



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 27, 2018

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

INVOCATION was offered by Monsignor Joseph Greeley, St. Pancratius Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Fastest Cheetahs Camp Fire Club

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

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor DuBois stated that it had been a privilege to serve as Mayor for the past year and commended her City Council colleagues, staff, residents, community organizations and businesses for their work in maintaining a well-run city. She expressed appreciation for the younger generation of residents who were participating in the traditions that had been built up over many years with events such as the Community Run and Volunteer Day. She affirmed her gratitude for and remarked on the smooth City Manager transition upon the retirement of Howard Chambers and the recruitment of Thaddeus McCormack. She thanked Steve Skolnik of the City Attorney's Office, for his guidance, knowledge and expertise during City Council meetings. She highlighted the 65th anniversary of the Macy's building at Lakewood Center noting that it continued to serve as the anchor tenant helping to make the mall the second largest shopping center complex in Los Angeles County. She concluded by stating she looked forward to continuing to serve as a Council Member and working for the well-being and benefit of the City and its residents.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Council Member Rogers expressed gratitude to Mayor DuBois for her service over the past year and announced it was his honor to nominate Steve Croft as Mayor for the coming year. He explained that Vice Mayor Croft began his formal service to Lakewood when he was appointed to the City's Planning and Environment Commission in 2001 and had been elected to his first term on the City Council in 2005. He stated that the Vice Mayor currently served as Lakewood's representative on the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control Board; as a member of the Intergovernmental Relations and Water Resources committees; as a member of the Lakewood Lions Club and that both he and his wife were active members of the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries as well as being founding members of the Lakewood Education Foundation.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL - Continued

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO NOMINATE STEVE CROFT TO SERVE AS MAYOR. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Mayor Croft presented outgoing Mayor DuBois with a plaque and scrapbook commemorating her year of service as Mayor.

Mayor Croft expressed gratitude to his colleagues for the opportunity to serve as Mayor. He thanked outgoing Mayor DuBois for her service over the past year and for her participation on the various governmental organizations and regional agencies. He stated he had been fortunate to have the support of his family providing the ability to serve the community and make a positive difference in local government. He acknowledged family members in attendance including his wife, Tess; daughter, Ana, and her boyfriend, Tony; and his youngest brother, Ron, along with his wife, Barbara, and their children, Rachel, Andrew and Aaron. He explained that his intended approach for the coming year as Mayor had been inspired by a Lakewood resident and her involvement with the Donate Life and One Legacy organizations, whose motto spoke to the core values of many of the City's organizations and causes, which encouraged being "a rainbow in someone else's cloud." He cited another cause, which had been of significance to many in the community, was appreciation and support for military veterans. He asserted interest in addressing the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead, which included storm water capture projects at Bolivar and Mayfair parks; improvements at various park locations; infrastructure projects; the repair and replacement of aging facilities and equipment; and continuing to attract new businesses while helping existing businesses to succeed and grow. He announced the return of the Lakewood Beautiful program which was designed to encourage residents to make investments in their homes and noted that studies had shown that home upkeep and beautification kept property values healthy and crime rates low, which benefitted the community. He conveyed the importance of working in partnership with residents, businesses, staff, the Sheriff's and Fire departments and contract service providers to do the best job possible for Lakewood.

Mayor Croft stated that he was pleased to nominate Todd Rogers for the office of Vice Mayor noting the wealth of experience from his seventeen years on the City Council, his previous employment with the Sheriff's Department and his extensive involvement in the community.

MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO NOMINATE TODD ROGERS TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Council Member DuBois recognized her daughter, Judy, who was in the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Croft introduced Lakewood residents Maria Jimenez and Bobbie Hamfeldt of the Donate Life and One Legacy organizations, who provided personal accounts of the life-saving generosity of their sons for their organ and tissue donations. Ms. Jimenez stated that the 16th Annual Donate Life Run/Walk fundraising event to raise awareness and benefit the OneLegacy Foundation, would be held on April 28th at Cal State Fullerton. Mayor Croft presented a proclamation declaring April as “Donate Life Month” in Lakewood and announced that he would be participating in the marathon.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

- RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held February 13, 2018
- RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions
- RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands
- RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - February 2018
- RI-5 Approval of Quarterly Budget Report of Major Funds as of December 31, 2017
- RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2002-38 PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND ESTABLISHING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, DEFINING THE CONDITIONS AND HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT, AND ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
- RI-7 Approval of Sale of Former Sky Knight Helicopter
- RI-8 Approval of Use and Maintenance Agreement with Los Angeles County Flood Control District for Mayfair Park Water Capture Project

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1; AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO STANDARDS FOR TRASH ENCLOSURES AND THE STORAGE OF SOLID WASTE

Sonia Southwell, Director of Community Development, explained that the proposed ordinance had been a result of the City's efforts to comply with the mandates of the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, and the Low Impact Development Standards, requiring the City, through the mandatory Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, to adhere to and adopt "Best Management Practices (BMP)" to assist in the prevention and reduction of storm water pollution.

Council Member Piazza stated that while he had no objections to creating trash enclosure standards for those who were in the process of remodeling, he had concerns that the proposed ordinance would have an economic impact to businesses required to comply with such upgrades over the next three years. Having already installed four enclosures, he reported that the costs ranged from \$10,000 to \$20,000 each. He requested information on the number of trash enclosures that were currently located in the City and the number that would require upgrades citywide, including at the parks and other City facilities. He suggested that a prototype be built to include the minimum standards and could be displayed at a City facility as a model for businesses.

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack suggested that the Environmental Management Committee could evaluate the requirements of the State standards and mandates and work through some of the issues before it was brought back for City Council consideration.

Council Member Wood indicated that since one of the components of the proposed ordinance included the adoption of Best Management Practices, other BMPs should be reviewed to ensure the adequacy of such a document.

Mr. McCormack responded by stating that a list of BMPs could be provided and clarified that trash enclosures were specified in the MS4 permit and required consideration. He added that a range of options on the enclosures could be provided including the minimal amount required to gain compliance along with their associated costs.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member DuBois regarding adoption of the ordinance by a certain date, Mr. Skolnik stated that the requirements had been contemplated for a considerable amount of time already and did not have a deadline by which action should be taken.

Vice Mayor Rogers commented that there would be a significant difference between the City's costs for such a project versus the amount that businesses would pay. He cautioned that there was the potential of building unrealistic expectations for business owners and operators who might anticipate municipal rates would apply to them for the cost of such improvements.

1.1 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1; AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO STANDARDS FOR TRASH ENCLOSURES AND THE STORAGE OF SOLID WASTE - Continued

Ms. Southwell confirmed for Council Member Wood that there had been no public comments or feedback received at the time of the Planning and Environment Commission meeting.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Alan Gafford, Lakewood, spoke regarding Council Member Piazza's reservations about the financial burden that the proposed ordinance might impose on business owners.

MAYOR CROFT DIRECTED THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

Steve Skolnik, Office of the City Attorney, advised that the proposed resolutions were part of the annual process of obtaining the appropriate signatures to be filed in order for checks to be written.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-8; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF STEVE CROFT, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF TODD ROGERS, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2018-8, NO. 2018-9 AND NO. 2018-10. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH ACTIVITIES

Lisa Litzinger, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated that April was National Volunteer Month and the Recreation and Community Services Department had planned several events for volunteer recognition and appreciation. She reported that the 23rd Annual Lakewood Volunteer Day would be held on April 14th with volunteers participating in 30 groups to complete project sites throughout the City. She noted that the Older Adult Volunteer of the Year was Phyllis Clark, a former staff member, who assisted with programs she helped create during her employment. Ms. Litzinger explained that many programs, such as Lakewood Youth Sports, Meals on Wheels, Teens in Lakewood Care (TLC), Junior Lifeguards and Project Shepherd, could not be offered without the assistance of Lakewood's many volunteers. She concluded by stating that volunteers enhanced many of the City's programs and their efforts helped make Lakewood a better community.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Clara Calderon-Muniz, Lions Club, congratulated Mayor Croft and pledged her support during his term.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. to Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk