



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held  
March 23, 2021

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

**INVOCATION** was offered by Council Member Steve Croft

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council Member Ariel Pe

**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 Christine Yan and Isabelle Zhang, recent college graduates who were involved in an accident on Friday, March 12th. He stated that the accident was being fully investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who would be determining the causal factors in the accident.

Mayor Rogers announced that the meeting would also be adjourned in memory of the victims of the mass shootings in Boulder, Colorado, and in Atlanta, Georgia. He noted that the events were deeply troubling and that the City Council stood in solidarity with members of the Asian and Asian American community in Lakewood and nationwide, and those facing discrimination, hate incidents, fear and intimidation. He spoke of the City's ongoing effort to celebrate the diversity of cultures in Lakewood and to carry out a key goal of the Community Dialogue in making Lakewood the safest, most welcoming place it can be for everyone.

Mayor Rogers announced the "Drive In Movies at the Mall" program, which had been positive events for the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that the movies would be continuing in full force and announced the upcoming films for April.

Council Member Croft provided a reminder of the scholarship opportunities available through the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries.

Vice Mayor Wood commended staff for the public outreach efforts regarding the progress of the Lakewood and Del Amo boulevards improvement project. He also reported that the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board had presented a check, which was the first of a number of grants awarded to qualifying small businesses in Lakewood.

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held January 12, January 26, February 9, February 23, and March 9, 2021

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 - February 2021

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-6; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-8 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND ECONOMIC & PLANNING SYSTEMS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FISCAL IMPACT MODEL

RI-9 Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Specific Energy for Pump Control Products and Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.1 • ADOPTION OF 2021 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

Deputy City Manager Paolo Beltran made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the adoption of the 2021 Legislative Platform. It was the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee that the City Council adopt the Legislative Platform for 2021.

**3.1 • ADOPTION OF 2021 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM - Continued**

VICE MAYOR WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO ADOPT THE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR 2021. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.2 • GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to the General Plan Annual Progress Report. He concluded by stating that the Planning and Environment Commission recommended that the City Council receive and file the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report and direct staff to submit the Report to the Department of Housing and Community Development and to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**3.3 • MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING #2 UPDATE**

The Deputy City Manager made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and provided an update on the second meeting of the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee.

MAYOR ROGERS DIRECTED THAT THE ITEM BE RECEIVED AND FILED. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

**SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS**

**1. Approval of Register of Demands**

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE 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:**

Brandon Delgado, Lakewood; Claudia Delgado, Lakewood; Doreen Gerhardt, Lakewood; Donna Gerhardt, Lakewood; Maria Lopez, Lakewood; Dynelle Clark Lopez, Lakewood; Annie Ryan, Lakewood, Elizabeth Hong, Lakewood; Jun Liu, Irvine; Kevin Fu; and other family members of the accident victims; addressed the City Council regarding the intersection at Bloomfield Avenue and Lemming Street.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Christine Yan and Isabelle Zhang; the victims of the mass shooting in Boulder, Colorado; and the victims of the mass shooting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk