



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 14, 2021

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Candace Kelly, Acts Community Bible Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girl Scout Troop 113/3433

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wood announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of the 13 United States servicemembers killed in Afghanistan on August 26th; Alleen Cooper, an original resident who had been a writer of letters to military service members; Gloria Rendon, the mother of Lakewood's State Assembly Member Anthony Rendon; Joan Marie Jones Brown, mother of Park Maintenance Worker Nancy Lopez; and former State Senator and Assemblywoman Betty Karnette, who represented Long Beach and other nearby communities, including Lakewood.

The Mayor commended staff and community members for making the September 11th Day of Service and evening ceremony a meaningful one stating that over 250 residents volunteered at over a dozen sites around the community to help their neighbors in need. He also highlighted the Patriot Day ceremony, which included a speaker from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, color guard from Lakewood High School, trumpeters from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and a prayer and moment of silence from Reverend Doctor Candace Cole-Kelly.

Council Member Pe noted how well regarded Lakewood was by other cities after having attended the Independent Cities Association conference on August 25-29. He stated that he also attended the City's End of Summer luncheon and thanked staff for their efforts in making Lakewood a community in which to be proud.

Vice Mayor Croft and Council Member Rogers encouraged residents to support the Thank A Servicemember campaign and spoke of Alleen Cooper's tireless efforts to correspond with those currently serving overseas.

Mayor Wood urged citizens to contact Governor Newsom to let him know of their concerns regarding SB 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

Mayor Wood introduced Girl Scout Troop #04893 troop members who were working on their Silver Award. Autumn Carter, Mairex Hernandez and Malaya Lopez made a presentation on the topic of food waste.

The Council Members commended the Troop members for the comprehensive report.

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, stated that the presentation had been timely noting that as of January 1, 2022, the City would be implementing an organics recycling program.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held July 27, and August 24, 2021

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Approval of Report of City Council Committees' Activities

RI-5 Approval of Reports and Authorizations Pursuant to AB1234

RI-6 Approval of Report of Investment Transactions - August 2021

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-55; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

RI-8 Approval of Agreement for Floor and Carpet Cleaning Services with SOLID Surface Care

RI-9 Approval of Agreement for Window Cleaning and Care Services with Pane In The Glass

David Whitt, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding his questions on various routine items. Mayor Wood stated that staff would be able to respond to his inquiries and suggested he speak with the City Manager after the meeting.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-3; ESTABLISHING THAT THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD ON THE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, stated that the proposed ordinance had been introduced and read by title at the previous City Council meeting. He provided a brief history of the facts necessitating the State's having changed the primary elections. He further explained that due to previous legislation, which mandated that the City hold its elections in conjunction with statewide elections, it had been necessary to make the change in the Municipal Code so that regardless of when the State held the primary election in even-numbered years, the City Council election automatically followed that schedule.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING THAT THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD ON THE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION IN EACH EVEN NUMBERED YEAR

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2021-9, WELL 13A WATER TREATMENT PLANT INSTALLATION (PHASE 1)

The Public Works Director made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to a project to install a treatment plant at Plant 13. Ms. Rapp stated that staff recommended the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$115,000 to JR Filanc Construction Company, Inc. of Escondido and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; appropriate \$180,000 from the Water Reserve Fund for the project; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of contract change orders, as needed, not to exceed \$25,000; and adopt the plans, specifications and working details for Public Works Project No. 2021-9, Well 13A Water Treatment Plant Installation (Phase 1).

Vice Mayor Croft, speaking as the Chair of the Water Committee, thanked staff for their efforts in whittling down the project thereby enabling the submissions from qualified bidders.

In response to questions from Mr. Whitt regarding arsenic levels, Vice Mayor Croft explained that staff and the consultants had designed a treatment facility that would remove the contaminant from the water in order for the well to be put back into usage.

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER PE SECONDED TO AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000 TO JR FILANC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. OF ESCONDIDO AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR

3.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2021-9, WELL 13A WATER TREATMENT PLANT INSTALLATION (PHASE 1) - Continued

TO SIGN THE CONTRACT IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY; APPROPRIATE \$180,000 FROM THE WATER RESERVE FUND FOR THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZE STAFF TO APPROVE A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS, AS NEEDED, NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000; AND ADOPT THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND WORKING DETAILS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2021-9, WELL 13A WATER TREATMENT PLANT INSTALLATION (PHASE 1). UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PICNIC SHELTERS FOR RYNERSON PARK

The Director of Public Works made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the purchase of picnic shelters for Rynerson Park. She concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize staff to issue a purchase order (PO) for the purchase of two (2) ICON Shelter Systems picnic shelters for Rynerson Park to ICON Shelter Systems, in an amount not-to-exceed \$120,996, using Measure L funds, as part of the Rynerson Picnic Shelter Improvements project, and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

COUNCIL MEMBER PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER (PO) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ICON SHELTER SYSTEMS PICNIC SHELTERS FOR RYNERSON PARK TO ICON SHELTER SYSTEMS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$120,996, USING MEASURE L FUNDS, AS PART OF THE RYNERSON PICNIC SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PROPOSAL. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING #3 UPDATE

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and provided an update of the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee meeting held on September 8, 2021. He stated it was staff's recommendation that the City Council receive and file the report.

Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee Vice Chair Crystal Jones-Duncan expressed gratitude for being able to serve as the senior representative. She stated that the meetings she had attended had been informative and commended the City's efforts to invest in the community.

MAYOR WOOD STATED THAT THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE REPORT WAS ORDERED RECEIVED AND FILED.

3.4 • REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY AND REFORM CHANGES

Joshua Yordt, Director of Public Safety, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda and reviewed the newly enacted public safety policies and reforms in Los Angeles County. He concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council transmit a letter to elected officials representing Lakewood expressing objection to and concern over newly enacted public safety policies and reforms in Los Angeles County.

Council Member Rogers, who currently served on the Public Safety Committee, provided comments on the importance of public safety and noted the effects of the District Attorney's actions and policies on quality of life in the City.

Mayor Wood concurred with Council Member Rogers' remarks and suggested that the letter to be transmitted be distributed not only to the governmental organizations such as the League of California Cities and Contract Cities Association but to the various legislative advocacy groups, the Deputy District Attorneys Association and the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs as well.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY SECONDED TO TRANSMIT A LETTER FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTING LAKEWOOD, WITH COPIES SENT TO GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY GROUPS, EXPRESSING OBJECTION TO AND CONCERN OVER NEWLY ENACTED PUBLIC SAFETY POLICIES AND REFORMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 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

VICE MAYOR CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKEY 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: None

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At 8:39 p.m., a moment of silence was observed in memory of the 13 United States service members killed in Afghanistan on August 26th, Alleen Cooper, Gloria Rendon, Joan Marie Jones Brown and Betty Karnette.

CLOSED SESSION:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Pursuant to Government Code §54957

The City Council recessed to a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957 to evaluate the performance of the City Manager.

At 9:37 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m., to Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 4:15 p.m. in the Maple Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk