



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 23, 2024

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:36 p.m. by Vice Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Dr. Paul Kim, Trinity United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Scout Troop 134

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

FILLING THE VACANCY OF OFFICE OF MAYOR

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and stated that the City had recently held elections for City Council Districts 3 and 4 respectively, the result of which was the election of Council Members Arellano and Wood, as well as the vacation of the office of Mayor. He added that accordingly, the City Council should open nominations for offices of Mayor and Vice Mayor and noted that subsequently, staff be directed to bring back the reorganization of Council offices on July 9, 2024, to correspond with the previously established annual reorganization of offices.

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, explained the process of nominating the mayor and vice mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT NOMINATED TODD ROGERS TO SERVE AS MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, TODD ROGERS WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD NOMINATED CASSANDRA CHASE TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CASSANDRA CHASE WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

Mr. 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.

ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-7; 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. 2024-8; 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, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF CASSANDRA CHASE, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CHASE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2024-7, NO. 2024-8 AND NO. 2024-9. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Mary Elizabeth Strange, a longtime resident and the niece to longtime city commissioner Kirk Real. The Mayor thanked Lakewood community members for their participation in the Make-Up Day for Volunteer Day, which had been rescheduled due to an unusually late season storm two weekends earlier. He commended staff for their efforts on the success of the Family Movie Night event celebrating Lakewood's 70th anniversary since incorporation. The Mayor stated that he was honored to proclaim April 2024 as "Autism Acceptance Month" in Lakewood and encouraged residents to show their support by educating themselves on understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder and the ways to celebrate and empower autistic individuals.

Council Member Wood stated that he had attended a Zombie Apocalypse event hosted by Scout Pack 134. He announced that with the recent closures of local 99¢ Stores and Rite Aid Pharmacies, the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board staff had visited impacted stores to provide information on their various assistance programs.

Council Member Arellano reported that he had attended the League of California Cities conference and met with Sacramento lobbyists and legislators regarding housing and homelessness issues.

Mayor Rogers introduced Captain Dan Holguin, commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, who provided the quarterly public safety report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Mayor Rogers welcomed Maria Jimenez, longtime Lakewood resident and an ambassador for One Legacy-Donate Life, who shared her story about the positive impacts of organ donation. The City Council presented her with a proclamation declaring April to be “DMV/Donate Life Month” in Lakewood.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARELLANO SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 26, and April 9, 2024

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - March 2024

RI-6 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments as of March 31, 2024

RI-7 Approval of Quarterly Budget Report of Major Funds as of March 31, 2024

RI-8 Approval of Purchase of Microsoft Office 365 Software

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF CLARK AVENUE

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE STANDARD PLANS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION

RI-11 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE 2024 EDITION OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION

RI-12 Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Michael Ranese for Administrative Hearings

RI-13 Approval of Master Services Agreement with OpenGov for Implementation of Electronic Plan Review Software

RI-14 Approval of Agreement with Elite Special Events for 2024 Civic Center Block Party Attractions and Games

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE BACKYARD BEEKEEPING OF HONEYBEES

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack stated that staff was requesting continuation of the item to a future meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARELLANO SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • APPOINTMENT OF MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13; APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Mayor Rogers called for appointments to the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee and to the City's commissions.

MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Ron Piazza by Council Member Wood

Ahmed Rafi by Council Member Croft

Hendrick Robertson by Council Member Arellano

Valerie Youell by Vice Mayor Chase

Crystal Jones-Duncan by Mayor Rogers

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION

Linda Manis by Council Member Wood

Robert Nelson by Council Member Croft

Norman Nelson by Council Member Arellano

Bradlee Crihfield by Vice Mayor Chase

Sarah Mendoza by Mayor Rogers

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Diego Garcia-Salas by Council Member Wood

Vicki Stuckey by Council Member Croft

Jerry Rowland by Council Member Arellano

Terry Cole by Vice Mayor Chase

Bill Baca by Mayor Rogers

2.1 • APPOINTMENT OF MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS - Continued

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Dave Allen by Council Member Wood

Veronica Lucio by Council Member Croft

Kristie Larison by Council Member Arellano

Anitza Valles by Vice Mayor Chase

Ted Spaseff by Mayor Rogers

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-51. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

It was requested that staff survey other cities to analyze the considerations of appointing commissioners at large or by district.

3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES

Mayor Rogers presented the list of appointments to governmental associations, organizations and committees.

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

California Contract Cities

Association	Wood - Representative	Chase - Alternate
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California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority	Croft - Representative	Wood - Alternate
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So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly	Arellano - Representative	Chase - Alternate
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Gateway Cities COG Board

Arellano - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District	Croft - Representative
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Job Training Partnership Act

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Wood - Policy Board

**3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS
& COMMITTEES - Continued**

League of California Cities

L.A. County Division Chase - Representative Arellano - Alternate

City Selection Committee Croft - Representative Chase - Alternate

Annual League Conference Chase - Representative Arellano - Alternate

L.A. County Sanitation

District #3 & #19 Rogers - Representative Wood - Alternate

Southeast Water Coalition Rogers - Representative Chase – Alternate

Southeast Resource Recovery

Facility (SERRF) JPA Wood - Representative Croft - Alternate

STANDING COMMITTEES

Intergovernmental Relations Rogers - Chair Chase - Member

Lakewood Schools Arellano - Chair Rogers - Member

Environmental Management Croft - Chair Arellano - Member

Public Safety Rogers - Chair Wood - Member

Park Development Wood - Chair Croft - Member

Water Resources Croft - Chair Chase – Member

Community Promotion Arellano - Chair Wood – Member

Economic Development Rogers – Chair Croft – Member

Hall of Fame - Board of
Electors Wood - Chair

Audit Chase - Chair Arellano - Member

Capital Improvement Plan Chase - Chair Croft - Member

Race, Equity, Diversity and
Inclusion Chase - Chair Rogers - Member

3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS, AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.2 • AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF HOWARD L. CHAMBERS MEMORIAL TENNIS COURT MONUMENT SIGN

Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and reported that staff had received a proposal for the manufacturing and installation of new monument signage for the Howard L. Chambers Tennis Courts at Mayfair Park. She stated it was staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Trade Signs of Anaheim for the purchase and installation of the monument sign in the amount of \$12,862.51.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.3 • PAN AM FIESTA PREVIEW

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She stated that the annual Pan Am Fiesta would be held at Mayfair Park beginning Thursday, May 9 and concluding on Sunday, May 12, 2024. She reported that this year's Pan Am Fiesta would continue with special event elements, including amusement rides, food booths, a cultural mix of live entertainment, the Children's Cultural Booth, a shoppers circle, and a display of Lakewood's Pan American history.

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

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. to Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mary Elizabeth Strange.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk