



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
October 8, 2019

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Deacon Gary Alley, Good Shepherd Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Brownie Troop 2803

**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 Edgar Sapitan Sapinoso, father of Finance Manager Edianne Rodriguez of the Finance and Administrative Services Department.

Mayor Rogers encouraged participation in the Lakewood Education Foundation annual golf tournament raising funds for classroom improvement grants at Lakewood schools, to be held on Monday, October 14, at the Lakewood Country Club.

Lisa Azevedo, Committee Chairperson, Lakewood Rotary Club, made a brief presentation regarding Project Shepherd. She stated that the program was entering its 47th year of providing assistance to families in need during the holiday season and involved the cooperative efforts of the City, Lakewood businesses, churches, schools and residents. She concluded by requesting that Mayor Rogers serve as honorary chairperson. Mayor Rogers accepted by stating that he would be honored to serve.

Captain David Sprengel, Lakewood Sheriff's Station, provided statistics for Part 1 crimes noting that despite the nine percent increase in the first quarter of the year, the second quarter had decreased to six percent. He explained that the end of the third quarter had shown a decrease of approximately two percent from last year, which he attributed to the partnership between the City Council, the City Manager and the entire Public Safety Team. He stated that crimes involving violence were still down substantially year to date and that property crimes of grand theft auto and arson had also seen significant drops year to date. He credited the Service Area Team, partnering with patrol personnel, for the reduction of crime in such areas. He reported that third quarter larceny thefts, which included auto burglaries, thefts from vehicles, and other petty thefts had shown an increase of 3.6%, which was down from 13% in

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** - Continued

the second quarter of the year. He indicated a significant drop in residential burglaries in September from previous months and that detectives and the Special Assignment team continued to monitor and work together to have an impact. He added that their combined efforts recently led to an arrest and recovery of stolen property from several burglaries which occurred at a local storage facility. The Captain suggested ways in which the community could assist with combating theft near or at their residences, such as the “See Something, Say Something” reporting system, locking vehicles, securing yard access through locked gates, and utilizing security options near porches and around residences. He cited recent successes of incidents with the Ring doorbell systems, which captured quality video of suspects. He commended the City’s recent efforts in offering the Ring system to residents of Lakewood through reduced pricing, which would have a positive impact in criminal investigations. Captain Sprengel stated that enforcement continued to deal with crime prevention and quality of life issues, with a focus on the homeless population. He reported that average response times were at or below the previous year’s averages. He highlighted community outreach efforts including the Coffee with a Deputy events; the Pink Patch Project, of which the proceeds on the sales of specially designed pink patches, keychains and pins benefitted the City of Hope; and partnering with Labwerkz, a Lakewood business printing special Lakewood Station-themed trucker hats to support the event. He announced that the Annual Haunted Jail and Safety Expo would be held at the Lakewood Station on Friday, October 25th. He concluded by expressing gratitude to the City Council and staff for their continued partnership and leadership and for providing Sheriff’s personnel with the necessary resources to best serve the community.

Council Member DuBois and Council Member Croft expressed gratitude for the Sheriff’s Department outreach and engagement in the community.

Vice Mayor Wood concurred by stating that after having attended some of the community events, he noted the positive impression they left on residents. In response to his inquiry regarding the rise in residential burglaries, Captain Sprengel confirmed that residential and commercial burglaries were up fourteen percent, however, the numbers for September were lower than from July and August. He stated anticipation that as the weather changed and with the approach of the holidays, that the numbers would continue to go down.

Responding to Vice Mayor Wood’s questions regarding seasonal patterns, Captain Sprengel stated that in conjunction with the public safety team, a review of reported burglaries was being conducted and assessed for common trends relating to time of day, crimes of opportunity and other contributing factors and that such data would be made available to the community.

Mayor Rogers and Council Member Piazza commended the law enforcement team and stated appreciation for the supportive working relationship.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held August 13, 2019

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Agreement for 2019 Halloween Carnival Attractions

RI-6 Approval of Agreement for Intergovernmental Services with City of Bellflower for Caruthers Park Stormwater and Urban Runoff Capture Project Construction Support Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**1.1 • RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SB 2 PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS**

Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, explained that at the earlier study session, feedback had been received from the City Council and the item would be pulled at this time.

Mayor Rogers stated that there being no objection, it was so ordered.

**1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2019-3, ADA RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING PARK BUILDINGS AT BISCAILUZ, BOLIVAR, BOYAR, DEL VALLE, MAYFAIR AND SAN MARTIN PARKS**

Public Works Director Lisa Rapp gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and stated six bids had been received for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) restroom improvements at six City parks. The project consisted of interior and exterior demolition, remodeling of six accessible park restrooms and other improvements. She explained that due to the age of the buildings, unforeseen conditions could be discovered once demolition began, and, therefore, a slightly larger contingency of twenty percent was recommended to be included. An appropriation of \$120,000 from the capital reserve for ADA improvements was necessary in order to complete the full scope of the contract work, cover the proposed contingency during construction and other miscellaneous expenses.

**1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2019-3, ADA RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING PARK BUILDINGS - Continued**

It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve the plans, specifications and working details for the project; award the contract to the low bidder, GDL Best Contractors Inc., in the amount of \$445,360, authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as necessary not to exceed \$90,000; and appropriate \$120,000 from the General Fund assigned fund balance - Capital Replacement and Repair.

Ms. Rapp confirmed for Mayor Rogers that the City had not previously worked with the contractor but that references had been checked with positive results. She further stated in response to Mayor Rogers' concerns that accountability provisions, such as bonds and insurance, were included in the contract.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA 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

**1.3 • REJECTION OF BIDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2019-5, REROOFING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING BOYAR PARK RESTROOM BUILDING, PALMS PARK RESTROOM BUILDING AND EQUESTRIAN CENTER RESIDENCE**

The Director of Public Works gave a brief oral presentation based on the memorandum in the agenda packet and reported that only one bid had been received for the re-roofing improvements for several small City buildings, from Fisher Contractor Inc., in the amount of \$104,000, and that the bid had been higher than staff expectations. She concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council reject the bid received for Public Works Contract 19-05.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

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

**2.1 • ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Steve Skolnik, City Attorney's Office, made a brief statement based on the memo in the agenda and advised that there were three resolutions before the City Council that were procedural actions necessary to begin the process for the next General Municipal Election, which would be held on March 3, 2020. He noted that all three resolutions could be enacted with one motion. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council adopt the proposed resolutions pertaining to the General Municipal Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-51; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-52; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON, MARCH 3, 2020, WITH THE STATEWIDE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-53; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR WOOD SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-51, NO. 2019-52 AND NO. 2019-53. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.2 • ORDINANCE NO. 2019-3; ESTABLISHING RULES FOR SIDEWALK VENDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51036, ET SEQ.**

Steve Skolnik, City Attorney's Office, advised that the proposed ordinance had been introduced with a public hearing at the previous City Council meeting. The ordinance was presented for second reading and adoption at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING RULES FOR SIDEWALK VENDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51036, ET SEQ.

**2.2 • ORDINANCE NO. 2019-3; ESTABLISHING RULES FOR SIDEWALK VENDING** - Continued

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PIAZZA SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2019-3. 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 8:02 p.m. to Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Edgar Sapitan Sapinoso.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk