



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
October 25, 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 Father Alidor Mikobi, St. Cyprian Catholic Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Scout Troop and Pack 134

**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 Jesus Diaz, father-in-law of Vice Mayor Ariel Pe; in memory of Duane Soileau, who was a longtime public works contractor for the City; and in memory of Maisie Pan, the mother of Bill Pan, contract Senior IT Specialist.

The Mayor introduced Diana Craighead, Vice President of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education, who made a presentation regarding the Dual Immersion Program and provided an update on facilities.

Mayor Croft presented, on behalf of the City Council, a proclamation to the Southeast County Young Marines regarding Red Ribbon Week, when Lakewood joined with local schools and others to encourage and show support for a drug-free lifestyle.

Mayor Croft introduced Sheriff's Station Commander, Captain Dan Holguin, who provided the Quarterly Public Safety Report. Captain Holguin reported on Part I crimes, Special Assignment deputies and City-supported crime suppression efforts; collaboration with the City's Public Safety team, crime prevention, mall security, and homeless community services and assistance. He acknowledged support for creating racial equity stating that he would make every effort to build stronger community relations and trust with Lakewood residents. 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.

Captain Holguin responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

**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 October 25, 2022

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - September 2022

RI-6 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments as of September 30, 2022

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-75; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE TAKING EMERGENCY ACTION REGARDING THE NEED TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE BOLIVAR PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-76; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD SETTING THE TERMINATION DATE FOR ALL COMMISSIONERS' TERMS

RI-9 Approval of Agreements with Advanced Utility System, Paymentus Corporation and WaterSmart for Customer Information and Utility Billing System

RI-10 Approval of Agreement with City of Long Beach to Vacate Utility Easement and Enter Partial Termination of Agreement

RI-11 Approval of Purchase of Water Meters for Replacement for FY2022-23

RI-12 Approval of Proposition A Transit Fund Exchange and Assignment Agreement with City of West Hollywood

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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### **3.1 • LAKEWOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PROGRAM**

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the development of a Leadership Academy program. He stated it was the recommendation of the Community Promotions Committee that the City Council approve the Lakewood Leadership Academy program and appropriate the \$10,000 in grants received for funding of the program.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATE THE \$10,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT OF MAJOR FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Finance and Administrative Services Director Jose Gomez displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the quarterly budget review as of September 30, 2022 for the City's two major funds, the General Fund and the Water Utility Enterprise Fund.

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

### **3.3 • AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LONG BEACH BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SECOND INTERCONNECTION**

Derek Nguyen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the construction of an emergency interconnection at the intersection of Carson Street and Palo Verde Avenue in Long Beach. He concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach for design, construction, and operation of a second interconnection; and authorize its execution by the Mayor on behalf of the City.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

**3.3 • AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LONG BEACH BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SECOND INTERCONNECTION - Continued**

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF A SECOND INTERCONNECTION; AND AUTHORIZE ITS EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR. 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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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Michael Lara, Lakewood, in an effort to obtain his citizenship merit badge, enumerated the benefits of living in the City.

Karen Van Eede, Lakewood, spoke about trees on her street and damage to her vehicle.

Jonathan Byun, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding illegal dumping.

Bernadette Angcos, Lakewood, commented on a recent incident at the Burns Community Center.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m. to Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Board Room/Lobby. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Jesus Diaz, Duane Soileau, and Maisie Pan.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk