



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held  
March 14, 2023

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Executive Board Room, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

### **CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING UPDATE**

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding a review and update on the goals that were set by the City Council at an adjourned meeting on October 29, 2022. He highlighted the progress that had been made on various goals, which included a communication plan for the City's story; the annual illegal fireworks campaign; the Sheriff's Mental Evaluation Team; a project management system for capital improvement projects; the development of a Parks Master Plan; and the development of mission, vision and values for the City.

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, noted that staff was working on other goals as well and that additional updates were forthcoming.

### **SHORT-TERM RETNALS**

Andrew Camacho, Administrative Services Manager, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He reported that Ordinance No. 2018-7 allowed short term rentals (STRs) to operate in the City with various provisions. There were currently 21 unpermitted STRs operating in Lakewood and five licensed STRs which were all problematic for various reasons, including parking compliance; LASD calls for service from neighbors; and delinquent business license and transient occupancy tax payments. Mr. Camacho added that a survey of surrounding cities found that 11 of the 14 cities had total bans on STRs. He noted that the Public Safety Committee received the same presentation and supported banning short term rentals.

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, reported that the next steps to ban STRs would be for an ordinance to be presented to the Planning and Environment Commission and with their approval, it would be brought to the City Council for consideration. He noted that an ordinance had been drafted which aligned with the views of the Public Safety Committee.

Staff responded to comments and questions from Council Members.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle D. Schultz  
Assistant City Clerk