



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
January 25, 2022

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Weingart Ballroom at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Father Mina Ghebrial, Christ the Redeemer American Coptic Orthodox Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 1883

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Wood
Vice Mayor Steve Croft
Council Member Ariel Pe
Council Member Todd Rogers
Council Member Vicki Stuckey

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Ruby Cure, a longtime resident who was active for many years in community groups; in memory of Mel Mueller, who was active with the Lakewood Community Gardens; in memory of Lakewood Youth Sports Coach Shonell Green Barber, who was an LYS Coach at Mayfair Park for six seasons; and in memory of Carmen Martinez, the mother of Paramount Unified School District Board Member Diane Martinez.

The Mayor commended Lakewood staff and community groups for the success of the many special events over the holidays, which included the Tree Lighting event; an Ugly Sweater Contest at the Weingart Senior Center; an Instagram Holiday Photo Contest; and Project Shepherd holiday food and toy collection and deliveries.

Vice Mayor Croft highlighted the increase in the number of COVID-related deaths and noted the contagious nature of the Omicron variant and advocated for continued vigilance.

Lieutenant Juan Briseno of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station provided the Quarterly Public Safety Report, which included crime statistics for the City as well as for the Lakewood Center. Lt. Briseno responded to questions from the Council Members.

Each of the Council Members expressed appreciation for Lt. Briseno's report and for the City's continued partnership with the Sheriff's Department.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Mayor Wood stated that Routine Item 1 would be considered separately.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 2 THROUGH 11.

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-6 Approval of Renewal of License Agreement with Southern California Edison for Use of Community Gardens

RI-7 Approval of Renewal of License Agreement with Southern California Edison for Use of Rynerson Park

RI-8 Approval of First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for On-call Services for Well and Booster Pump Maintenance

RI-9 Approval of Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Design and Engineering Services for Well 13A Treatment Plant Project

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADJUSTING HOURLY RATES FOR JOB CLASSIFICATIONS ON SCHEDULE A OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16 PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ENACTING A PERSONNEL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADJUSTING HOURLY RATES FOR JOB CLASSIFICATIONS ON SCHEDULE B OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16 PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ENACTING A PERSONNEL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO HOURLY-RATED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

RI-11 Approval of Amendment No. 1 with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District - Safe Clean Water Program for Regional Program Funds for Bolivar Park and Mayfair Park

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers, Stuckey and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 13, 2021, and January 11, 2022

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Pe, Rogers, Stuckey and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft

1.1 • AMENDMENT NO. 2022-1 TO THE GENERAL PLAN PERTAINING TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND RELATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, and Paul Kuykendall, Senior Planner, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the Housing Element. The Planning and Environment Commission recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing, review the Initial Study and Negative Declaration, adopt the proposed Resolution approving General Plan Amendment No. 2022-1 and the Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element and forward the Housing Element to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Council Member Rogers commented on the impacts of the State's housing policies on the community, infrastructure, City resources and Measure L funds.

The Council Members thanked staff for the comprehensive report and added that despite their opposition to the State imposed policies and goals, they would vote to approve the item.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:26 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Bob Pyke, Lakewood, spoke in support of a mixed use zone and an expedited process for zone changes.

Alan Gafford, Lakewood, posed questions regarding minutes of the Planning and Environment Commission meeting, definitions of terminology and residential development at various location.

1.1 • AMENDMENT NO. 2022-1 TO THE GENERAL PLAN PERTAINING TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND RELATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION - Continued

Vice Mayor Croft clarified that the housing element document did not change any zoning designations and did not give rights to develop on any property. He added that legislation would be required and such changes would have to be considered for Council approval in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2022-1 AND THE DRAFT 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FORWARD THE HOUSING ELEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, responded to Mayor Wood's inquiry by stating that while there may not yet have been a meeting subsequent to the recent Planning and Environment Commission meeting at which to approve the minutes, the lack of approval of those minutes would not affect the proposed action.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers, Stuckey and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Mr. Skolnik advised that the resolutions before the City Council were procedural actions necessary to begin the process and obtain the County's involvement in the operation for the next General Municipal Election, to be held on June 7, 2022, with one significant exception, which was that this year, it spelled out the three districts that were up for election in this particular cycle. He noted that all three resolutions met State law requirements and could be enacted with one motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

2.1 • ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-5; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON, JUNE 7, 2022, WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2022-4, NO. 2022-5, AND NO. 2022-6. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers, Stuckey and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.2 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-9; REGARDING UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack provided a brief history and explained that the proposed ordinance was designed to streamline and reduce the administrative costs involved in carrying out public works projects and would bring valuable efficiencies to the process. He stated that it was recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-9. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers, Stuckey and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • ANNUAL CITY INVESTMENT POLICY AND QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

Finance and Administrative Services Director Jose Gomez and Richard Babbe, PFM Asset Management (via teleconference), displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. Mr. Gomez concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the Investment Policy and receive and file the Quarterly Schedule of Investments for December 31, 2021.

3.1 • ANNUAL CITY INVESTMENT POLICY AND QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021 - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO ADOPT THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND RECEIVE AND FILE THE QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2021. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers, Stuckey and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023 - ROPS 22-23

The Director of Finance and Administrative Services made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and briefly summarized that since the State's dissolution of redevelopment agencies in 2012, Lakewood's Successor Agency had been providing the State with remaining redevelopment financial obligations for review and repayment per State law. The State has developed the Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule, otherwise known as the ROPs that had specific protocols for the repayments to be made. He stated it was recommended that the City Council approve the Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – ROPS 22-23 and the Administrative Budget for FY 2022-23.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATIONS PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 – ROPS 22-23 AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2022-23. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers Stuckey and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Pe, Rogers Stuckey and Wood

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Kristin Gonzalez, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding developer fees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Maple Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ruby Cure, Mel Mueller, Shonell Green Barber and Carmen Martinez

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk