



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
February 24, 2015

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Darrin McWatters, First Baptist Church of Lakewood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Lakewood High School Jr. ROTC

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Ron Piazza

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Julio Fajardo, father-in-law of Council Member Steve Croft; in memory of Jeff Dean, a 24-year employee, who retired in 2012, and passed away after battling cancer; and in memory of Jackson May, a Lakewood resident, who participated in the Meals on Wheels and Nifty After Fifty programs, and father of longtime employee, Nicole Duran.

Vice Mayor Wood expressed gratitude to the organizers of the 34th Annual Youth Hall of Fame and congratulated the athletes who had been recognized at the event.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 AND 7 THROUGH 10.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held February 10, 2015

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION

RI-8 Approval of Gas Company Consent to Common Use – Shared Easement for 72-Unit Condominium Development, 3014 South Street

RI-9 Approval of Amendments to Reimbursement Agreement for Long Beach Transit Fixed Route and Dial-A-Lift Services

RI-10 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING A JOB CLASSIFICATION AND AMENDING EXISTING PAY RATE IN ATTACHMENT B OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-5 Approval of Agreement for Additional Aircraft Refurbishment Services – Lakewood Veterans Memorial Plaza

Council Member Croft stated that since the presentation on the memorial at the previous Council meeting, changes had occurred as a result of the re-design process and that staff had done an excellent job in identifying the issues and mitigating some of the costs. He observed that the latest update was proof that the memorial project was moving forward.

Mayor Rogers concurred that although there had been issues that could not be anticipated, the additional services provided an opportunity to maintain a world class veterans memorial for future generations. He added that it was also a way to pay homage to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the community and for their country.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 5. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-6 Approval of Agreement for Consulting Services and Expenses – Lakewood Veterans Memorial Plaza

ROUTINE ITEMS: Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 6. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-11 Approval of Nomination to Fill a Vacancy on the Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Vice Mayor Wood introduced Allison Castellanos, nominee for the business sector representative to the WIB. Ms. Castellanos expressed gratitude on her nomination and conveyed her eagerness for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEM 11. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1; AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SPEED LIMITS ON CANDLEWOOD STREET, COVER STREET, DOWNEY AVENUE, LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD AND 215TH STREET

City Attorney Steve Skolnik advised that the proposed ordinance had been introduced at the last meeting and following a brief report by the Public Works Director, a public hearing would be held.

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, reviewed that State law required traffic studies every five years to allow the use of radar for enforcement purposes. After the Council approval of the Traffic and Engineering study at its last meeting, adoption of the proposed ordinance would complete the process.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1; AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SPEED LIMITS ON CANDLEWOOD STREET, COVER STREET, DOWNEY AVENUE, LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD AND 215TH STREET - Continued
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT ON CANDLEWOOD STREET, COVER STREET, DOWNEY AVENUE, LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD AND 215TH STREET was read by title by the City Clerk.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, DuBois, Wood, Piazza and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • PREVIEW OF 2015 EARTH WALK EVENT

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides, showed a brief video and presented a report based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that Lakewood's free Earth Walk event would be held at Monte Verde Park on Saturday, March 14th. She stated that the family-friendly event provided opportunities to learn about the environment, with hands-on participation activities and vendor displays pertaining to gardening, recycling and conservation from City departments, community groups and local businesses.

Council Member DuBois stated that the joint efforts of the departments involved provided for an affordable and enjoyable event.

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

3.2 • PREVIEW OF 2015 LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY RUN

Director of Community Development, Sonia Southwell, displayed slides and described some of the features of the Lakewood Community Run, scheduled for Saturday, March 14th. She stated that the fundraising event, which was organized by the Lakewood Sheriff's Station and the Soroptimist of Lakewood/Long Beach, and sponsored by the City of Lakewood, County of Los Angeles and the Lakewood Center Mall, offered a fun day for everyone from beginners to avid runners.

Council Member Croft encouraged people to attend the day's various events stating that in addition to the Earth Walk and Community Run, a groundwater festival would also be taking place.

3.2 • PREVIEW OF 2015 LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY RUN - Continued
MAYOR ROGERS STATED THAT THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE ITEM WAS ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

3.3 • REPORT ON LAKEWOOD VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA ENGRAVED BRICK PROGRAM

The Public Works Director displayed slides and presented an update to the Veterans Memorial Plaza and Engraved Brick Program. She reported on the progress of the jet restoration which included the repair of the tail section, restoration of the wings, and installation of electrical wiring. She provided an update of the plaza construction including installation of the construction fence, playground equipment removal and demolition of the existing hardscape. Ms. Rapp explained that the engraved brick program had made an excellent start and that additional public outreach efforts had been planned.

Council Member Croft stated that with the memorial project underway, he encouraged the community to enjoy the City's many other playgrounds and park sites.

Vice Mayor Wood emphasized the historic aspect of the memorial jet noting that not only was it being restored and repaired but that it was being preserved as well.

Council Member Piazza commended staff and described the project as a "movie in the making."

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Julio Fajardo, Jeff Dean and Jackson May.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk