



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
March 26, 2019

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 Deacon Sam Montoya, St. Pancratius Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 2993 and Cub Scout Pack 247

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

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Croft stated it had been an honor to serve as mayor and thanked his City Council colleagues for their collegiality and cooperation. He highlighted some of the community members who inspired and provided a reminder of the sense of pride and optimism in Lakewood, such as Maria Jimenez, an activist encouraging organ donations; centenarian Alleen Cooper, who wrote over 8,000 letters to military personnel; Sam Sachs, a 103-year-old Lakewood resident, who commanded American commandos during the D-Day liberation of Europe; and Christopher and Marcus Guillen, who created a foundation in their mother's name to raise money and provide scholarships and supplies to underprivileged youth athletes in the hometowns of every one of the 58 victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting in 2017. He observed that Lakewood was home to people of many different religious faiths who provided strength and solidarity during difficult times, as demonstrated in the past year when people of various faiths gathered at Congregation Shir Chadash after the shooting at the Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and again, in the last week, when people reached out to the local Muslim community to express condolences and solidarity in the wake of the shooting at a mosque in New Zealand. He expressed thanks to his wife, Tess, and his daughter, Ana, for their understanding and support. He thanked the City Manager and staff for their efforts in keeping Lakewood looking good and working well.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Croft announced it was his pleasure to nominate Todd Rogers to serve as Mayor for the coming year. He noted that Council Member Rogers was serving his fifth term on the City Council and added that his teaching and law enforcement background equipped him well to serve the community. He also stated that with his knowledge, experience and the support of his wife, Sally, and sons, Brett and Scott, he would lead the City well.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL - Continued

MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO NOMINATE TODD ROGERS TO SERVE AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, TODD ROGERS WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

Mayor Rogers presented outgoing Mayor Croft with a plaque and scrapbook commemorating his year of service as Mayor. He also presented Tess Croft with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her support for her husband during his year as mayor.

Mayor Rogers thanked his colleagues for the opportunity to serve as mayor and expressed his appreciation to outgoing Mayor Croft for his dedicated leadership and to his wife, Sally, and other family members for their support. He identified some continuing challenges including a structural budget deficit and public safety issues. Mayor Rogers also stated that he looked forward to upholding some of the community's timeless values, which included celebrating the City's 65th Anniversary. He remarked that during his previous term as Mayor, Lakewood had been named California's "Most Boring City" and that he would work to retain its status as a quiet community that prided itself on being a safe and family-friendly place in which to live, work and play. He concluded by stating that he looked forward to working with his Council colleagues, City staff and residents to meet the challenges of the upcoming year and to keep Lakewood the great community that began 65 years ago.

Mayor Rogers announced that nominations were open for the office of Vice Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO NOMINATE JEFF WOOD TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, JEFF WOOD WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

Vice Mayor Wood introduced his wife, Mary Jane; Mayor of Paramount, Diane Martinez; Long Beach City College Superintendent Dr. Reagan Ferragamo Romali; Lt. Omar Martinez; and Joshua Castellanos, Executive Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, who were in attendance and thanked them for their support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Betty Jane Martucci, mother of Community Services Manager Chuck Martucci.

The Mayor also announced some upcoming Lakewood events including the Funtastic Family Night, Mother/Son Mayhem Night, and Daddy/Daughter Date Night.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held February 12, and March 12, 2019

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - February 2019

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2019-2, WOODRUFF PAVING - 2019

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, gave a report based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that nine sealed bids had been received for a project to resurface Woodruff Avenue between Carson Street and Allington Street with rubberized asphalt concrete. She advised that the work would be completed using Measure R funds and that the project would also include some repairs to Candlewood Street, using Prop C funds. She noted that an additive bid schedule to resurface the Mayfair Park parking lot had been included with the bid documents, however, because the bid on that portion from the low bidder had been high, staff recommended only awarding the base bid schedule. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council award a contract for PW 2019-2, base bid only, in the amount of \$1,857,000 to R. J. Noble Company and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders not to exceed \$200,000; and adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PW 2019-2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,857,000, TO R.J. NOBLE CO.; AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, AUTHORIZE STAFF TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000; AND ADOPT THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND WORKING DETAILS FOR THE PROJECT. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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. 2019-5; 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. 2019-6; 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, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF JEFF WOOD, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-5, NO. 2019-6 AND NO. 2019-7. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.1 • VOLUNTEER PROGRAM UPDATE

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and gave a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She stated the Recreation and Community Services Department had planned several events for volunteer recognition and appreciation during the month of April, National Volunteer Month. She noted that many programs, like Lakewood Youth Sports, Meals on Wheels, and Project Shepherd Holiday Program, could not be offered without the assistance of Lakewood's many volunteers. She also featured volunteer events and programs such as Teens in Lakewood Care, Junior Lifeguards, instructors offering free classes at the Weingart Senior Center and Burns Community Center, and the annual Lakewood Volunteer Day.

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

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3.2 • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 MID-BUDGET REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENTS

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He stated that the City was currently in the first year of the 2018-20 Two-Year Budget adopted in June 2018. He explained that with approximately eight months of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 data available, it was appropriate to review current budget estimates and revise where needed. He provided an overview of the City's two major funds, the General Fund and the Water Utility Enterprise Fund. He concluded by stating it was recommended that the City Council adopt the noted changes for inclusion into the City's FY 2018-19 Revised Budget and direct staff to make all related adjustments to the City's budget appropriations.

Responding to questions from Mayor Rogers regarding reconciling the noted surplus with the structural deficit, Mr. Gomez stated it was important to note that the report provided a short-term view. He observed that with regards to the current prosperous environment, the uncertainty and volatility of outside economic factors was worrisome and that while the \$78,000 was a sizable amount, such a surplus was not anticipated in future years.

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, added that in discussing the underlying conditions that were creating the structural deficit, the primary culprit was the diminishing sales tax, the decline of which occurred during what was being described as a booming economy and in looking at the forecast showed signs of slowing.

Council Member Piazza emphasized Lakewood's history of maintaining its facilities and infrastructure and that such needs usually exceeded the projected surplus.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Betty Jane Martucci.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk