



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
April 26, 2022

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by Reverend Olu Harding, Lakewood First United Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Boy Scout Troop 140

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Croft announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of longtime resident Isabel Flores, who was 101 years old and had lived in Lakewood for 52 years.

Council Member Wood stated that in partnership with South East Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board, Goodwill would be hosting a Job Fair on Tuesday, May 3rd.

Acting Captain Juan Briseño of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station provided the Quarterly Public Safety Report highlighting crime statistics in the City and at the Lakewood Center.

Captain Briseño and City Manager Thaddeus McCormack responded to questions from Council Members regarding the rollout of the security guard patrols, crime suppression units and other public safety issues.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Mayor Croft stated that a resident had signed up to address the City Council regarding Routine Item 7.

Brian Cuaron, Lakewood, spoke about the agreement for the homeless services liaison.

The Council Members and staff provided comments related to homelessness issues.

**COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.**

**ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued**

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held April 12, 2022

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments as of March 31, 2022

RI-5 Approval of Agreement with Fireworks & Stage FX America, LLC for Civic Center Block Party 2022 Fireworks Display

RI-6 Approval of Purchase of Twelve (12) Automated License Plate Reader Cameras

RI-7 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments for Implementation of the Gateway Cities Innovation Plan

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • 2021 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report. He noted that a significant change during 2021 was that Lakewood began the process of updating the General Plan's Housing Element as required by State law. He concluded by stating that the Planning and Environment Commission recommended that the City Council receive and file the 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report and direct staff to submit the same to the Department of Housing and Community Development and to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Brian Cuaron, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding apartments buildings in the City.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

## **2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1; PERTAINING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS**

Steve Skolnik, Office of the City Attorney, advised that a first reading had been held on the proposed ordinance at the last City Council meeting, and that it was presented for adoption at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

## **3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES**

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

### **ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

#### California Contract Cities

Association	Wood - Representative	Pe - 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	Pe - Representative	Stuckey - Alternate
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#### Gateway Cities COG Board

Pe - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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#### Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District	Croft - Representative
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#### Job Training Partnership Act SELACO WIB

Wood - Policy Board
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#### League of California Cities

L.A. County Division	Pe - Representative	Stuckey - Alternate
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#### City Selection Committee

Croft - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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### 3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES - Continued

Annual League Conference	Stuckey - Representative	Croft - Alternate
L.A. County Sanitation District #3 & #19	Croft - Representative	Pe - Alternate
Southeast Water Coalition	Rogers - Representative	Stuckey – Alternate
Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) JPA	Wood - Representative	Croft - Alternate

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Intergovernmental Relations	Croft - Chair	Pe - Member
Lakewood Schools	Rogers - Chair	Stuckey - Member
Environmental Management	Pe - Chair	Wood - Member
Public Safety	Rogers - Chair	Croft - Member
Park Development	Wood - Chair	Pe - Member
Water Resources	Pe - Chair	Croft – Member
Community Promotion	Stuckey - Chair	Pe – Member
Economic Development	Croft – Chair	Wood – Member
Hall of Fame - Board of Electors	Wood - Chair	
Audit	Stuckey - Chair	Rogers - Member
Capital Improvement Plan	Croft - Chair	Wood - Member
Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	Pe - Chair	Croft - Member

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wood, Stuckey, Pe, Rogers and Croft  
 NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • PURCHASE OF MODULAR OFFICE UNIT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and explained that the City Council had previously authorized the ARPA Ad Hoc committee's recommended use of the Federal American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds, for the purchase and installation of a modular office unit to house the Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development (CD) Department and the Project Management Division of the Public Works (PW) Department. She stated that staff recommended that the City Council authorize staff to purchase the CD/PW modular office unit and installation in an amount not to exceed \$225,000, and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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### **3.3 • QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT OF MAJOR FUNDS AS OF MARCH 31, 2022**

Finance and Administrative Services Director Jose Gomez, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the quarterly budget review as of March 31, 2022, for the City's two major funds, the General Fund and the Water Utility Enterprise Fund. He stated that staff would continue to monitor all activities and recommend adjustments, if necessary.

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

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### **3.4 • PAN AM FIESTA PREVIEW**

Recreation and Community Services Assistant Director Kevin Bright presented a slide show previewing the 2022 Pan American Fiesta, beginning Thursday, May 5th and concluding on Sunday, May 8th, which would include amusement rides, craft and food booths, a historical display, pancake breakfast, children's cultural booth and entertainment. He noted that shuttle service would be provided between the City Hall parking lot and Mayfair Park.

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### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Eric Campbell, Jill Christopherson, and Jennifer Smith, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding parking and theft issues in the neighborhood.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. to Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Pan American Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Isabel Flores.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk