second of a two-year legislative session, therefore bills that had failed could be made into two-year bills. Mr. Beltran further stated that it was important to note that over half of the bills that the City opposed were in the area of Land Use and Housing. SB 50 would have taken away planning control from local cities. While SB 50 did not move forward, other housing bills that the city opposed were signed into law. Three bills related to Accessory Dwelling Units, also known as ADUs, would allow more ADUs onto a property, would further prohibit local laws that governed ADUs and capped impact fees that could be imposed on ADUs by cities. On the economic development front, a bill that would have provided funds for housing and economic development projects was vetoed by the Governor. SB 5 would have been helpful in providing funds to develop affordable housing, funds that had been taken by the State since the end of Redevelopment Agencies in 2011. Regarding sales tax, the Governor also vetoed SB 531, which the city supported and would have banned sales tax rebates between a retailer and a local agency, usually in exchange for the retailer agreeing to locate in the city.

Vice Mayor Wood commented that after attending a meeting the previous week with Senator Lena Gonzalez, he felt it had been productive and that she seemed genuinely concerned with cities' priorities.

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack concurred stating that in recent discussions with the City's lobbyists, it was believed that Senator Gonzalez could potentially be someone who could advocate on the community's behalf on housing issues.

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

3.2 • APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICES

The City Manager explained that having just concluded an earlier study session on water utility services, the item would be pulled at this time and brought back for consideration at a future meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Sonya Jahn, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding the beautification efforts at the Lakewood Equestrian Center. She provided information on an upcoming holiday event to be held on December 14th at the Equestrian Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dean Marinos.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk