



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
December 13, 2022

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Wanda Kenlow, Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 5543

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 Robert Laurence Bowe and Robert Leander Bowe, the father and brother of longtime CityTV staff member Eileen Bowe; and in memory Richard Powers, the former Executive Director of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

The Mayor highlighted the recent annual Tree Lighting event, which had been a cold and rainy night. He thanked the residents in attendance and expressed gratitude to City staff and contractors for adapting to the rainy conditions. Mayor Croft added that the 24-foot-tall tree would remain at the Civic Centre Plaza through December 31st noting that it was a great place for holiday photos and for taking in the spirit of the season.

Council Member Rogers expressed holiday greetings to residents and the community.

Vice Mayor Pe thanked Pathways Volunteer Hospice for the "Light Up A Life" ceremony, an opportunity to remember and honor loved ones.

Council Member Wood stated that the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board would be holding a regional job fair on January 14, 2023.

Mayor Croft, noting that One Legacy/Donate Life Ambassador Maria Jimenez could not be in attendance, provided an update on the organization and the Rose Parade Float on her behalf.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 18.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held October 25, October 29, November 8, and November 22, 2022

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Reports of Investment Transactions - October 2022 and November 2022

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-81; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-82; 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. 2022-83; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE FOR ANNUAL CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

RI-9 Acceptance of Notice of Completion, Equipping Well 28 Wellhead & Pump, PW Project No. 2020-4

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-84; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-11 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-85; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ECKLESON STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-86; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ASHWORTH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-87; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 207TH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-12 Authorizing Additional Architectural Services – Dahlin Group – Weingart Sr. Center Improvement Project

RI-13 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-88; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING A TITLE VI PROGRAM

RI-14 Approval of Vendor Agreement with Meals On Wheels of Long Beach

RI-15 Approval of First Amendment to Caretaker Management Contract for Lakewood Equestrian Center

RI-16 Approval of ARPA Funds for Design and Construction of a Second Interconnection with City of Long Beach

RI-17 Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Kosmont Companies for Economic Development Consulting

RI-18 Selection of Information Technology Cybersecurity Services Provider

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES DISTRICT NO. 14, LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD BETWEEN SOUTH STREET AND NORTH CITY LIMITS, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-89

Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding Underground Utilities District 14. She concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt the proposed resolution establishing Underground Utilities District 14.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Ms. Pickler clarified for Gerardo Delgado, Lakewood, the locations depicted in the presentation photographs.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

1.1 • ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES DISTRICT NO. 14 -

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RESOLUTION 2022-89; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC NECESSITY, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE REQUIRE THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT IN THAT PORTION OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD FROM SOUTH STREET TO THE NORTH CITY BOUNDARY, TO BE KNOWN AS AND HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 14

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-89. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • APPLICATION FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-90

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program. He stated that staff recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) for the PLHA grant program and authorize the City Manager to execute the required application submittal documents and funding agreement.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-90; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ADOPTING THE PLHA PLAN FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-90 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE REQUIRED APPLICATION SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTS AND FUNDING AGREEMENT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • REVIEW OF ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022, AND PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) AWARD

Finance and Administrative Services Director Jose Gomez displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. He stated it was staff's recommendation that the Council receive and file the report and accept the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021.

Gary Caporicci, from The Pun Group, provided a summary of the scope of work; required communications; overview of financial statements and indicators; key pension and other postemployment benefits information; and audit results. He presented the GFOA Award to the City Council.

Staff and the consultant responded to questions and comments from the City Council.

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

3.2 • REHAB STEEL WATER TANKS 1 & 2, PW PROJECT NO. 2022-6

Derek Nguyen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding a project to rehabilitate two steel water storage tanks located at the Arbor Water Yard. He concluded by stating it was recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Advanced Industrial Services, Inc. of Los Alamitos in a form approved by the City Attorney in amount of \$278,100; authorize staff to approve Harper and Associates proposal in amount of \$43,200 to provide construction assistance and inspection; appropriate \$400,000 from the Water Reserve Fund; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders as needed not to exceed \$50,000; and adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

VICE MAYOR PE 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

3.3 • APPROVAL OF WATER RIGHTS LEASE TO CITY OF COMPTON

The Water Resources Director displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda relating to a lease of water rights to the City of Compton for the next three fiscal years. Dr. Nguyen stated that staff recommended that the City Council approve the water right license and lease agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney with the City of Compton for 1,500 acre-feet of water extraction rights for FY 22/23, FY 23/24 and FY 24/25 for a total cost of \$742,500; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the City of Compton on behalf of the City.

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS 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

3.4 • PRESENTATION BY CALIFORNIANS AGAINST RETAIL AND RESIDENTIAL THEFT COALITION

Joshua Yordt, Director of Public Safety, introduced representatives from Californians Against Retail and Residential Theft (CARRT), Nate Haderlie, CARRT Coalition Team, and John Kabateck, California State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), member of CARRT Coalition, who displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. Mr. Yordt concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council approve joining the Californians Against Retail and Residential Theft coalition.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE JOINING THE CALIFORNIANS AGAINST RETAIL AND RESIDENTIAL THEFT COALITION. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.5 • NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Public Safety Director made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the Neighborhood Safety Enhancement Plan. He stated that staff recommended the City Council approve extending deployment of Sheriff's crime suppression and saturation patrol units on an overtime basis January 1 through June 30, 2023; authorize an appropriation of \$545,000 of General Fund funds in the FY2022-2023 budget; approve extending the agreement for private security patrols with Southwest Patrol, Inc. from January 1 through June 30, 2023, authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement in a form approved by the

3.5 • NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PLAN UPDATE - Continued

City Attorney, and authorize an appropriation of \$180,000 of General Fund funds in the FY2022-2023 budget.

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 AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD 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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

2. Approval of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – ROPS 23-24 and Administrative Budget FY 2023-24

The Finance and Administrative Services Director made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He concluded by stating it was recommended that the City Council approve the Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule for July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024 – ROPS 23-24 and the Administrative Budget for FY 2023-24.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATIONS PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 – ROPS 23-24 AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2023-24. 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 Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS.

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Colleen Shea Mullens, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding coyote management.

Renita Armstrong, Bellflower, spoke about the recent election and the Bellflower Unified School District board members.

Phillip Norris, Lakewood, made remarks regarding public safety, tree removal, repaving of street and parking issues in his neighborhood.

George Angcos, Lakewood, commented regarding tree removal.

Sherri Perales, Lakewood, expressed concerns pertaining to grocery store shoplifting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Robert Laurence Bowe, Robert Leander Bowe and Richard Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk