



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
January 24, 2023

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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 Andrew Chung, Saint Pancratius Church

**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 Richard Schmid, a long time Lakewood recreation employee and father of Jennifer Schmid, who works in the Public Safety Department; in memory of Mary Chambers, a former employee, wife of former City Manager Howard Chambers, and mother of Samantha Chambers, who works in the Public Works Department; in memory of his mother, Beverly Croft; and in memory of the victims of the mass shootings in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay.

Council Member Wood commented on the recent increase in gas bills and suggested notifying residents of available assistance programs.

Mayor Croft stated that Captain Dan Holguin, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station was present to provide the Quarterly Update on Public Safety in Lakewood. Captain Holguin reported on Part I crime statistics, trends and year-to-year comparisons. He highlighted the efforts of the Special Assignment Team deputies and the City-supported crime suppression units and expressed gratitude to the City's Public Safety team for their 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 10.

**ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued**

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held December 13, 2022, and January 10, 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 - December 2022

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2; 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-9 Approval of Lease Agreement with County of Los Angeles for Lease of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND MEALS ON WHEELS OF LONG BEACH TO PROVIDE HOME DELIVERY OF NUTRITIONAL MEALS TO ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED AND CONVALESCING RESIDENTS OF LAKEWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • ANNUAL CITY INVESTMENT POLICY AND QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Finance and Administrative Services Director Jose Gomez made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the City's Annual Investment Policy and Quarterly Schedule of Investments as of December 31, 2022. He stated that staff recommended that the Council adopt the Investment Policy and receive and file the Quarterly Schedule of Investments for December 31, 2022.

**3.1 • ANNUAL CITY INVESTMENT POLICY AND QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 - Continued**

Richard Babbe from PFM displayed slides and provided a detailed investment presentation including broader market and economic policy factors.

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

**3.2 • PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DRP ENGINEERING, INC. TO PERFORM FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT FOR THIRD INTERCONNECTION WITH CITY OF LONG BEACH AND PUMP STATION DESIGN ANALYSIS FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH CITY OF CERRITOS**

Derek Nguyen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to continued efforts to maximize the use of the City's Allowed Pumping Allocation and enhance the City's water system reliability. He concluded by stating that it was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve a Professional Services Agreement with DRP Engineering, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$19,853 to perform feasibility assessment for third interconnection with City of Long Beach and pump station design analysis for interconnection with City of Cerritos; and appropriate \$19,853 of ARPA funds for the corresponding contract and authorize the City Manager to execute agreement on behalf of the City.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE SECONDED TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DRP ENGINEERING, INC. TO PERFORM FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT FOR A THIRD INTERCONNECTION WITH CITY OF LONG BEACH AND PUMP STATION DESIGN ANALYSIS FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH CITY OF CERRITOS; AND APPROPRIATE \$19,853 OF ARPA FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.3 • SPRING 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. She summarized the Spring recreation programs and events, which included events such as Volunteer Day, Earth Walk and the Pan Am Fiesta. She stated it was recommended that the City Council receive and file the report.

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

### **SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

#### **1. Approval of Registers of Demands**

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS 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:**

Mayor Croft stated that correspondence had been received from Malik Tariq Mahmood promoting peace.

Art Pinette, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding an online solar permitting system.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Richard Schmid, Mary Chambers, Beverly Croft, the eleven victims of the mass shooting in Monterey Park and the seven victims of the mass shootings in Half Moon Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk