

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc
City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, January 5, 2010
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chambers

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Councilmembers Present: Tony Durham, Mayor Pro Tempore Cecilia Martner, Bob Lingl, Ann Ruhge, and Mayor Siminski.

Staff Present: City Administrator Laurel Barcelona, City Attorney Joe Pannone, and City Clerk Donna Terrones.

Others Present: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION – Utility Conference Room

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council met with its labor negotiators and instructed them regarding negotiations with the Lompoc Police Officers Association (LPOA).

OPEN SESSION - 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Council/Agency Members Present: Tony Durham, Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Chair Cecilia Martner, Bob Lingl, Ann Ruhge, and Mayor/Chair Siminski.

Staff Present: City Administrator/Executive Director Laurel Barcelona, City Attorney/general Counsel Joe Pannone, and City Clerk/Secretary Donna Terrones.

Others Present: John Linn, Ron Fink, John Lawrence, Ralph Harman, Robert Gardner, Brian Dillard, Augustin Arias, Ron Hutchings, Matt Aanerud, Chuck Strange, Anita Friedman, Lynn Swenson, Philip Dollman, Adrienne Boyd, Mary Saladino, Frank Young, Tim Dabney, and Doris Lawrence.

Anita Friedman gave the invocation and Mayor Mike Siminski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Mike Siminski stated there was no reportable action taken.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S STATUS REPORT: (distributed as an informational report)

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- CITY/RDA 1. **Legal Policy Considerations Regarding Volunteer Efforts to Construct a Public Park at 119 South “H” Street.**

City Administrator/Executive Director Laurel Barcelona presented the staff report and recommendations.

Council/Agency Member Lingl commented on the amount of money already spent and questioned additional cost to complete the project. Ms. Barcelona stated that a revised project would cost an additional \$600,000, not to exceed \$800,000.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(cont'd) Item No. 1

Council/Agency Member Martner would like to see part of the monies as a contingency in case the volunteer work is not performed or the organization cannot meet requirements.

Public Comment:

1. John Linn spoke in support of Option B and stated the Lompoc Valley Parks and Recreation Pool Foundation is willing to work with the City, and would like to provide Council with a presentation of the Foundation's ideas and design.
2. Ron Fink supported John Linn's comments and briefly noted details of the design and proposed use of green technologies.
3. John Lawrence spoke in support of Option B.
4. Ralph Harman commented on the funding for the project and suggested allowing the project to be completed by the community.
5. Robert Gardner commented on the monies used for the project.

Mayor/Chair Siminski clarified the use of the funds.

Council/Agency Member Lingl commented on Option E and questioned if the City can provide services to the Foundation if the Foundation were to lease the property. City Attorney/General Counsel Joe Pannone stated that it can be done without leasing the property. Mr. Lingl supports Option B but would like Council to consider letting the Foundation take over the project with the City providing the services.

Council/Agency Member Ruhge voiced her concern that as a volunteer project, the completion time may be prolonged. She spoke in support of Option B.

Council/Agency Member Martner requested that the Lompoc Valley Parks and Recreation Pool Foundation present their ideas of the Pocket Park Project to Council at a future date, and spoke in support of Option B.

Council/Agency Member Durham acknowledged those who have volunteered to work together for this project. He agrees with having the Foundation present their project, but supports Option B.

Mayor/Chair Siminski reiterated Option B and emphasized that the City will be working with the Foundation on the project.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor/Chair Siminski/Durham. By a unanimous vote, the City Council/Agency reviewed Staff's report and selected Option B: reduce the scale of the project to a specified dollar amount, redesign the project to include specified elements, establish a volunteer component for the project, retain the remainder as a City project, and direct staff to proceed.

Council/Agency Member Martner requested that the Lompoc Valley Parks and Recreation Pool Foundation present a presentation on the Pocket Park Project to Council and the public at a future date.

Mayor/Chair Siminski wished everyone a Happy New Year. He commented on proposed State legislation. He announced that the City is now web streaming and archiving the Council meetings; two upcoming Council Workshops discussing goal setting and Council Handbook policy and procedures. He stated that he would be allowing the Mayor Pro Tempore to Chair a Council Meeting for experience.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion/Second: Lingl/Martner. By a unanimous vote, the City Council/Agency:

CITY/RDA 2. Approved Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting of December 15, 2009.

CITY 3. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 12/21/09 - \$1,455,318.05
Payroll of 12/9/09 - \$1,068,629.09
Payroll of 12/2/09 - \$66,635.34
Voucher Register of 12/23/09 - \$617,694.49
Voucher Register of 12/18/09 - \$787,259.57
Voucher Register of 12/11/09 - \$754,070.63

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY 4. **Oversight Committee for Park Maintenance and Pool Assessment District Statement for the Period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.**

Parks, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Director Dan McCaffrey presented the staff report and recommendations.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Martner/Durham. By a unanimous vote, the City Council reviewed and approved the Oversight Committee for Park Maintenance and Pool Assessment District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the Period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Councilmember Lingl acknowledged the efforts of the Committee for the preparation of the report.

RECESS: At 8:25 P.M. Mayor/Chair Siminski announced a break. At 8:35 P.M., the meeting reconvened with all Council/Agency Members present.

CITY 5. **Imposition of Terms/Conditions of Employment upon Lompoc Police Officers Association (LPOA) Bargaining Unit.**

Human Resources Director William Yanonis presented the staff report and recommendations.

Public Comment:

1. Brian Dillard, Augustin Arias, Ron Hutchins, Ralph Harman, Matt Aanerud, Chuck Strange, Anita Friedman, Lynn Swenson, Philip Dollman, all spoke in opposition to staff's recommendations.
2. John Lawrence spoke in support of staff's recommendations but without the retroactive reduction.
3. Adrienne Boyd spoke in support of all City employees.
4. Mary Saladino, Frank Young and Tim Dabney spoke in support of the Police Officers.

Council discussed at length the financial constraints on the City, the multiple negotiations with the LPOA, the effect on all the employees, proposed workshops to review the budget and the potential for department consolidations, and acknowledged the public comments.

Mayor Siminski reiterated the budget deficit and motioned to approve staff's recommendations. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont'd)

Item No. 5

After lengthy discussion by Council regarding renegotiating, mediation, and the imposition of terms and conditions, Mayor Siminski moved to approve the recommendations with an imposition of terms and conditions and instruct Staff to be open to communication from the LPOA to find a creative solution of obtaining the monies needed and bring it back to Council.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Siminski/Ruhge. By a 3 to 2 vote (*Councilmembers Durham and Lingl voted NO*), the City Council, consistent with Section 3504.4 of the Meyers-Millias-Brown Act, unilaterally implemented terms included in the City's last, best, and final offer to the LPOA dated December 18, 2009, and adopted Resolution No. 5601(10), amending the Personnel Rules Relative to the Compensation Plan (Rule IV) Effecting Salary Range Adjustments for Lompoc Police Officers' Association Classifications. Council then instructed that Staff be open to communication with the LPOA to find a creative solution to come up with the monies needed and bring it back to Council.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Doris Lawrence spoke in support of the Police Officers.
2. Frank Young suggested using volunteers.
3. Mary Saladino commented on using volunteers vs. paying consultants.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council/Agency Member Lingl requested Staff prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the City Fire Department to possibly be merged with the County Fire Department, and bring it back to Council at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At: 10:20 P.M. Mayor/Chair Siminski adjourned the Lompoc City Council/Redevelopment Agency to an adjourned City Council Workshop, Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 2:00 P.M., followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Michael A. Siminski, Mayor/Chair
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Donna N. Terrones, CMC
City Clerk
Date: January 8, 2010