



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
March 26, 2013

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:55 p.m. by Mayor DuBois in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Monsignor Joseph Greeley, St. Pancratius Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Cub Scout Pack 247

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

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Members-elect Diane DuBois, Steve Croft and Todd Rogers. Each Council Member signed the oath and was presented with a Certificate of Election.

### ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor DuBois stated that it had been both an honor and a privilege to serve as the Mayor over the past year. Her goal for the year had been to work with her colleagues to preserve all that was great about Lakewood and to make enhancements that could be prudently afforded. She noted that Lakewood continued to be one of the most fiscally sound and well managed cities in the State. And that during a time when other cities were struggling, Lakewood was still able to provide full services to its residents. She thanked City Manager Howard Chambers and the City staff for helping to manage the City's budget. She noted the City's high priority on public safety and the addition of a new law enforcement tool, the Advanced Surveillance and Protection System which had already proven successful at catching criminals. She thanked the members of the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department for their commitment to keeping Lakewood safe. She noted that even in a difficult economic climate, new businesses were still attracted to the City and that two more had opened just last week. She highlighted the completion of environmentally friendly projects like the new solar array at the Arbor Yard, expanded rebate program for water conservation and the availability of electronic billing for water and trash payments. She marked the passing of Council Member Larry Van Nostran and his role in the City's history as one of the creators of a tradition of well-run government – an accomplishment to be appreciated for generations to come. She commented on the application process to fill the vacancy on the Council which led to the appointment of Ron Piazza, a good choice for Lakewood. She expressed her appreciation to her colleagues who, with different and valuable types of experience and expertise, were able to contribute to the decision-making required of the City Council. She introduced her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jim Ingram, in the audience and concluded by thanking the community at large for their support during her term as mayor.

## ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor DuBois announced that nominations would be taken for the office of Mayor for 2013-2014.

Council Member Rogers stated he was pleased to nominate Steve Croft to serve as Mayor for 2013-2014. He noted that Council Member Croft had first been elected to the City Council in 2005, after serving four years on the City's Planning and Environment Commission. He highlighted some of his community activities, including efforts as the Vice Chairman of the Lakewood Schools Committee and the Lakewood Education Foundation, and a member of the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO NOMINATE STEVE CROFT TO SERVE AS MAYOR. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Mayor Croft presented outgoing Mayor DuBois with a gavel plaque and scrapbook commemorating her year of service as Mayor.

Mayor Croft thanked his colleagues for the opportunity to serve as Mayor, stating that he was honored by their trust. He offered a special thank you to outgoing Mayor DuBois who, during her term as Mayor, lost her husband Bruce and their good friend Larry Van Nostran. He characterized Larry as an important figure in the history of the City and a colleague who had been a valuable source of institutional knowledge. He referenced the process to fill the Council vacancy, noting that there were many good applicants from which to choose, and that he felt Ron had been an excellent choice. He talked about growing up on the east side of Lakewood at the time it was annexed into the City, and how excited the residents had been to be part of Lakewood. And that he was proud that decades later, the City was still able to provide quality services. He noted the improvements underway at his former neighborhood park, Bloomfield Park, and the renovations at Mayfair Pool for the 2013 swim season. In the coming year, the Council would continue working to keep all of the City's parks, recreation programs and senior centers in top-shape to provide opportunities for all residents to stay active and healthy. He remarked on the value to the community of the many residents volunteering their time for community events like Volunteer Day and Neighborhood Watch. He introduced his wife, Tess, and daughter, Anna, and other family members in the audience. He noted the resilience of the Lakewood business community with new businesses coming to the Lakewood Center Mall and other shopping centers around the City. He described Lakewood as a good place to do business, and a good, safe place to live and raise a family, and expressed his commitment to keep it that way by working together with his colleagues to do the best possible job for Lakewood's residents.

Mayor Croft announced that nominations were open for the office of Vice Mayor.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR - Continued**

Council Member DuBois stated that it was her privilege to nominate Todd Rogers to serve as Vice Mayor. She cited his efforts to win Lakewood a school district of its own, which, even though that effort was blocked by the State, led to the formation of the Lakewood Education Foundation, which provided grants to Lakewood teachers for the benefit of all students in Lakewood schools. She stated that the City was fortunate to have a gentleman of such vision to represent its residents.

**COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO NOMINATE TODD ROGERS TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:**

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

**NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**

Vice Mayor Rogers thanked his colleagues for the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor and introduced his wife, Sally, his sons, mother and other family members in the audience. He stated that even after 12 years of service on the City Council, he still found it to be one of the most fulfilling of his professional life. He expressed his appreciation to the residents of Lakewood, stating that he remained motivated to protect the city he calls home.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.**

**RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held February 26, and March 12, 2013**

**RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions**

**RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands**

**RI-4 Approval of Report of Monthly Investment Transactions**

**RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-2; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR GENERAL SERVICES**

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:**

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

**NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**

### **1.1 • GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Community Development Director Sonia Southwell provided a brief report based on the material in the agenda and stated that the Annual Progress Report on the City's General Plan was mandated by State law with the intent to show the status of the General Plan and the progress in its implementation. She stated that it was the recommendation of staff that the City Council receive and file the Report and direct staff to submit it to the appropriate State offices.

Mayor Croft acknowledged the volume of work required by staff to complete the document.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 8:40 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 COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT AND DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS**

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the proposed resolutions were procedural documents that were legally necessary to enable the City's financial transactions and could be enacted with a single motion and vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF STEVE CROFT, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-5; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF TODD ROGERS, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

**2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS - Continued**

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2013-3 THROUGH NO. 2013-5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mario Beltran, representing State Senator Ron Calderon, advised that the Senator, who would be representing a portion of Lakewood until the next election cycle, looked forward to working with the City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC  
City Clerk