



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
October 22, 2019

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**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 Council Member Steve Croft

**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 expressed appreciation for the City's support of the recent Lakewood Education Foundation golf tournament. He stated that many donations had been received from the tournament and other fundraising appeals and that he looked forward to giving out the funds in the form of classroom improvement grants to teachers in Lakewood schools.

Vice Mayor Wood highlighted the success of the civics lesson project at MacArthur School. He thanked City Manager Thaddeus McCormack and staff for their efforts and stated his interest in partnering with other schools for similar projects.

Mayor Rogers introduced Lakewood resident, Maria Jimenez, Donate Life Ambassador, who briefly described her involvement with the organization and extended an invitation to participate in a "first look" at this year's Donate Life Rose Parade float entitled, "Light in the Darkness."

Council Member Croft commended Ms. Jimenez for having turned loss into activism and for getting the word out to the community about the importance of being a donor. He stated that he had attended last year's event and noted that it was a very moving program that provided the opportunity to meet donor and recipient families being honored and to view their floragraphs.

In response to Council Member Croft's inquiry, Ms. Jimenez replied that the event would be held on December 11th.

Vice Mayor Wood thanked Ms. Jimenez for sharing the story of her son, Adrian, and noted that because of her inspiring efforts in the community, he registered as a donor and expressed gratification at the pink dot now included on his driver's license.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** - Continued

Ms. Jimenez explained that by having the pink dot, one person can save eight lives and enhance 75 others through organ, eye and tissue donation.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Mayor Rogers announced that Routine Item 7 would be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held September 10, 2019

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - September 2019

RI-5 Receipt of Quarterly Schedule of Investments as of September 30, 2019

RI-6 Receipt of Quarterly Budget Report of Major Funds - September 30, 2019

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RI-7 Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Funding Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Council Member Piazza stated that he would abstain from voting on this item as he was an owner of a business located at this intersection.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THAT DESIGNATES \$5,504,300 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF DEL AMO AND LAKEWOOD BOULEVARDS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Piazza

### **3.1 • 2019 HALLOWEEN CARNIVALS**

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. She reported that it was anticipated that over 15,000 children and adults would attend this year's annual Halloween carnivals. Carnival elements included over 200 attractions with specialty contests and games, a Red Ribbon booth to promote a drug free society and appropriately scary haunted houses. She concluded by stating that Lakewood's parks would continue the tradition of offering a safe environment for the community's youth on Halloween and that the carnivals, supported by community volunteers and staff's coordination, would provide an opportunity for residents to enjoy.

MAYOR ROGERS STATED THAT THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE ITEM WAS ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

### **SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

#### **1. Approval of Register of Demands**

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER DUBOIS 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

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Sonya Jahn, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding improvement efforts made at the Lakewood Equestrian Center, including beautification events, fundraising projects and riding clinics. She expressed gratitude to the City for providing supplies and assistance.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk