



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held  
February 13, 2024

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:53 p.m. by Mayor Pe in the Executive Board Room, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

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

### **CORNER LOT DEVELOPMENT RFP - POTENTIAL SCOPE OF WORK**

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack provided a brief overview stating that staff previously received direction to begin design development on the dirt corner lot of the Civic Center and had received general support from the City Council. He noted that preliminary designs were modeled after the Vernon Street Town Square in Roseville, California, subsequent to a recent site visit by Council Members and staff. He discussed estimated costs, funding options and the feasibility of the project.

Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He described some potential features of the proposed project including public restrooms to be sized per code; storage facility near and/or attached to the restroom building; children's activity area; incorporate provisions for City Christmas tree; stage/performance area; audience area; shade sails; grand entry with gateway arch/architectural treatment and contoured changeable digital message board at the corner of Del Amo Boulevard and Clark Avenue; parking entry archway; flex lot capable of hosting farmers market and food vendors/gourmet food trucks; and main parking lot. He explained that if City Council recommended staff proceed with issuing the RFP to architectural and engineering firms for the design development, staff would establish a subcommittee to evaluate the proposals, and return to the Council with a recommendation to approve the successful firm's proposal at which time staff would seek a project appropriation to fund the design development fees and establish a total project.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members pertaining to tree placement; public art component; seating in proximity to children's play area; availability of wireless networking technology; speakers/sound system; places for flags; elements included for utilities such as electrical outlets and plumbing for water accessibility; water fountains/hydration station; portable chairs and tables; and potential funding sources.

Mr. McCormack responded to an inquiry from David Arellano, Lakewood, regarding a traffic study, by stating that whether an environmental review and assessment was required would be determined by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

**CORNER LOT DEVELOPMENT RFP - POTENTIAL SCOPE OF WORK** - Continued  
VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO  
INCORPORATE GUIDANCE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE SCOPE OF WORK  
FOR THE CORNER LOT DEVELOPMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO  
PROCEED WITH ISSUING THE RFP FOR DESIGN ARCHITECTURAL AND  
ENGINEERING FIRMS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6 MILLION. UPON  
ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

The Council Members stated their preference for the entire Council as a whole to receive any updates on the progress of the project.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Pe adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC  
City Clerk