



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
April 13, 2021

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 Vicki Stuckey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Jeff Wood

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

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rogers highlighted some of the events and reflected on the past two years during his mayoral term. He thanked his Council colleagues for their support, influence and professionalism during his term.

The Council Members expressed appreciation to Mayor Rogers for his leadership during such difficult times and for his common sense approach and manner.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

COUNCIL MEMBER PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO NOMINATE JEFF WOOD TO SERVE AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, JEFF WOOD WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO NOMINATE STEVE CROFT TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, STEVE CROFT WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wood announced the meeting would be adjourned in memory of former City Council Member Wayne Piercy, who had served on the City Council for 22 years, retiring in March of 2005.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

He stated that the meeting would also be adjourned in memory of longtime Lakewood resident Mother Kathleen Mosby Shields, who had a long career with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Mayor Wood also announced that the first Quarterly Roundtable on Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion would be held on April 24th and the next “Connect with Public Safety” meeting would be held on Thursday, April 29th.

Vice Mayor Croft noted the start of the Islamic holy month Ramadan 2021 on the previous day, April 12th, and wished Lakewood’s Muslim residents a blessed month.

Mayor Wood introduced Lakewood resident Maria Jimenez, Lakewood Ambassador, and John Weyland, who spoke regarding Donate Life Month.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held March 9, and March 23, 2021

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees’ Activities

RI-5 Authorize Maintenance Services and Modifications by NSWC Mechanical Service for Burns HVAC System

RI-6 Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Plant 27 Treatment System Rewiring

RI-7 Approval of Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for SCADA System Maintenance

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Community Development Director Abel Avalos displayed slides and made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. It was the recommendation of staff that the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments, then approve the FY 2021-2022 Action Plan and authorize the City Manager to direct staff to submit to HUD the approved Action Plan, along with the required certifications, no later than May 31, 2021.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:16 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2021-1, TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION ON LAKEWOOD BLVD AT HARDWICK

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works made a presentation based on the memo in the agenda. Staff recommended that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$287,248.00 to low bidder, Belco Elecnor Electric, Inc. of Chino and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of change orders, as needed, not to exceed \$62,307; authorize staff to execute Willdan's proposal to provide construction management in the amount of \$34,845; and adopt plans, specifications, and working details for the project.

Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

COUNCIL MEMBER PE MOVED AND VICE MAYOR CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Steve Skolnik, Office of the City Attorney, advised that the proposed resolutions were part of the annual process of obtaining the appropriate signatures to be filed in order for checks to be written.

2.1 • SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-9; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR SAFEKEEPING AND INVESTMENT AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF JEFF WOOD, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF STEVE CROFT, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-9, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.1 • NEW CITY WEBSITE CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, and Nanette Davis, Public Information Specialist, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. It was staff's recommendation that the City Council award the service agreement for the design, implementation, maintenance and support of a new City website and content management system to OpenCities; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with OpenCities, in an amount not to exceed \$47,400, of which \$27,000 is for one-time set up costs, \$19,500 for annual maintenance and support costs and \$900 for training, subject to the approval as to form by the City Attorney.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Lynda Johnson, Field Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, thanked Council Member Rogers for his leadership and commitment during his mayoral term and for always being an advocate for Lakewood residents.

Zhonglan Jiang, Lingyon Wong, Jun Liu, Kevin Fu and family members of accident victims, Christine Yan and Isabelle Zhang, addressed the City Council regarding the intersection at Bloomfield Avenue and Lemming Street.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Council Member Wayne E. Piercy and Mother Kathleen Mosby Shields.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk