



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
April 24, 2018

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:39 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Mr. Omid Dadgar, Bahá'í Faith Community

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Boy Scout Troop 140

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Croft announced that the Lakewood Shreds event would be held on Saturday, April 28th at the parking lot behind City Hall and that residents could bring up to three bankers-style boxes full of documents for shredding.

The Mayor expressed gratitude to the community organizations, churches, schools, scouts, businesses and City staff who participated in the annual Volunteer Day event that had been held earlier in the month stating that the volunteer efforts helped improve twenty private residences, seven City sites, and the gardens at Pathways Volunteer Hospice and Gompers Elementary School.

Mayor Croft also announced that this would be the last City Council Meeting for Recreation and Community Services Director, Lisa Litzinger, who would be retiring. He thanked her for her many years of service to the City and noted that she had recently received the California Park and Recreation Society, District 10, Coveted Leadership Award, a distinction which was awarded to a recreation professional who had provided outstanding leadership and made significant contributions to the recreation field throughout their career.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Mayor Croft stated that Routine Item 7 would be considered separately.

**COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6 AND 8 THROUGH 9.**

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 27, and April 10, 2018

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 Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - March 2018

RI-6 Approval of Appointment to Lakewood Project Shepherd Board

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-14; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

RI-9 Approval of Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for the Prop. 84 Grant - Paramount Boulevard Drainage and Landscape Project

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD OPPOSING THE TAX FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

Vice Mayor Rogers explained that the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 was a proposed ballot measure currently being circulated that had achieved 25% of the signatures required to qualify for the November 2018 statewide ballot. He stated for the record that the City Council supported tax fairness, transparency and accountability and felt that while those were sentiments they could get behind, the proposed measure was flawed in that it would restrict the ability of local government to impose fees or charges. He reported that both he and the Mayor, who served on the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, had reviewed the specifics of the proposed measure and determined it would limit the ability to provide basic, essential services to the community. He concluded by reiterating that although he supported the philosophy behind the initiative, the measure would make life in Lakewood more difficult and that he would, therefore, vote to approve the resolution to oppose it.

Council Member Piazza concurred with the Vice Mayor's comments and added that the proposed initiative would be unfavorable for the City.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Patrick McGuckian, Assistant Director of Community Development, displayed slides and gave a report based on the memo in the agenda. He provided a brief report based on the material in the agenda and stated that the Annual Progress Report on the City's General Plan was mandated by State law with the intent to show the status of the General Plan and the progress in its implementation. He reviewed some of the data from the report showing Median Home Prices over a period of years and Building Permits Issued. He concluded by stating that the Planning and Environment Commission recommended that the City Council receive and file the 2017 General Plan Annual Progress Report and direct staff to submit the report to the Department of Housing and Community Development and to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Responding to questions from Council Member DuBois pertaining to the number of housing units, Mr. McGuckian stated that in addition to the excess well properties that were sold, there had been a significant increase in the number of residents enhancing and expanding the existing housing stock and that those figures combined with multi-family housing units helped to achieve the plan's goals.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.2 • ADOPTING HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Senior Planner Paul Kuykendall made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda and reported that Congress had passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to provide assistance to local and state governments in reducing repetitive disaster damage and required preparation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan. A Hazard Mitigation Plan reviewed each hazard that posed risk to the community and identified goals, objectives, and action items for reducing hazard risks. The current Hazard Mitigation Plan had been adopted in August 2011, and the update was prepared in-house with the assistance of Goettel & Associates.

### **3.2 • ADOPTING HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - Continued**

The City Council approved the draft Plan in 2016 and directed that it be sent to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review. FEMA required minor revisions and had determined that the plan was eligible for final approval pending adoption by the City Council. Portions of the approved Plan would be incorporated into the update of the General Plan (Safety Element). He noted that an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan was a requirement to be eligible for Federal assistance in the event of a natural disaster and must be updated every five years. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution and direct staff to submit the approved Hazard Mitigation Plan to FEMA.

Council Member Wood inquired whether the local high schools, which were not included in the City's plan, would be set up as shelters to be included in the list of essential facilities under the school districts' plans. Mr. Kuykendall responded by stating that the definitions for critical and essential facilities had been combined into critical facilities, which were those facilities necessary for emergency response, public safety, recovery activities, and hospitals. He clarified that school districts would adopt their own Hazard Mitigation Plan and would most likely include school facilities in their listing of critical and essential facilities.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DIRECTING THE SAME TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.3 • PAN AM FIESTA 2018**

The Recreation and Community Services Director displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She explained that the Pan Am Fiesta would be held at Mayfair Park beginning Thursday, May 10, and concluding on Sunday, May 13. She stated that the Fiesta would include a welcome and flag ceremony, children's cultural booth, historical display, food booths, craft show display booths, amusement rides, and live entertainment. She noted that shuttle services would be provided from the Civic Center parking lot. She reported that the event would be kicked off by the El Comienzo Luncheon, where the Pan American Association would award their annual scholarships. She concluded by inviting residents to attend the family-friendly event.

Mayor Croft encouraged residents to attend the event and noted that many generations of the Lakewood community had participated in the Pan Am Fiesta.

**3.3 • PAN AM FIESTA 2018 - Continued**

Council Member DuBois commended Ms. Litzinger for her professionalism and leadership, which she stated were crucial in making the organization grow and to maintain community satisfaction.

Council Member Wood expressed his good wishes for Ms. Litzinger's retirement and noted appreciation for the opportunity to have worked with her during his service on the Recreation and Community Services Commission.

**SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Register of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS 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:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk