



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
September 22, 2020

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Rogers in the Weingart Ballroom at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**INVOCATION** was offered by Kevin Johnson, Strength Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Steve Croft

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Mayor Todd Rogers  
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood  
Council Member Steve Croft  
Council Member Ariel Pe  
Council Member Vicki Stuckey

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Randy Leimbach, the father of Special Events Assistant Veronica Copeland.

The Mayor also stated that thoughts and prayers were going out to the two Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriffs who were shot outside a Metro Blue Line station ten days ago. He advised that both deputies had been discharged from the hospital and would hopefully be making a full and speedy recovery.

Mayor Rogers introduced newly appointed and sworn in Council Member Vicki Stuckey. He stated that Council Member Stuckey had been unanimously appointed to the remaining term of retired Council Member Diane DuBois.

Council Member Stuckey thanked her City Council colleagues for their faith in her ability to be an asset to the Council and the work to be done. She introduced her parents, Eleanor and Oscar Stuckey, and other family members and friends in the audience. She stated that she had been a Lakewood resident for 28 years and had served as a City Commissioner for 19 of those years, giving her insight to many of the issues facing the City. She noted that she had been active in several community organizations, including the Pan American Association and the Board of Directors of the Lakewood Regional Medical Center. She also stated that she had recently retired after 34 years of active service with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, culminating with her time as Captain of the Altadena Station. She noted that she looked forward to bringing the insights gained over the course of her law enforcement career to help with the challenges facing the community and the nation relating to providing everyone equal and fair treatment under the law. She concluded by stating that she would work hard to represent everyone in Lakewood and keep the community the best it could possibly be.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Continued

Members of the City Council expressed their congratulations to Council Member Stuckey and stated that they looked forward to working with her.

Mayor Rogers introduced Cerritos College President Dr. Jose Fiero and presented him with a proclamation in recognition of the College's 65th anniversary. Dr. Fiero expressed appreciation for the partnership with the City and the support of the community. He noted that Cerritos now offered degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study with over 21,000 students.

Marisa Perez, President of the College Board of Trustees, and a Lakewood resident, stated that Cerritos College served 13 cities and had established partnerships with many local high schools.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held April 28, 2020

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 Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - August 2020

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-52; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-7 Approval of Agreement with Tyler Technologies Inc. for MUNIS Accounting Software Licenses and Support

RI-8 Approval of Renewal of Equestrian Center License Agreement - Southern California Edison Company

RI-9 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-53; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING DEFAULT LOCAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS AS SET FORTH BY ASSEMBLY BILL 571

**ROUTINE ITEMS:** - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION**

Mayor Rogers stated that appointment of Vicki Stuckey to the City Council had created a vacancy on the Planning and Environment Commission. He stated that he was pleased to nominate Mr. Bill Baca, a 15 year member of the Community Safety Commission to fill the vacancy.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-54; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING BILL BACA TO THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION REPLACING VICKI STUCKEY

MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-54. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • REVISED APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES**

Mayor Rogers presented the revised list of appointments to governmental associations, organizations and committees.

**ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

California Contract Cities

Association	Wood - Representative	Pe - Alternate
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California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority	Wood - Representative	Croft - Alternate
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So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly	Pe - Representative	Stuckey - Alternate
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Gateway Cities COG Board

Pe - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District	Croft - Representative
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**3.1 • REVISED APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES** - Continued

Job Training Partnership Act                      Wood - Policy Board  
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League of California Cities  
L.A. County Division                      Pe - Representative                      Stuckey - Alternate

City Selection Committee                      Croft - Representative                      Stuckey - Alternate

Annual League Conference                      Stuckey - Representative                      Croft - Alternate

L.A. County Sanitation  
District #3 & #19                      Rogers - Representative                      Wood - Alternate

Southeast Water Coalition                      Rogers - Representative                      Croft – Alternate

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Intergovernmental Relations                      Rogers - Chair                      Wood - Member

Lakewood Schools                      Stuckey - Chair                      Rogers - Member

Environmental Management                      Pe - Chair                      Stuckey - Member

Public Safety                      Rogers - Chair                      Wood - Member

Park Development                      Pe - Chair                      Wood - Member

Water Resources                      Croft - Chair                      Pe – Member

Community Promotion                      Stuckey - Chair                      Pe – Member

Economic Development                      Rogers – Chair                      Croft – Member

Hall of Fame - Board of Electors                      Wood - Chair

Audit                      Croft - Chair                      Stuckey - Member

Capital Improvement Plan                      Wood - Chair                      Croft - Member

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS AS REVISED AND PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

### **3.2 • TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TECHNOLOGY DEPOT**

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, introduced Public Works Management Aide Jack Wopschall, who had worked extensively on the project and would be presenting the report.

Mr. Wopschall displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. He stated that the goal of the proposed upgrade was to increase and facilitate staff mobility, provide easier collaboration with video and voice conferencing and improve disaster recovery protection. He reported that the contract for the service provider for the City's call system, The Technology Depot, was due to expire at the end of the month and a new, multi-year contract was proposed. He stated that the central part of the upgrade was to provide access to the MiCollab app, in order to provide all the current standard features and to add the ability to receive voicemail delivered to email and for city-issued devices to display City Hall caller ID, an especially helpful feature when many staffers were working remotely from home as well as MiTeam conference calling. He noted that the new technology was scalable, with unit-based pricing that staff had estimated could provide a cost savings of \$4,800. He also stated that existing equipment would access an off-site, cloud-based server in Las Vegas, combining multiple internet connections for seamless coverage in the event of an outage, and providing safety in the event of a local disaster. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council approve a three year maintenance service agreement for maintenance and support of the telephone system, at the cost of \$9,383 for prorated year one and \$11,917.33 per year thereafter; and a telephone service agreement for the installation, maintenance, support and use of the Mitel Hybrid Cloud SD-WAN Plus telephone system, with an initial installation cost of \$798 and \$10,848 per year for three years, with The Technology Depot.

Responding to a question from Mayor Rogers, Mr. Wopschall stated that short of a large-scale disaster over multiple parts of the country, the system would continue to function in a local disaster. Director Rapp stated that the new system would have built in redundancies, including a routing plan that would take them out of state and back through the internet. She noted that doing away with the pole-and-wire configuration would make the system much more reliable, especially the alarm systems.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Wood, Ms. Rapp stated that although there was no current plan to incorporate direct dialing into City Hall, those fifty users with phones connected to the MiCollab app could be reached directly if they chose to provide their specific cell phone numbers.

City Manager Thaddeus McCormick commended the staff for assessing and evaluating the City's service needs and finding a solution that would provide more robust use of available services for a better price.

**3.2 • TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TECHNOLOGY DEPOT - Continued**

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE A THREE (3) YEAR MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TECHNOLOGY DEPOT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT THE COST OF \$9,383.00 FOR THE FIRST PRORATED YEAR AND \$11,917.33 PER YEAR FOR THE REMAINING TWO YEARS AND APPROVE A THREE (3) YEAR TELEPHONE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TECHNOLOGY DEPOT FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT AND USE OF THE MITEL HYBRID CLOUD SD-WAN PLUS WITH AN INITIAL INSTALLATION COST OF \$798 AND \$10,848 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.3 • REPORT ON COMMUNITY DIALOGUE**

The City Manager reported that the first Community Dialogue Town Hall would be held this coming Saturday with the deadline to sign up on Wednesday, September 23rd. He urged all interested residents to sign up at [www.lakewoodcity.org/TownHall](http://www.lakewoodcity.org/TownHall). He noted that the second Town Hall was scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th, with a Friday signup deadline. He stated that the goal of the Town Halls was for City officials to hear candid and constructive feedback from residents about their experiences with race and inclusivity issues in Lakewood, and to hear their recommendations on steps to ensure that the community was safe and welcoming for all its residents, with the strongest and most constructive relations between residents and law enforcement. He advised that efforts were still in process to develop a way to engage residents safely in person. He reported that to date, nearly 150 residents had signed up for one of the two Town Halls and over 30 people had already submitted comments online. He stated that another round of social media promoting the events had been accomplished and they would also be mentioned in the next e-Magazine. He advised that the Interfaith Council had met for a third time and that its members would be participating at each of the Town Halls. He also stated that several of the Interfaith Council members would be engaging their congregations in discussions about racial equity issues and reporting back at their next meeting. He reported that the documentation from the Sheriff's Department regarding ancillary Use of Force process and policies was expected to have been reviewed and available to residents next month. He directed residents to [www.Lakewoodcity.org/communitydialogue](http://www.Lakewoodcity.org/communitydialogue) for additional information.

Mayor Rogers stated that he wanted to acknowledge the work of his colleagues on these issues. Council Members Croft and Pe working as the Ad Hoc Community Dialogue Committee; retired Council Member DuBois, and now Council Member Stuckey working with him on the Interfaith Council Liaison Committee; and Vice Mayor Wood working with him as part of the Public Safety Committee. He stated he was proud of the team effort on this issue.

**3.3 • REPORT ON COMMUNITY DIALOGUE - Continued**

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

**SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

1. Approval of Registers of Demands

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

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Croft, Wood, Pe, Stuckey and Rogers

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

The City Clerk indicated that emails had been received from Jean Lang and Michelle Cruz stating their opposition to Proposition 16 on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. to Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Maple Room. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Randy Leimbach.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC (by DRH)

City Clerk