



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
November 27, 2018

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 Rabbi Howard Laibson, Congregation Shir Chadash

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Brownie Troop 70233

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 holiday season had begun and that Project Shepherd Teddy Bear Trees were in full swing. He encouraged residents to visit Lakewood Center during the weekend to view the holiday décor and pick a teddy bear that contained a gift-wish from an economically disadvantaged child in Lakewood. He noted that Teddy Bear Trees were located throughout the City and he thanked the Rotary Club, Lakewood Center, and everyone involved with Project Shepherd.

The Mayor congratulated the Artesia High School football team for a great season that qualified them for the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Championship. Although they did not win the championship, he noted the team should be very proud of their accomplishments.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held October 23, and November 13, 2018

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of City Council Committees' Activities

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions for October 2018

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2018-9; REGARDING AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS

Sonia Southwell, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She stated that the proposed ordinance would allow religious facilities and schools in Multi-Family Residential (MFR) zone districts to have fundraising activities such as bingo; establish the maximum hours of operation for commercial carwashes to be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; allow clients under 18 years of age to be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to receive massage therapy for ailments such as sports injuries; and delete outdated references of R-3 and R-4 zones. She displayed a map that showed the religious facilities throughout the city in MFR zone districts and stated that staff recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing; introduce the proposed ordinance to make modifications to existing regulations; and approve the related categorical exemption.

In response to Council Member Piazza's comments that the ordinance would allow minors to receive massages for sports therapy and general purposes, Ms. Southwell stated that a business was no longer able to provide therapeutic massages to athletes under the age of 18 with how the Lakewood Municipal Code was currently written. Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, noted that the language of the ordinance did not require a massage received by a minor to be for a sports injury and that it was just an example of why a minor might obtain a massage.

Responding to Council Member Piazza's inquiry regarding massage ordinances in other cities, Ms. Southwell noted that it was not typical for ordinances to specify medical type massages like those used for sports injuries and that without this proposed amendment, massage businesses would not be able to provide therapeutic massages to minors.

Council Member Piazza shared concerns of giving massage businesses the ability to provide massages to minors with adult consent and the difficulty of enforcing the conditions of the service. Mr. Skolnik clarified that the ordinance would allow only a parent or guardian to choose if their child could receive a massage and required that they must accompany them for the service.

Mayor Croft opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

1.1 • ORDINANCE NO. 2018-9; REGARDING MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS – Continued

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-9; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AMENDING THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS was read by title by the Management Aide.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING, INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2018-9 AND APPROVE THE RELATED CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION. 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

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

Mayor Croft expressed well wishes and appreciation for many years of wonderful service to Ms. Southwell on behalf of the City Council on her impending retirement.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle Diaz, Management Aide
City Clerk's Office