



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
May 10, 2022

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 Bishop David Montgomery, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 2993

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 Estela Rodriguez Hernandez, the mother of Mario Vargas, Senior Executive Director of the Lakewood Family YMCA; in memory of Jesus Barrios, the father of Jesus Barrios, Jr., a Park Maintenance Worker; and in memory of Link Perle, who was a longtime member of the Lakewood Special Olympics program. The Mayor also noted that this week, it was expected that the United States would pass the one million mark for the number of Americans who died from COVID.

Mayor Croft stated that he had signed, on behalf of the City Council, a proclamation declaring National Police Week in Lakewood as a time to recognize the service that the City's law enforcement personnel provided, including the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriffs, and to ask residents to lower their flags to half-staff on Sunday, May 15, to honor those law enforcement personnel who had made the ultimate sacrifice in service.

The Mayor expressed gratitude to staff, volunteers and community organizations that had come together over the past weekend for the Pan American Fiesta.

Council Member Wood reported that he and the City Manager had participated in L.A. County Advocacy Day sponsored by Contract Cities on April 28th. He added that he and Council Member Stuckey attended a Lakewood High School One World Club fundraiser to raise water awareness in communities around the world.

Council Member Rogers expressed interest in obtaining updates on the filing status Sheriff's Department cases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Mayor Croft announced that John Grah was retiring as the Chief Executive Officer of Lakewood Regional Medical Center after six years and presented him with the Council Award of Merit.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held April 26, 2022

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-6 Approval of Pavement Management System Update by Willdan

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROJECT

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He stated it was staff's recommendation that the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Action Plan and following the public hearing, approve the FY 2022-2023 Action Plan, and authorize the City Manager to direct staff to submit to HUD the approved Action Plan along with the required CDBG certifications.

1.1 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 - Continued

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

3.1 • PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERA TRAILERS

Joshua Yordt, Director of Public Safety, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the use of technology, particularly security cameras, to enhance public safety by providing law enforcement with additional tools to combat and investigate crime. He concluded by stating that staff recommended the City Council approve the purchase of two solar powered security camera trailers at the proposed price of \$83,378 from Convergent of Anaheim, California.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO PURCHASE TWO SOLAR POWERED SECURITY CAMERA TRAILERS AT THE PROPOSED PRICE OF \$83,378 FROM CONVERGINT OF ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER 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:

Cooper Boyd and Steve Boyd, Lakewood; Dylan Lupinta, Lakewood; Marisa Perez, Lakewood; and Jason Brooks, Lakewood; addressed the City Council regarding amending the municipal code to allow for additional fireworks stands.

Jaime Pacio, Lakewood, spoke about parking issues in the neighborhood.

June Bermudez, Lakewood, expressed appreciation for the crossing guard at Michelson Street and Clark Avenue, and requested a pedestrian light at the intersection.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Pan American Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Estela Rodriguez Hernandez, Jesus Hernandez Barrios and Link Eden Perle.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk