



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 28, 2023

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 Council Member Todd Rogers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Scout Troop 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 the six victims of the mass violence at a private religious school in Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that the tragedy was made all the sadder and more difficult to comprehend when realizing that the upcoming month of April was the time in the United States to celebrate volunteerism and the good that existed in people who gave of themselves regularly to help others. Noting the time of year, the Mayor conveyed good wishes for the many celebrations of faith.

Vice Mayor Pe commended staff and the participants of the Lakewood Leadership Academy noting that the most recent session featured guest speaker, Steve Van Doren of Vans.

Council Member Rogers expressed gratitude to public safety staff on a well-attended Neighborhood Watch quarterly seminar.

Council Member Chase extended thanks to staff for their commitment to the public safety needs of the community, particularly with the families at Willow Elementary School. She acknowledged the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce for their efforts during the March Madness project and their continued work in promoting small businesses.

Mayor Croft welcomed Paramount Unified School District Board Member Alicia Anderson and Superintendent Ruben Frutos, who provided highlights of the District's objectives and achievements and thanked the City Council for their continued partnership and support.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 14, 2023

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 Meeting Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-6 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - February 2023

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15; 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 Acceptance of Notice of Completion – Major & Collector Street Paving FY22

RI-9 Approval of Funding Exchange Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

RI-10 Authorize Purchase of FF&E and Delivery and Attachment of Modular Office Units for Community Development (CD) and Public Works (PW)

RI-11 Approval of Transfer Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District – Safe Clean Water Program for Regional Program Funds for Lakewood Equestrian Center

RI-12 Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for Catch Basin Trash Excluder Maintenance

RI-13 Archiving Information Management Services Authorization – ARC Document Solutions

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND DRINKING WATER REGULATORY UPDATE

Derek Nguyen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding current drought conditions in California and drinking water regulations as mandated by the Federal EPA and State Water Resources Control Board. He concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the report.

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

3.2 • VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda stating that April was recognized as National Volunteer Month, and the Recreation and Community Services Department was celebrating the hard work of Lakewood's volunteers by offering several events to both celebrate and encourage volunteerism. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council receive and file the Volunteer Program Annual Update.

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:

Phillip Norris, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding paramedic coverage, traffic lights and street congestion in his neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the six people killed yesterday at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk