



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LAKEWOOD
[MEETING VIDEO LINK](#)

7:00 P.M

January 11, 2021

Minutes are action minutes only with times listed on each item for easy reference to the meeting video linked above.

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER (12:15 of video)

Mayor Paul called the **VIRTUAL MEETING** to order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL (13:08 of video)

Those present were:

- Mayor Adam Paul, Presiding
- Anita Springsteen
- Dana Gutwein
- David Skilling
- Jacob LaBure
- Charley Able
- Sharon Vincent
- Mike Bieda
- Ramey Johnson
- Barb Franks
- Karen Harrison

Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Kathy Hodgson, City Manager, Ben Goldstein, Deputy City Manager, Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney, Greg Graham, Deputy City Attorney

Full and timely notice of this City Council meeting had been given, and a quorum was present.

ITEM 3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (13:46 of video)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and there was a moment for silent reflection.

ITEM 4 – RESOLUTION 2021-2 – APPOINTING THE MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD (16:30 of video)

Councilor Franks motioned to nominate Councilor David Skilling for Mayor Pro Tem. It was seconded.

The Mayor and Council discussed nominating another Council member to the leadership role.

Councilor Johnson stated she would like to nominate Councilor Gutwein for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilor Gutwein advised that she will not accept the nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

Vote on the motion:

| | AYES | NAYS | | AYES | NAYS |
|----------|------|------|--------------|------|------|
| PAUL | X | | SPRINGSTEEN | X | |
| ABLE | X | | FRANKS | X | |
| VINCENT | X | | JOHNSON | | X |
| GUTWEIN | X | | LABURE | X | |
| BIEDA | X | | HARRISON | X | |
| SKILLING | X | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | 10 | 1 |

The motion passed.

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC COMMENT (46:14 of video)

James Mace, Ward 1, states opposition to West Metro Fire District policies. Mr. Mace demands an investigation.

ITEM 6 – EXECUTIVE REPORT (51:04 of video)

Kathy Hodgson, City Manager, gave her executive report:

- The new City Attorney’s Start date is Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Her name is Alison McKenney Brown.
- Porchlight project at 8th and Quail plans to open to the public on February 8, 2021.
- Jefferson County communications team has started a Notify Me project that Jeffco residents can sign up to keep apprised of COVID-19 news.
- The hazard mitigation plan is currently being updated in Jefferson County.
- Open spaces consortium is conducting a two-year project to evaluate trail signs.
- Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Grant will award the City of Lakewood \$10 million towards the \$12 million Colfax pedestrian safety project. Public information to start at the end of February.
- On January 2, 2021, former L.P.D. Chief Ron Burns passed away.

ITEM 14 was moved by Mayor Paul. (1:03:42 of video)

MOTION TO EXTEND EMERGENCY DECLARATION – I MOVE TO EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD COLORADO RESULTING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1.27 OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, ORIGINALLY DECLARED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE LAKEWOOD CITY MANAGER ON MARCH 17, 2020, EXTENDED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS, AND BY THIS MOTION EXTENDED AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 25, 2021, UNLESS EARLIER EXTENDED OR TERMINATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Skilling made a motion to extend the Declaration of Disaster in the City of Lakewood Colorado resulting from the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic, pursuant to Section 1.27 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, originally declared by Proclamation of the Lakewood City Manager on March 17, 2020, extended by a majority vote of the City Council on multiple occasions, and by this motion extended again until January 25, 2021, unless earlier extended or terminated by the City Council. It was seconded.

Vote on the motion:

| | AYES | NAYS | | AYES | NAYS |
|----------|------|------|--------------|------|------|
| PAUL | X | | SPRINGSTEEN | | X |
| ABLE | X | | FRANKS | X | |
| VINCENT | X | | JOHNSON | X | |
| GUTWEIN | X | | LABURE | X | |
| BIEDA | X | | HARRISON | X | |
| SKILLING | X | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | 10 | 1 |

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA (1:05:37 of video)

City Clerk Bruce Roome read the Consent Agenda into the record. The Consent Agenda consists of Items 7 through 12, inclusive.

ITEM 7 – RESOLUTION 2021-3 – APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BUDGET AND AUDIT BOARD

ITEM 8 – RESOLUTION 2021-4 – APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LAKEWOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION

ITEM 9 – RESOLUTION 2021-5 – DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC PLACE FOR POSTING NOTICES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING 2021 PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402

ITEM 10 – ORDINANCE O-2021-1 – MODIFICATION TO OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ODP) TO LEGISLATIVELY REZONE LAND LOCATED AT 2301 S. MCINTYRE ST., LAKEWOOD, CO 80465, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF COLORADO.

ITEM 11 – ORDINANCE O-2021-2 – AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE WESTLAND TOWN CENTER PARKING LOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT CERTAIN OPTION CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS OF JUNE 16, 1992, BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE OWNERS OF THE WESTLAND MALL/WESTLAND TOWN CENTER

ITEM 12 – APPROVING MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meeting August 24, 2020
 City Council Meeting September 28, 2020
 City Council Meeting October 12, 2020

Council Discussion: (1:08:42 of video)

Councilor Johnson asked for Agenda Item 11 Ordinance O-2021-2 to be removed from Consent Agenda to be discussed later in the meeting.

Public Comment:

Marie Venner, Ward 5, had comments for general public comment and will send an email to the Mayor and Council in favor of sustainability.

Mayor Pro Tem Skilling made a motion to approve Council Minutes; order all ordinances introduced on first reading be published in the Denver Post Newspaper for a public hearing set for dates included in the ordinances; and to adopt resolutions, all of which are included in the Consent Agenda Items, for the record and introduced by the City Clerk. It was seconded.

Councilor Able, Chair of the Boards & Commissions appointment screening committee, spoke about the last round of interviews and told who was nominated for appointment/reappointment.

Vote on Consent Agenda:

| | AYES | NAYS | | AYES | NAYS |
|----------|------|------|--------------|------|------|
| PAUL | X | | SPRINGSTEEN | X | |
| ABLE | X | | FRANKS | X | |
| VINCENT | X | | JOHNSON | X | |
| GUTWEIN | X | | LABURE | X | |
| BIEDA | X | | HARRISON | X | |
| SKILLING | X | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

The motion passed.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 13 – RESOLUTION 2021-6 – (1:16:50 of video) ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2021 AND ASSIGNING ALLOCATIONS TO POOLS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 14.27 OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE

Public Comments:

Mayor Paul noted that two public comments were received through Lakewood Speaks.

There were no other callers for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Skilling made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-6. It was seconded.

Council discussion:

The Mayor and Council members each spoke on the issue stating that the staff memo with all the different numbers made it too confusing to precisely understand what Council was requested to pass.

Councilor Able made an amendment to the motion to postpone Resolution 2021-6 to a date certain of January 25, 2021. It was seconded.

Vote on amendment motion:

| | AYES | NAYS | | AYES | NAYS |
|--------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|
| PAUL | X | | SPRINGSTEEN | X | |
| ABLE | X | | FRANKS | X | |
| VINCENT | X | | JOHNSON | X | |
| GUTWEIN | X | | LABURE | X | |
| BIEDA | X | | HARRISON | X | |
| SKILLING | X | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | 11 | 0 |

The motion passed.

Councilor Vincent withdrew her 2nd to the original motion, and Councilor Skilling withdrew his original motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Skilling made a motion to postpone Resolution 2021-6 to a date certain of January 25, 2021. It was seconded.

Vote on the motion:

| | AYES | NAYS | | AYES | NAYS |
|----------|------|------|--------------|------|------|
| PAUL | X | | SPRINGSTEEN | X | |
| ABLE | X | | FRANKS | X | |
| VINCENT | X | | JOHNSON | X | |
| GUTWEIN | X | | LABURE | X | |
| BIEDA | X | | HARRISON | X | |
| SKILLING | X | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

The motion passed.

ITEM 11 – ORDINANCE O-2021-2 – (1:44:02 of video) AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE WESTLAND TOWN CENTER PARKING LOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT CERTAIN OPTION CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS OF JUNE 16, 1992, BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE OWNERS OF THE WESTLAND MALL/WESTLAND TOWN CENTER

Councilor Johnson motioned to postpone Ordinance O-2021-2 to a future date to occur after an Executive Session occurs for legal advice. It is being held for clarification of the various issues surrounding this Ordinance. It was seconded.

Vote on the motion:

| | AYES | NAYS | | AYES | NAYS |
|----------|------|------|--------------|------|------|
| PAUL | X | | SPRINGSTEEN | X | |
| ABLE | X | | FRANKS | X | |
| VINCENT | X | | JOHNSON | X | |
| GUTWEIN | X | | LABURE | X | |
| BIEDA | X | | HARRISON | X | |
| SKILLING | X | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

The motion passed.

ITEM 14 – GENERAL BUSINESS (1:03:42 of video)

Mayor Paul moved this Item to after Item 6 on the agenda.

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Mayor Paul, under General Business (1:54:13), reports that he still needs to fill the Council Members 2021 Committee assignments. A discussion by all members ensued.

ITEM 15 – MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (2:22:48 of video)

Mayor Paul and City Council Members reported any news from their Wards and any other City business with which they were involved.

ITEM 16 – ADJOURNMENT (2:55:41 of video)

There being no further business to come before City Council, Mayor Paul adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Roome, City Clerk