



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
December 18, 2012

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Steve Croft

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor DuBois announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class, Wilson Lee, of Lakewood, who was killed on December 9th during a training exercise at Camp Pendleton.

2.1 • PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PERSONS WHO WERE NOMINATED TO THE OFFICES THAT WERE TO BE ELECTED ON MARCH 3, 2009 AND CANCELING SAID ELECTION

City Clerk Denise Hayward advised that at the close of the nomination period for the March 5, 2013 election, there were only three qualified candidates for the three available offices. She stated that the California Elections Code provided a specific legal process to be followed and that all legal requirements had been completed. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution to appoint the three qualified candidates to fill the offices, effectively cancelling the March 5th election.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-73; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICES OF THIS CITY THAT WERE TO BE ELECTED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2012-73. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

2.2 • REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FILED AND APPOINTMENT TO FILL CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Alan Gafford urged the City Council to consider a special election, regardless of the expense.

Mayor DuBois thanked everyone who had taken the time to fill out an application, noting the amazing quantity and quality of the applications received. She stated that the many good people willing to serve made the selection process even more difficult and that she was proposing the formation of an ad hoc committee to perform a more in depth review of the applications to produce a short list of four or five finalists.

Council Member Rogers stated that while he agreed with Mayor DuBois that the ad hoc process had been successfully used in the past, he did not want to be constrained by the process and wished to provide the option for Council Members not part of the ad hoc committee to add to the list. He noted that if a consensus was not reached, the calling of a special election might still be a viable option.

Council Member Wood stated that he had reviewed all of the applications, without regard to the names and he acknowledged that identifying the best applicant would be one of the toughest decisions to face the City Council. He noted that only one person could be appointed and urged the other applicants to continue to be involved in their community.

Vice Mayor Croft stated that he supported the ad hoc committee concept and that there was enough time to go through the ad hoc process, with a thorough review of the wide variety of applications and bring back recommendations to the full Council. He also complimented the applicants and noted that it spoke well for the City of Lakewood that so many were interested in being involved.

The City Council discussed possible dates for the final, full Council review and conferred with City Attorney Steve Skolnik regarding the process. The City Attorney advised that the January 8th deadline meant that the City Council would lose the ability to make an appointment after that date. He also advised that the short list, while not required to be published with the agenda, must be made available to the public at the same time it was made available to the full City Council and that should a Council Member wish to add an applicant to the list, it must be done in open session at the next Council meeting.

Mayor DuBois stated that she was seeking City Council approval to appoint Vice Mayor Croft and Council Member Wood to form an ad hoc committee to provide an in depth review of the applications and return a more manageable list for full City Council consideration.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CITY COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICATIONS AND MAKE PUBLIC A LIST OF FIVE APPLICANTS BY DECEMBER 26, 2012; AND TO RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 27, 2012, AT 6:00 P.M., TO CONSIDER THE SHORT LIST AND EITHER MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION OR CONTINUE TO AN ADDITIONAL DATE, IF NECESSARY.

2.2 • REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FILED AND APPOINTMENT TO FILL CITY COUNCIL VACANCY - Continued

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

James Dolan addressed the City Council regarding the L.A. County proposed clean water item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor DuBois adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Navy Petty Officer Wilson Lee and the victims of the Connecticut school shooting.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC
City Clerk