



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 9, 2024

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

INVOCATION was offered by Wanda Thomas, Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Scout Troop 247

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Vice Mayor Todd Rogers
Council Member Cassandra Chase
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Jeff Wood

ABSENT: Mayor Ariel Pe (excused)

MARCH 5, 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

DECLARING RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

The City Clerk reported that the canvass of votes for the March 5, 2024, General Municipal Election had been completed by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. She reported 8,838 ballots had been cast, and that the successful candidates were Jeff Wood for Member of the City Council District 3 and David Arellano for Member of the City Council District 4. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-6, declaring the election results.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON MARCH 5, 2024 DECLARING THE RESULTS THEREOF, AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-6, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Pe

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Members-elect Jeff Wood and David Arellano. Each Council Member signed the oath and was presented with a Certificate of Election.

Each of the Council Members-elect expressed gratitude to their families, friends and to Lakewood residents for their support and stated that they looked forward to serving the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Vice Mayor Rogers announced that the second annual “Doggies & Deputies” event at Home Run Dog Park would be held on April 12th.

The Vice Mayor and Council Members conveyed congratulations to the Council Members-elect.

Vice Mayor Rogers congratulated Council Member Chase on her recent nuptials.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 26, 2024

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees’ Activities

RI-5 Authorization of Consulting Services with Ardurra Group for Civic Center Generator Replacements

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Croft, Arellano, Chase and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR FY2023-24

Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the purchase of replacement vehicles and the regulations that would significantly impact the composition and operation of vehicle fleets in California. She stated it was staff’s recommendation that the City Council appropriate the funds, in the total amount of \$330,000, for the purchase of the vehicles as listed in ‘Attachment A’ of this staff report; authorize the City Manager to approve the purchase of one (1) Chevy Equinox in the amount of \$35,000; authorize the City Manager to approve the purchase of three (3) service body trucks in the amount of \$150,000; authorize the City Manager to approve the purchase of one (1) Light Truck in the amount of \$35,000; and authorize the City Manager to approve the purchase of one (1) Heavy Duty Dump Truck in the amount of \$110,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARELLANO SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATIONS.

3.1 • AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR FY2023-24 - Continued
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Croft, Arellano, Chase and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Croft, Arellano, Chase and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ben Chavez, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding Rynerson and Del Valle parks and traffic, crosswalk and guard rail concerns.

Philip Norris, Lakewood, spoke about enforcement of ordinances.

Bert Johnson, Jr., Lakewood, requested reconsideration of his suggestions regarding gophers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Vice Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. to Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk