



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
July 11, 2023

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:46 p.m. by Mayor Croft in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Father Alidor Mikobi, St. Cyprian Catholic Church

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

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Croft highlighted various aspects from the past year of his mayoral term and expressed appreciation to City staff for their service to Lakewood residents; to his Council colleagues for their contributions to the community and their leadership; and to his family for their understanding and support.

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, explained the process of nominating the mayor and vice mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

MAYOR CROFT NOMINATED ARIEL PE TO SERVE AS MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, ARIEL PE WAS DECLARED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

Mayor Pe presented outgoing Mayor Croft with a plaque and scrapbook commemorating his year of service as Mayor. He also presented Mrs. Tess Croft with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her support for her husband during his year as mayor. Mayor Pe expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community and expressed appreciation for his Council colleagues. He stated that he looked forward to working with staff and the community to maintain the City's new Vision, Mission and Values during his mayoral term.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT NOMINATED TODD ROGERS TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, TODD ROGERS WAS DECLARED VICE MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-47; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD TERMINATING THE EMERGENCY ACTION REGARDING THE REPAIRS TO THE BOLIVAR PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

RI-5 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-48; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON FOR AUGUST 8, 2023

RI-6 Authorize Purchase of Carpeting for Weingart Ballroom at Centre

RI-7 Authorize Purchase of FF&E for Community Development and Public Works Office Spaces

RI-8 Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreements No. 1& 2 for Water Rights License and Lease Agreement with City of Whittier

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS

Steve Skolnik, for the City Attorney, advised that the proposed resolutions were procedural documents that were legally necessary to enable the City's financial transactions and could be enacted with a single motion and vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-49; 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

2.1 • ADOPTION OF SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-50; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF ARIEL PE, MAYOR, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-51; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MANUAL, FACSIMILE AND/OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF TODD ROGERS, MAYOR PRO TEM, IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 2023-49, NO. 2023-50 AND NO. 2023-51. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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3.1 • APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER FOR MOBILE WATER FILLING STATION WITH QUENCH BUGGY USA, INC.

Derek Nguyen, Director of Water Resources, displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the purchase of a mobile water filling station. He stated it was staff's recommendation that the City Council appropriate \$79,527 from the Water Infrastructure Upgrades American Rescue Plan Act funds and approve a Purchase Order with Quench Buggy USA, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$79,527 for a Mobile Water Filling Station; and approve the proposed graphic design for the corresponding Mobile Water Filling Station.

At 8:19 p.m., the meeting was recessed due to disruption by an audience member. At 8:22 p.m., the City Council Meeting was reconvened.

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

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS

1. Approval of Register of Demands

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DEMANDS.

SUCCESSOR HOUSING ACTIONS - Continued

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Phillip Norris, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding sidewalk issues.

A representative of the Kiwanis Club of Paramount invited the public to a Book Walk Event on July 29th.

Juan Garza, Central Basin Municipal Water District Board Member, congratulated the Mayor and Council Members on their commendable service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Pe adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. A moment of silence was observed to reflect on the many blessings in Lakewood and for the positivity in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk