



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
August 9, 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 Father Mina Ghebrial, Christ the Redeemer American Coptic Orthodox Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout troop 3433

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Croft announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Nancy Rafi, a longtime resident and the wife of Neighborhood Watch block captain Ahmed Rafi; in memory of Roberta Ann Keester, mother of Ron Keester, a city Recreation Specialist who has managed our Monte Verde Summer Camp program for many years; in memory of Patricia Faye Donaghue, who had lived in Lakewood since 1950 in one of the very first homes built by the Lakewood Park Corporation; and prominent longtime municipal attorney Peter Wallin, who represented cities and redevelopment agencies throughout the region with great distinction for fifty years.

The Mayor commended staff for the success of the Concerts in the Park series. He stated that as part of the Play at Palms series of creative events, a concert would be held on September 9th.

Mayor Croft introduced Sheriff's Station Commander, Captain Dan Holguin, who provided the Quarterly Public Safety Report. Captain Holguin reported on Part I crimes, partnering with the City's Public Safety team, crime prevention, mall security, and homeless community services and assistance. He stated that the mission of protection of life and property remained paramount and that the Sheriff's took an assertive and proactive stance when enforcing laws. He thanked the Public Safety team for the continued leadership, partnership, and support in providing Lakewood Station with the necessary resources to best serve Lakewood.

Council Member Rogers highlighted the importance of the goal of zero crime; support for law enforcement; and implementing the Neighborhood Safety Enhancement Plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Council Member Wood requested follow up and reports related to residential and commercial burglaries and on the marketing and results of home security systems.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 14, July 12, and July 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. 2022-53; 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 Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - June 2022

RI-7 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments - June 30, 2022

RI-8 Approval of Agreement to Extend Private Security Patrols with Southwest Patrol, Inc.

RI-9 Approval of Justice Assistance Grant Program Funding for License Plate Reader System

RI-10 Approval of Reimbursement Agreements for Long Beach Transit Fixed Route Subsidy and Dial-A-Lift Services

RI-11 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-54; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ENTERING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND COMMUNITY FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER TO PREVENT, RESPOND TO, AND PREPARE FOR CORONAVIRUS WHILE PROVIDING COUNSELING SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND JUVENILE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-55; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ENTERING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION TO PREVENT, RESPOND TO, AND PREPARE FOR CORONAVIRUS WHILE PROVIDING SERVICES FOR SENIOR ADULT RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-56; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND LAKEWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS TO PREVENT, RESPOND TO, AND PREPARE FOR CORONAVIRUS WHILE PROVIDING SERVICE TO RESIDENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-57; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ENTERING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND MOTHERS AT WORK CHILDREN'S CENTER TO PREVENT, RESPOND TO, AND PREPARE FOR CORONAVIRUS WHILE PROVIDING CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RENEWING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE PATHWAYS VOLUNTEER HOSPICE, INC. TO PREVENT, RESPOND TO, AND PREPARE FOR CORONAVIRUS WHILE PROVIDING SERVICES FOR TERMINALLY ILL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-59; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND SU CASA ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO PREVENT, RESPOND TO, AND PREPARE FOR CORONAVIRUS WHILE PROVIDING EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

RI-12 Approval of Water Rights Lease Agreement with Golden State Water Company

RI-13 Approval of Charter Bus Agreement with Nada Bus, Incorporated

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2022-2, 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack provided a brief history on the lengthy process of obtaining approval from the Department of Housing and Community Development of the City's Housing Element.

1.1 • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2022-2, 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT - Continued

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He stated that the Planning and Environment Commission recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing on the Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element; adopt the proposed resolution approving General Plan Amendment No. 2022-2 and the Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element; and forward the Housing Element to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-60; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-60 AND FORWARD THE DRAFT 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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2.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Mayor Croft stated that no action would be taken at this time and the appointments would be considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

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3.1 • ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES - HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) GRANT - UPDATE 12 TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda stating that the City had obtained a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant for construction to modify traffic signals at various intersections. She stated it was staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize staff to approve Willdan Engineering's proposal to provide design and other services for the Highway Safety Improvement Program Traffic Signal Modification Project under their existing Agreement for Engineering Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$238,000; and authorize Measure R funds in the amount of \$238,000 to be used for the project.

Staff responded to questions from the Council Members.

3.1 • ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES - HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) GRANT - UPDATE 12 TRAFFIC SIGNALS - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO APPROVE WILL DAN ENGINEERING'S PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE DESIGN AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION PROJECT UNDER THEIR EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE MEASURE R FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$238,000 TO BE USED FOR THE PROJECT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR PROGRAM AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET

Joshua Yordt, Director of Public Safety, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He reported that the Los Angeles County Office of the District Attorney administered the Community Prosecutor Program designed to provide proactive approaches to address quality of life and nuisance issues in communities through the services a dedicated Deputy District Attorney. He concluded by stating that staff recommended the City Council approve an agreement with Los Angeles County through the Office of the District Attorney for the Community Prosecutor Program through June 30, 2023; authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement as approved by the City Attorney; and appropriate \$125,000 from the General Fund in the FY 2022-2023 budget.

Staff responded to questions from the Council Members.

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, Pe, Chase, Rogers and Croft

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Nancy Rafi, Roberta Ann Keester, Patricia Faye Donaghue and Peter Wallin.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk