



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
June 27, 2023

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

INVOCATION was offered by Vice Mayor Ariel Pe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Scout Pack 134

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Croft announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Kech Hong Hychong, father-in-law of Deputy City Manager, Paolo Beltran, and in memory of James “Kelly” Smith, father of Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works.

The Mayor commended Lakewood staff, Deputy Sheriffs and contract employees on the success of Lakewood Civic Center Block Party held on the past Saturday.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meetings held May 23, June 6, and June 13, 2023

RI-2 Approval of Personnel Transactions

RI-3 Approval of Registers of Demands

RI-4 Report of City Council Committees’ Activities

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-43; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE TAKING EMERGENCY ACTION REGARDING THE NEED TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE BOLIVAR PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-6 Approval of Amendment to Agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments for Implementation of Gateway Cities Innovation Plan, and Approval of Agreement with Adriana Lopez as Local Coordinating Area 4 Homeless Services Liaison

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • APPEAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 279, AMENDMENT NO. 3, 4311 SOUTH STREET

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, stated that this was the time scheduled for the City Council to hear an appeal of the decision of the Planning and Environment Commission regarding Conditional Use Permit No. 279, Amendment No. 3. He briefly reviewed the Council's options for the hearing, as governed by the Lakewood Municipal Code, which included making a decision based on the record of the Planning and Environment Commission hearing and taking no new testimony or evidence; or the Council could set a de novo, or new, hearing and set a date for that hearing, the appropriate course of action should the Council desire to conduct a full hearing. He explained that the appellant and counsel for the applicant submitted a joint letter requesting the City Council open the public hearing and immediately adopt a motion to hear the appeal and set a hearing de novo on August 8, 2023. It was staff's recommendation that the City Council set a public hearing de novo for CUP 279, A-3, on August 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Jeff Wysard, owner of a neighboring property adjacent to the site, stated his willingness to defer his comments until the August 8th hearing.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO CONDUCT A FULL HEARING OR HEARING DE NOVO ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 279, AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**2.1 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3;
REGARDING THIRD PARTY COLLECTION FEES**

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, advised that a presentation on the proposed ordinance had been made and was read by title at the City Council's previous meeting and was presented for second reading and adoption at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING NEW CHAPTER 6 TO ARTICLE I OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING RECOVERY OF THE COST OF COLLECTING FUNDS OWED TO THE CITY

COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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**2.2 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4;
REGARDING PROPERTY TAX LIENS FOR DELINQUENT WATER SERVICE
PAYMENTS**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING NEW SECTION 7515 TO THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING LIENS FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS FOR WATER SERVICE

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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**2.3 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5;
REGARDING FILMING PERMITS; RESOLUTION NO. 2023-45**

Mr. Skolnik explained that in addition to the proposed ordinance, which was presented for second reading and adoption at this time, an accompanying resolution was before the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING NEW CHAPTER 11 TO ARTICLE VI OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING FILMING PERMITS

2.3 • SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5; REGARDING FILMING PERMITS; RESOLUTION NO. 2023-45 - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-45; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD PERTAINING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF FILMING IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

COUNCIL MEMBER CHASE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-45. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • AWARD OF BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2023-7; WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT FY24

Derek Nguyen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the Watermain Replacement project, which included the installation of new water mains, valves, fire hydrants, service lines, and would improve water quality, serviceability, fire protection and water supply reliability to the area. He concluded by stating that staff recommended that the City Council award a contract for Watermain Replacement FY24 - PW Project 23-7 in the amount of \$3,799,175 to All Cities Engineering of Jurupa Valley 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 \$350,000; adopt the plans, specifications and working details for the project and appropriate a total of \$4,350,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund and authorize staff to approve services for inspection, soil compaction and miscellaneous tests as necessary for the corresponding project.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WOOD RODGERS, INC. FOR WELL 22 COMPREHENSIVE SITE ASSESSMENT AND HYDROGEOLOGIC SERVICES FOR WELL DRILLING AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

The Water Resources Director displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to a Comprehensive Site Assessment for the existing Plant 22 site to determine the best and highest use for the City's water operations.

3.2 • WELL 22 COMPREHENSIVE SITE ASSESSMENT AND HYDROGEOLOGIC SERVICES FOR WELL DRILLING AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT - Continued

Staff recommended that the City Council approve a Professional Services Agreement with Wood Rodgers, Inc. for Well 22 Comprehensive Site Assessment and Hydrogeologic Services for Well Drilling and Construction Support in a not-to-exceed amount of \$410,395 including a 10% contingency of \$41,039.50 and authorize the Mayor to sign the corresponding agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney; and appropriate a total of \$451,434.50 from the Water Enterprise Fund FY 2024 Budget for the corresponding project.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • AGREEMENT WITH CARE SOLACE, INC., TO PROVIDE A WEB-BASED NAVIGATION SYSTEM TO ASSIST CITY RESIDENTS IN LOCATING AND CONNECTING WITH MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROVIDERS AND SERVICES

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. He explained that City staff had been approached by Care Solace to discuss a proposal to initiate a pilot program to provide mental health care coordinator services to all City of Lakewood residents. He noted that Care Solace was not a direct provider of services, but instead helped people navigate through the process involved with both public and private mental health providers. Mr. McCormack stated that it was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the contract with Care Solace and appropriate \$33,750 of American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

VICE MAYOR PE MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CARE SOLACE AND APPROPRIATE \$33,750 OF ARPA FUNDING. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.4 • AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF FF&E FOR CIVIC CENTER COUNTER IMPROVEMENTS AT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works, made a presentation based on the report in the agenda for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) to be installed as part of the counter renovation project.

3.4 • PURCHASE OF FF&E FOR CIVIC CENTER COUNTER IMPROVEMENTS AT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS - Continued

She concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize staff to purchase the FF&E for the Civic Center Counter Improvements at Community Development/Public Works in an amount not-to-exceed \$59,649.57, and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal; and appropriate \$60,000 from the reserve for Capital Improvements for the project from Measure L.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.5 • DECLARING JULY AS PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER! MONTH; RESOLUTION NO. 2023-46

Valarie Frost, Director of Recreation and Community Services, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda. She reported that the City's Recreation and Community Services Department incorporated the Parks Make Life Better! brand promise in the marketing and promotions of its programs and services. Staff recommended the City Council adopt the resolution declaring the month of July as Parks Make Life Better! month as part of the California Park and Recreation Society campaign to encourage cities to maintain parks and recreation programs and facilities in the forefront of public policy.

RESOLUTION 2023-46; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DECLARING JULY AS PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!® MONTH

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR PE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-46. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Phillip Norris, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding transit services.

William Bush, Lakewood, expressed thanks for Sheriff's deputies' responsiveness to a recent neighbor's residential burglary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Croft adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Kech Hong Hychong and James "Kelly" Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk