



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
July 23, 2019

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

INVOCATION was offered by Dr. Bill Cox, Victory Through Jesus Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Scout Troop 134

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of retired employee, Marco Perez, who worked for Lakewood for almost 34 years.

The Mayor announced that Family Play Day would be held on Saturday, August 3rd, at Bolivar, Del Valle, Mayfair and Palms parks, where participants could participate in a variety of organized games.

Mayor Rogers introduced Captain Dave Sprengel, Commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, who provided the Quarterly Public Safety Report. Captain Sprengel stated that in closing out the second quarter of 2019, Part 1 crimes were showing an increase of almost six percent, which was down from the first quarter report where crime was up over nine percent. He further reported that crimes involving violence, which included murder, sexual assault, robberies, and aggravated assaults were all down, year to date. He attributed a decrease in grand theft auto to the hard work and focus of the service area team, in conjunction with several operations conducted with auto theft detectives. He explained that larceny thefts, which included auto burglaries, thefts from vehicles and other petty or grand thefts had increased thirteen percent year to date, an increase of one percent from the first quarter report. He added that there had been an increase in burglaries, specifically including residential and commercial burglaries, currently at an increase of just over seven percent and that targeted monitoring would continue. He further stated that the service area team continued to deploy with saturation patrols, surveillance operations and compliance checks in response to the increases. He suggested ways that the community could assist in combating theft near or at residences, such as calling 911 or the station, locking vehicles and doors to homes, securing yard access through locked gates, and utilizing security options to include audible alarms, doorbell and other type of high definition security cameras near porches and around residences.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Captain Sprengel noted an increase in thefts at Lakewood Center and that the number remained at approximately an eight percent increase. He stated that grand theft auto at the mall had seen a reduction of over twenty percent. He stated that enforcement continued to focus on dealing with crime prevention and quality of life issues, such as ongoing work with the homeless community. He noted that calls were encouraged for concerns to be addressed. He reported that response times so far for the year continued to be at or below the previous year's rates. He commended the City's Public Safety Team and the Service Area Team for their proactive operations during the July 4th holiday and reported that 51 citations had been issued and approximately 5,000 pounds of illegal fireworks had been seized noting that there were no structure damages or losses nor were there any serious injuries reported. He announced the success of Sheriff Villanueva's Town Hall Meeting Held in June, which offered station volunteers and explorers the opportunity to be at the forefront of the event. He highlighted the recent Volunteer Academy Graduation held at the Del Valle Park Youth Center, where three new volunteers had graduated bringing a total of 42 volunteers to the program. He concluded by thanking the City Council and staff for the continued partnership and leadership, and for providing Sheriff's personnel with the necessary resources to best serve the community of Lakewood.

In response to Vice Mayor Wood's inquiry regarding residential burglaries occurring during fumigation, Captain Sprengel stated he did not have the specific numbers of such burglaries but had been aware that an arrest had been made of a suspect involved in multiple fumigation burglaries within the last quarter.

Joshua Yordt, Director of Public Safety, responded to questions from Vice Mayor Wood pertaining to counterfeit bills being circulated at the fireworks booths by stating that an educational outreach could be conducted ahead of next year's July 4th holiday as well as creating a type of phone tree among the organizations to improve communications and disseminate information.

Vice Mayor Wood suggested conducting an informational event for residents on setting up a home security system. Captain Sprengel commended the merits of the doorbell type of high resolution security cameras, which provided an opportunity for homeowners as well as law enforcement to be proactive and aided in furnishing more workable information to help solve crimes.

Council Member Piazza and Council Member DuBois stated their gratitude for the Sheriff's continued partnership with the City and for their positive efforts in the community.

Responding to Council Member Croft's query, Captain Sprengel advised that those interested in becoming involved in the Volunteers on Patrol program could reach out directly to Deputy Julie Williams. He further stated that the volunteers were a dedicated group who really gave back to the community and he expressed appreciation for their commitment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Mayor Rogers explained that in the process of conducting community safety meetings around the City, he had an opportunity to get to know some of the Special Assignment Team Lakewood deputies, who had become proficient at providing information and strengthening the relationship between the Lakewood Sheriff Station and the neighborhoods. He expressed appreciation for the Sheriff's personnel and stated that the City Council would support their efforts to making Lakewood a safe community and to getting closer to a zero crime level. The Mayor cited an incident recently in the media of a boy from a neighboring city who had lost his hand after being hit with a lighted illegal firework. He discussed the various cities' struggles with the issue but stated that Lakewood was noted for being proactive in terms of dealing with illegal fireworks.

In response to a suggestion from Council Member Piazza, Mr. Yordt described the upcoming Ring event to be held on August 28th at the Burns Community Center, where residents could receive a Ring product discount of \$100. He stated that the public outreach campaign on the event would commence in the next week with postings on social media sites and an article in the Lakewood Community News.

Mr. Yordt responded to Vice Mayor Wood's questions by stating that the Ring products ranged in price from \$100 to \$300 and that depending on the type of system purchased, the discount could be substantial. He added that there would be a total of 200 rebates available to residents.

Steve Skolnik, Office of the City Attorney, stated that consideration of the Report of Delinquent Fees for Garbage, Waste and Refuse Collection and Disposal, intended to be placed on the agenda, had been inadvertently omitted. He indicated that notices had been mailed to those subject to this action indicating that the matter would be considered at tonight's meeting. He noted that no one had signed up to address the City Council on the matter. He explained that a Notice of Continuance of the item would be posted for consideration at the next regular meeting to be held on August 13, 2019, and suggested anyone in attendance wishing to be heard on the item the option of either speaking during Oral Communications at this meeting or to return for the next meeting.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held April 9, June 10, and July 9, 2019

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions

RI-6 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

RI-7 Approval of Purchase of Replacement Vermeer Chipper for Public Works

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING A MEMBER AND ALTERNATES TO THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD

RI-9 Acceptance of Notice of Completion for Public Works Contract 2019-4, Carpet Replacement Improvements to the Existing Building - Burns Center

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • RESOLUTION NO. 2019-28; APPROVING A POLE LICENSE AGREEMENT FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE POLE LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Paolo Beltran, Assistant to the City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda stating that the City Council had previously approved a Master License Agreement process for wireless facilities on City-owned poles and that since then, the City had entered into one such agreement with Mobilitie LLC, a wireless infrastructure provider working on behalf of Sprint. He reported that recent regulatory developments necessitated that the City adopt a modified form license agreement to be in compliance with current applicable laws and orders and that to comply, the current Master License Agreement template had been converted to a Pole License Agreement template. He explained that the major difference between the two was that the Pole License Agreement granted immediate access rights to a specific City-owned pole (or batch of poles), whereas the Master License Agreement extended an open-ended offer to apply for any number of pole licenses under identical terms and conditions over a ten-year term. He stated it was important to note that the Order had been challenged by local government agencies and municipal leagues across the country and that the City's telecommunications counsel, Telecom Law Firm, was one of the firms spearheading the challenge and represented a broad coalition of local governments. He noted that in the event the Order was vacated or overturned, the City could revert to the previously approved 2017 Master License Agreement, while reserving the right to charge fair market rates for annual license fees. He concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution that approved the form and material terms of the Pole

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License Agreement, and authorized the City Manager to execute Pole License Agreements in a form materially consistent with the Pole License Agreement subject to the City Attorney's discretion. He added that the City recently signed on a broad coalition letter supporting Senator Feinstein's bill, which would restore the ability of local governments to regulate the deployment of wireless infrastructure in a fair and equitable manner.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-28. 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 8:01 p.m. to Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Marco Perez.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk