



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
November 13, 2018

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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 Ahmed Rafi, Member of the Lakewood Muslim 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 meeting would be adjourned in memory of Bellflower City Council Member, Ron Schnablegger, who grew up in Bellflower and had served on the Public Safety Commission and on the City Council since 2013.

The Mayor expressed gratitude to City staff and EDCO for their involvement in the Lakewood Shreds event held earlier in the month noting that many residents utilized the free shredding services.

Mayor Croft introduced Clayton Heard, the new Field Representative for U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal. Mr. Heard stated that he looked forward to working in Lakewood and stated that a poll on congressional priorities would be included in an upcoming newsletter.

### **ROUTINE ITEMS:**

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held September 25, and October 9, 2018

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • LAKEWOOD YOUTH HALL OF FAME REGULATIONS**

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, presented a report based on the memo in the agenda and stated that since 1981, the Lakewood Youth Hall of Fame had been a staple in the Lakewood community and that the awards program recognized highly achieving youth athletes in the Lakewood community, honoring them at an annual awards banquet and enshrining their names in a Hall of Fame display housed at the McDonald's on Woodruff Avenue. She explained that in August of 2015, the Lakewood City Council adopted a set of regulations specific to the Youth Hall of Fame and since the adoption of the regulations, staff had determined a need for revisions. She concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the revised Lakewood Youth Hall of Fame Regulations which include the creation of a new award titled the Larry Van Nostran Future Star Award, which would recognize a freshman class athlete for his or her most outstanding achievement in a single sport; reinstating the Chairman's award; and clearly defining each award category.

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, stated that Council Member Wood had suggested a revision to the section referencing the high schools in the City that should include the new Odyssey STEM Academy.

Ms. Frost confirmed for Mayor Croft that at the time of the high school's opening, Odyssey did not have a sports field nor a sports team.

Vice Mayor Rogers concurred with the Mayor's observation that Odyssey did not have any interscholastic athletics and noted that adding them to the regulations in the event that they added a sports program at some point was reasonable.

Council Member Wood referenced the past recognition of a student who attended a school without a sports program but participated in a sport and stated there was no harm in acknowledging the additional high school in case of future sports involvement.

Responding to questions from Council Member DuBois, Ms. Frost explained that no supplementary language would be required since the regulations stated that nominations would be solicited from the community and not exclusively from the high schools.

Mayor Croft inquired whether additional seats on the board of electors would be required by such a change to the number of high schools. Ms. Frost replied that the regulations clearly defined the voting members of the board of electors.

### **3.1 • LAKEWOOD YOUTH HALL OF FAME REGULATIONS - Continued**

Council Member Piazza expressed the view that only the high schools with athletic programs would have a seat on the board of electors.

Council Member Wood suggested that instead of the section which read, “each of the four high schools in the City,” it should read, “each of the high schools in the City that have athletic programs” to clarify the participating high schools in the City.

Vice Mayor Rogers proposed that the high schools be listed out by name, that the number “four” be removed, and, that if Odyssey Academy added a sports program, the regulations could be amended at that time.

Council Member Piazza expressed appreciation to the Committee and commended the naming of the Future Star Award after Larry Van Nostran as a fitting tribute to the former Council Member.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE IN SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE I OF THE REGULATIONS FROM “EACH OF THE FOUR HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE CITY” TO READ, “EACH OF THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE CITY” AND TO INCLUDE THEM BY REFERENCE UNDER SECTION (c) OF THE VOTING MEMBERS PORTION OF ARTICLE II. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • TREE LIGHTING PREVIEW**

Public Information Officer Bill Grady displayed slides and made an oral presentation providing a preview of the Holiday Tree Lighting Event, to be held on Friday, December 7th. He highlighted the variety of activities and features of the event, such as the falling snow, Dickens carolers, Santa Claus, holiday photo-taking locations, kids’ games, food trucks and the tree lighting. He stated that staff had met with the Community Promotions Committee to work out some modest and budget conscious improvements to enhance the experience for residents, which included an earlier start time; a shortened stage program; the addition of string lights running the length of the dining area; more game booths; parking improvements; and affixing “Greetings from Lakewood” decals with the City seal on the sleighs. He reported that the Tree Lighting Event would be publicized in Lakewood Living Magazine along with stories in the City’s eMagazine, the LCN, and Facebook.

Council Member Wood commended the Community Promotions Committee and staff noting the value of the enhancements and the branding on the sleigh.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Register of Demands

VICE MAYOR ROGERS 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

**SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Register of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR 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 8:00 p.m. to Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ron Schnablegger.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk