



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Regular Meeting held
August 8, 2023

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Pe in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

INVOCATION was offered by Pastor Chris Kirish, Renovate Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Girls Scout Troop 1883

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pe stated that pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b), Council Member Chase would participate in the meeting via teleconference.

The Mayor announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Matias Alvarez, father-in-law of Community Services Manager Chuck Martucci.

Mayor Pe welcomed Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, one of Lakewood's new Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Congresswoman Barragan shared that she was the Representative for California's 44th Congressional District, which included nearly half of Lakewood. She added that she was working to secure funding for improvements to Weingart Senior Center, address homelessness, and expand mental health services. Congresswoman Barragan shared her appreciation for the receptiveness of the Council and their partnership. The Council Members thanked Congresswoman Barragan for her service to Lakewood residents and Mayor Pe presented her with a City pin as a symbol of the City's friendship.

The Mayor introduced Dr. Gina Zietlow, Superintendent for ABC Unified School District, who gave an update on the district which included that growth and strength was apparent in students after the pandemic; a virtual academy for students was created at the request of families; providing support and resources for learning to students was a priority; and various safety measures were taken to create safe spaces for learning. Mayor Pe welcomed the new Superintendent to the community and presented her with a City pin.

Mayor Pe announced that Captain Dan Holguin, commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, would provide the Quarterly Public Safety Report. Captain Holguin summarized the results of the Fourth of July illegal fireworks suppression efforts, which included responding to

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: - Continued

110 calls for illegal fireworks and issuing 50 citations. He noted that there was an overall decrease in crime throughout the City and at Lakewood Mall when compared to the same time last year. He added that resident support was evident when deputies attended community events and resulted in high morale at Lakewood Station. He concluded by thanking the City Council, City Manager and the Public Safety team for their continued leadership, partnership and support.

The Captain responded to questions and comments from the City Council.

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Phil Norris made comments about the job description and evaluation regarding RI-15, amendment to the agreement of the City Manager.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 16.

RI-1 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held 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 Approval of Monthly Report of Investment Transactions - June 2023

RI-6 Approval of Quarterly Schedule of Investments - June 30, 2023

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-53; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-54; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-55; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-56; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-57; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-58; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-59; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-60; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

RI-8 Approval of Agreement with Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for Cost Sharing for the Installation of Monitoring Equipment and Monitoring Pursuant to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Load

RI-9 Approval of Justice Assistance Grant Program Funding for Contracted Drone Services

RI-10 Approval of Agreement with Elite Special Events for Fest-of-All Family Entertainment and Amusements

RI-11 Authorization of Temporary Increase in City Manager Signature Authority for California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) Projects to Award Centre Painting and Centre Carpet Installation

RI-12 Authorization of Additional Architectural Services by Dahlin Group for Palms Community Center Improvements

RI-13 Approval of Amendment #11 for Additional Consulting Services for Mayfair Water Capture Project by Tetra Tech, Incorporated

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-14 Ratification of Purchase of F-550 Vehicle

RI-15 Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement for Employment of City Manager

RI-16 Ratification of Purchase of Replacement Variable Frequency Drive Motor Controllers for Mayfair Pool

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.1 • CONFIRMING REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Assistant Director of Finance and Administrative Services Edianne Rodriguez made a presentation based on the report in the agenda regarding the policy relative to unpaid charges for garbage, waste and refuse accounts. She stated it was recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt the Resolution confirming the Report of Delinquent Fees.

Staff responded to questions from Council Members.

Mayor Pe opened the public hearing at 8:19 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Jeff Hudson spoke in regards to being unaware of any notice since it was sent to the property owner of his residence.

Joe Romero spoke in regards to a late fee.

William Cleeson spoke in regards to being in the hospital when his notice was delivered.

Mayor Pe closed the public hearing at 8:23 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-61; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAY 31, 2023

1.1 • CONFIRMING REPORT OF DELINQUENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR GARBAGE, WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL - Continued
COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-61. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.2 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6; RELATING TO LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) UPDATES

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack noted that there was a study session meeting earlier in the evening on the proposed ordinance, which resulted in revised parking language and direction for staff to study domestic bee keeping.

Assistant Director of Community Development Patrick McGuckian displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to updating various sections of the Lakewood Municipal Code. He stated that it was the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Commission that the City Council hold a public hearing; introduce the proposed ordinance; approve the related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption; and instruct the Community Development Director to conduct a study regarding backyard beekeeping of honeybees as a potential allowed land use.

The City Manager read the revised wording for section 9321 in the proposed ordinance that was a result of the study session and noted that staff would refine the language.

Staff responded to questions and comments from Council Members.

Mayor Pe opened the public hearing at 8:42 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Boris Baer; Jon Vesely; Jaime Guoz; and Jacob Dickinson spoke in support of bee keeping.

Joy Janes, Lakewood, spoke in regards to hummingbird feeders.

Mayor Pe closed the public hearing at 8:52 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO.2023-6; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE AND ADD VARIOUS REGULATIONS INCLUDING THOSE REGARDING PUBLIC NUISANCES OF BEES/WASPS AND BIRD FEEDING, WASTE HAULER ENFORCEMENT, FRONT YARD SAFETY AND PARKING STANDARDS, WALL/FENCE/HEDGE HEIGHT REVIEW PROCEDURES, APPEAL TIMELINES AND OTHERS was read by title by the Assistant City Clerk.

1.2 • INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6; LMC UPDATES - Continued
COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO WAIVE FURTHER READING, INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6 WITH THE REVISED PARKING WORDING, APPROVE THE RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION; AND INSTRUCT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING BACKYARD BEEKEEPING OF HONEYBEES AS A POTENTIAL ALLOWED LAND USE. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1.3 • COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FINES

The Assistant Director of Community Development displayed slides and made a presentation based on the report in the agenda pertaining to unpaid administrative citations fines for code violations, which may be collected by placement of a lien on the property on which the violations occurred, provided the fine owed by the cited party had been delinquent for ninety days or more. He concluded by stating it was staff's recommendation that the City Council conduct a lien hearing and consider all competent evidence presented related to any outstanding delinquent fine amounts, late fees and related costs from fiscal year 2022-2023; adopt the proposed resolution finding that the final list of delinquent 2023 fines and related costs are due to the City as cost of nuisance abatement; order the outstanding delinquent fines to be paid; and direct staff to forward a final list of the unpaid fines to the County Tax Assessor for collection as a lien on the related property, as part of the annual property tax assessment.

Staff responded to questions from Council Members.

Mayor Pe opened the public hearing at 8:58 p.m. and called for anyone in the audience wishing to address the City Council on this matter. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-62; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF 90-DAY DELINQUENT ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 8, 2023

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-62. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Pe presented the list of appointments to governmental associations, organizations and committees.

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

California Contract Cities

Association	Wood - Representative	Chase - Alternate
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California Joint Powers

Insurance Authority	Croft - Representative	Wood - Alternate
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So. Calif. Association of Governments (SCAG)

General Assembly	Pe - Representative	Chase - Alternate
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Gateway Cities COG Board

Pe - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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Greater Los Angeles County

Vector Control District	Croft – Representative
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Job Training Partnership Act SELACO WIB

Wood - Policy Board

League of California Cities

L.A. County Division	Pe - Representative	Chase - Alternate
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City Selection Committee

Pe - Representative	Croft – Alternate
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Annual League Conference

Chase - Representative	Croft - Alternate
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L.A. County Sanitation

Districts #3 & #19	Pe - Representative	Rogers - Alternate
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Southeast Water Coalition

Rogers - Representative	Chase – Alternate
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Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) JPA

Wood - Representative	Croft - Alternate
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STANDING COMMITTEES

Intergovernmental Relations	Pe - Chair	Rogers - Member
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Lakewood Schools

Rogers - Chair	Wood - Member
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Environmental Management

Croft - Chair	Wood - Member
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Public Safety

Rogers - Chair	Pe - Member
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3.1 • APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES - Continued

Park Development	Wood - Chair	Pe - Member
Water Resources	Pe - Chair	Croft – Member
Community Promotion	Chase - Chair	Pe – Member
Economic Development	Pe – Chair	Croft – Member
Hall of Fame - Board of Electors	Wood - Chair	
Audit	Chase - Chair	Wood - Member
Capital Improvement Plan	Croft - Chair	Chase - Member
Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	Pe - Chair	Croft - Member

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND VICE MAYOR ROGERS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS, AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.2 • DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mayor Pe presented the appointment of a Council Member to represent the City as the delegate for voting purposes at the League Annual Business Meeting, or, in lieu of a Council Member, the City Manager Thaddeus McCormack.

VICE MAYOR ROGERS MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT, AS PRESENTED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED:

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

NAYS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

3.3 • APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Public Works Director Kelli Pickler made a presentation based on the report in the agenda stating that traditionally there was an annual appropriation included within the Capital Improvement Program to address urgent needs within facilities and that appropriations were

3.3 • APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - Continued

also necessary for four additional projects to commence next fiscal year: annual playground projects; annual maintenance projects; and two California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) projects. She concluded by stating it was staff's and the Capital Improvement Project Committee's recommendation that the City Council appropriate funds of \$50,000 for annual projects park hardscape ; \$50,000 for fire and security; \$25,000 for fencing; \$50,000 for facility roof repairs; \$50,000 for painting improvements; \$600,000 for annual maintenance projects; \$50,000 for annual playground projects; \$200,000 for Burns daycare kitchen improvements; and \$60,000 for Palms Park Basketball Court LED lighting conversion from the Measure L reserve for capital improvements.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD SECONDED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. 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 COUNCIL MEMBER CROFT SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REGISTERS OF DEMANDS. 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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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Phil Norris, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding contacting the planning department, homelessness, park safety, and removal of street/curb markings after projects were completed.

Patricia Preciado, Lakewood, spoke in regards to street vendors.

Tahtianna Forrester; Cynthia Ristow; Leslie Higgins; and Diane V. addressed the City Council regarding their concerns for changes to the Tot Lot Program at Del Valle Park. Vice Mayor Rogers requested a report on the Tot Lot Program.

Sherri Perales, Lakewood; Deborah Holdridge, Lakewood; and Pamela Jesse, Lakewood, shared their concerns regarding squatters in a home in their neighborhood.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: - Continued

David Arellano, Board Chair of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, spoke in regards to upcoming Lakewood Chamber of Commerce events.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Pe adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Matias Alvarez.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle D. Schultz
Assistant City Clerk