



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
April 23, 2024

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:05 p.m. by Vice Mayor Rogers in the Executive Board Room, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:05 p.m., Vice 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 Representatives: City Manager, Office of the City Attorney and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Deputy City Manager, Human Resources Manager, Administrative Assistant II
Employee Organization: Lakewood City Employees' Association

At 7:06 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. No action was taken.

OPEN SESSION:

WATER RATE STUDY

Finance and Administrative Services Director Jose Gomez provided a brief overview regarding the water rate study and introduced Steve Gagnon, Vice President, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., who participated via teleconference, displayed slides and made an oral presentation. Mr. Gagnon identified steps in conducting a rate study; water financial plan assumptions; financial plan; rates; monthly bill impacts; and rate survey.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members regarding the importance of the Water Resources Committee's involvement and oversight as well as the value of public outreach and customer education for transparency and understanding of the rate adjustments.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARELLANO SECONDED TO APPROVE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC NOTICING PROCESS FOR CHANGES IN THE WATER RATE FEE STRUCTURE AS OUTLINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO OCCUR IN TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 11, 2024.

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UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Vice Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk