



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 13, 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 863

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 former Council Member Joe Esquivel, who passed away on August 24th and had served many years on the City Council and on the Recreation and Community Services Commission as well as being involved in many community volunteer efforts; in memory of Hugh Gillen, the father of Video Operations Specialist, Eileen McIlrath; in memory of Ron Bates, a Los Alamitos council member and a longtime city manager having served in many cities; in memory of Lakewood employee and resident, Sandy Cole, who recently retired after over thirty years of service to the City; and in memory of Griffin Williams, the son of Community Conservation Community Representative, Tony Williams.

The Mayor stated that the 40th Annual Senior Fall Craft Festival would be held on September 24th at the Weingart Senior Center and on the same day, the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo would be held in the parking lot behind the Civic Center.

Each of the Council Members shared memories and expressed their condolences on the passing of former Council Member Joe Esquivel.

Council Member Chase reported that over the past couple of months, she had attended the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities conferences. She added that she recently had been sworn in as a board member for the League of California Cities Women's Caucus.

Vice Mayor Pe stated that at the League of California Cities conference Lakewood had been the recipient of the Helen Putnam Award for the City's efforts regarding the Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Council Member Wood commended staff for their efforts regarding a request to permanently fly the POW/MIA flag at the Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Mayor Croft presented a proclamation to Patricia Wineicki, Cynthia Adams and Judi Robinson, representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Western Shores Chapter, recognizing September 17th as the 235th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States. He also presented a proclamation to Director of Public Safety, Joshua Yordt, to acknowledge September as National Preparedness Month.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held July 12, August 9, and August 23, 2022

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-6 Report of Monthly Investment Transactions - July 2022

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-62; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-63; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-64; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-65; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-66; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-67; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-68; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-69; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RI-8 Approval of Agreement for Fest-Of-All Attractions and Games with Elite Special Events

RI-9 Approval of Agreement for Halloween Carnival Attractions with Elite Special Events

RI-10 Approval of Agreement for Gopher Abatement Services with M.B. Oliver, Inc. DBA Agricultural Pest Control Services

RI-11 Approval of Purchase of Riding Mower from Turf Star of Brea

RI-12 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Contract No. 2020-3, Improvements to the Existing San Martin Park, Deark E&C, Inc.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT**

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

1.1 • CDBG PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT - Continued

He concluded by stating it was recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing to solicit comments on the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for fiscal year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and direct staff to take into consideration comments received and submit them along with the CAPER to the local HUD office.

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. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE 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

2.1 • APPOINTMENT OF MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda on the appointment of committee members to the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee for a two year term, commencing on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2024. He stated it was recommended that the City Council approve the member appointments for the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee and to adopt the proposed resolution appointing members of the various commissions.

MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Bradlee Carihfield by the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce

Rose Nelson by the Lakewood Women's Club

Ahmed Rafi by Mayor Croft

Jeannie Clark by Vice Mayor Pe

Ron Piazza by Council Member Wood

Crystal Jones-Duncan by Council Member Rogers

Valerie Youell by Council Member Chase

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION

Bradlee Critchfield by Council Member Chase

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Terry Cole by Council Member Chase

Council Member Chase indicated that her appointment to the Recreation and Community Services Commission would be provided at a future date.

2.1 • MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS - Continued
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-61; 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 COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-61. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

3.1 • DECLARING AN EMERGENCY REGARDING THE NEED TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE BOLIVAR STORMWATER CAPTURE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

Derek Nguyen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the needed repairs to the Bolivar Stormwater Capture building and equipment. It was staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution declaring that the public interest and necessity demanded the immediate expenditure of public funds to safeguard life, health, or property at the Bolivar Park Stormwater Capture Facility, and finding that emergency repairs are necessary.

Staff responded to questions from Council Members.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-70; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DECLARING AN EMERGENCY REGARDING THE NEED TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE BOLIVAR PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-70. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

3.2 • MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USE OF CITY OWNED PARCEL FOR FARMERS MARKET

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the use of City-owned property for the purposes of a weekly farmers market.

3.2 • MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USE OF CITY OWNED PARCEL FOR FARMERS MARKET - Continued

He concluded by stating that it was recommended that the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Operators and the City of Lakewood for a weekly farmers market.

Staff responded to questions from Council Members.

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. 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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3.3 • ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AUTHORIZATION, DAHLIN GROUP, PALMS COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding improvements to the Palms Park Community Center. She stated it was the recommendation of staff and the Capital Improvement Plan Committee that the City Council authorize design work for the Palms Community Center Improvements per the Dahlin Group proposal dated August 11, 2022, in an amount not-to-exceed \$713,900, and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal; and appropriate \$713,900 from the reserve for capital improvements for this project.

Staff responded to questions from Council Members.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD 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

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3.4 • FALL AND WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda highlighting the Fall and Winter recreation programs and events, which included after-school programs, youth sports leagues, programs for older adults, community special events and contract classes. She stated that staff recommended the City Council receive and file the report.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Dorian Johnson, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding Neighborhood Watch Connect.

David Arellano, Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Summer Stampede Car Show would be held on September 18th at Mayfair Park. He also noted that a Chamber mixer would be held on September 14th at Outback Restaurant.

Bernadette Angus, Lakewood, spoke regarding Lakewood Meals On Wheels.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Council Member Joe Esquivel, Hugh Gillen, Los Alamitos Council Member Ron Bates, Sandy Cole and Griffin Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk