



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
September 23, 2025

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Chase in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Reverend Miguel Cabrera, Saint Pancratius Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Jeff Wood

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Cassandra Chase
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood
Council Member David Arellano
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Todd Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Chase announced and encouraged attendance at the upcoming Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo to be held on Saturday, September 27th at the Civic Center parking lot at Del Amo Boulevard and Clark Avenue. She also invited residents to participate in the next Matcha with the Mayor event to be held on October 4th at Coffee Cakes located on Del Amo and Bellflower Boulevards.

Council Member Rogers commented on the promising results from the installation of Flock cameras.

Council Member Arellano stated that he attended the recent Concert in the Park event and the Special Olympics program fundraiser. He requested staff to look into enforcement of e-bike regulations.

Vice Mayor Wood reported on his attendance at the Patriot Day ceremony; the Milk Bucket Trophy football game between Lakewood and Mayfair High schools; California Contract Cities Association monthly Board of Directors meeting; Special Olympics fundraiser; SELACO Joint Personnel Committee meeting; and the L.A. County Sanitation District meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS IN THE AGENDA: None

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held June 10, and June 24, 2025

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

RI-6 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-57; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF MCNAB AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF MCNAB AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

RI-7 Approval of Permits for Public Display of Fireworks at Artesia and Lakewood High Schools

RI-8 Approval of Agreement with Lakewood SP PR LLC for Law Enforcement Services and the Sheriff's Safety Center at Lakewood Center

RI-9 Approval of Annual Streets and Alleys Resurfacing Project –Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing Services

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR DRILLING, CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING OF WELL 22B AND DEMOLITION OF WELL 22A, PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 25-04

Derek Nguyen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to Public Works Project No. 25-04, for drilling, construction, development and testing of Well 22B and Demolition of Well 22A.

3.1 • WELL 22B AND DEMOLITION OF WELL 22A, PW. 25-04 - Continued

It was staff's recommendation that the City Council reject the bid of Nor-Cal Pump & Well Drilling, Inc., as non-responsive; approve a construction contract to Bakersfield Well & Pump Company in the amount of \$2,966,251.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the corresponding contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; authorize staff to approve a cumulative total of contract change orders, as needed, not to exceed \$296,625.10; appropriate a total of \$3,262,876.10 in Water Enterprise Fund account no. 75009923-58800-50058; and adopt the plans, specifications and working details for Drilling, Construction, Development, and Testing of Well 22B and Demolition of Well 22A, PW Project 25-04.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members regarding the project site and timeframe, impacts to residents and community outreach.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.2 • FEST-OF-ALL PREVIEW

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the annual Lakewood Fest-Of-All at Palms Park, on Saturday, October 11th. She highlighted the various event components which would include two entertainment stages, multicultural food court, family fun zone, craft village, children's cultural booth, and an activity called Passport Around the World. She concluded by stating that staff recommended the City Council receive and file the report.

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

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Art Pinette, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding electric/e-bikes and park safety.

Phillip Norris, Lakewood, spoke about crime rating analysis; boats parked on driveways; and street lighting.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Chase adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. to Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk