



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
March 28, 2017

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Piazza in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Mr. David Montgomery, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Steve Croft

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

### **MARCH 7, 2017 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Mayor Piazza stated that due to a countywide initiative on the ballot, the City's General Municipal Election had been administered by the Office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder this year.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik explained that because the election canvass had been concluded by the County earlier than they had predicted, the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor, which would normally have occurred at the same meeting in which the elections results were declared and the oaths of office administered, would be scheduled at the City Council meeting in April with the Lakewood Celebrates reception. He stated that Mayor Piazza would continue to serve as mayor until the selection of a new mayor.

### **DECLARING RESULTS OF THE ELECTION**

The City Clerk stated that the canvass of votes for the March 7, 2017, General Municipal Election had been completed by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. She reported that 7,787 ballots had been cast, and that the successful candidates were Diane DuBois, Todd Rogers and Steve Croft. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-5, declaring the election results.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-5; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON MARCH 7, 2017, DECLARING THE RESULTS THEREOF, AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW**

**COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-5, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.**

**DECLARING RESULTS OF THE ELECTION - Continued**  
**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:**

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE**

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Members-elect Diane DuBois, Todd Rogers and Steve Croft. Each Council Member signed the oath and was presented with a Certificate of Election.

Council Member Croft thanked the voters and stated he was honored to have the opportunity to continue serving the community. He acknowledged his family and friends for their hard work and support on a successful campaign adding special thanks to his wife, Tess, for her love, support and encouragement. He concluded by stating that he was very proud of the Council and their accomplishments and that he looked forward to working to keep Lakewood a special place.

Vice Mayor DuBois introduced Kirk Real, who was in attendance, and thanked him for his support and service as her committee chair. She expressed gratitude to the voters and stated that she felt it was a tremendous honor to serve the residents of Lakewood.

Council Member Rogers acknowledged his mother, Joan Reiner, and his wife, Sally, as well as other family members present in the audience. He congratulated Council Member Croft and Vice Mayor DuBois on their election and cited their successful partnership over the last twelve years. He expressed appreciation to his Council colleagues as well as other community members for their support and felt humbled by the opportunity to continue in service to the community. He pledged to continue focusing on maintaining Lakewood as a community in which to live, work and play while dealing with public safety issues, continuing to focus on economic development and maintaining a sound infrastructure.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Piazza announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Gwena Swisher, sister of Sallie Cordova Gallagher of CityTV staff.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 14, 2017

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Release of Subdivision Bonds for Tract No. 72071, Lyon Homes – Canvas Project, 3014 South Street

RI-5 Approval of Agreement with Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium 5 for Digital Aerial Photography

RI-6 Approval of Purchase of Automated Valve Operator for the Water Resources Department

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1; REAUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS FEE**

The City Attorney advised that the proposed ordinance had been introduced and read by title at the March 14th City Council meeting.

Mayor Piazza opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REAUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS FEE

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE, BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, RESIDENTIAL AND GREEN BUILDING CODES**

Sonia Southwell, Director of Community Development, made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and stated the California Building Standards Commission adopted a set

**2.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE, BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, RESIDENTIAL AND GREEN BUILDING CODES – Continued**

of new construction codes every three years referred to as the California Building Standards Codes. The proposed ordinance would update the Lakewood Municipal Code to adopt the County's version of the codes by reference and to make necessary modifications. The adoption of the Los Angeles County building codes would carry out the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan, which promoted high quality design and construction for developments that were a positive addition to and compatible with the City's existing environment. She stated that staff recommended that the City Council introduce the ordinance amending the Lakewood Municipal Code by adopting by reference the County of Los Angeles Fire, Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Residential, Green Building, and Existing Buildings Codes and find that the project was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE (TITLE 32), COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUILDING CODE (TITLE 26), COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ELECTRICAL CODE (TITLE 27), COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PLUMBING CODE (TITLE 28), COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MECHANICAL CODE (TITLE 29), COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RESIDENTIAL CODE (TITLE 30), COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GREEN CODE (TITLE 31), AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EXISTING BUILDING CODE (TITLE 33) was read by title by the City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2 AND FIND THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH ACTIVITIES**

Recreation and Community Services Director Lisa Litzinger displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that during the month of April, National Volunteer Month, the Recreation and Community Services Department would be celebrating the hard work of Lakewood's volunteers by having several events for volunteer recognition and appreciation. She noted that many programs, like Lakewood Youth Sports, Meals on Wheels, and Project Shepherd, could not be offered without the assistance of Lakewood's many volunteers who gave their time, energy and effort to help others. She reported that other featured volunteer events and programs included the Teens in Lakewood Care (TLC), Junior Lifeguards, the Older Adult Volunteers who assisted with specialty classes at the Weingart Senior Center and with the senior nutrition program at the Burns

**3.1 • VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH ACTIVITIES - Continued**

Community Center, and the annual Lakewood Volunteer Day. She concluded by stating that volunteers continued to be a cornerstone in maintaining the programs that improved the quality of life in Lakewood and made it such a unique community.

Mayor Piazza commended the many volunteers who were making a difference in the community and staff for their efforts in coordinating the various programs as well as the recognition events.

Council Member Wood and Council Member Rogers highlighted the significance of the many hours of meaningful service noting that the estimated dollar value of volunteer time would total a sizable amount.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Registers 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: Croft, DuBois, Rogers, Wood and Piazza

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Piazza adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Gwena Swisher.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk