

MINUTES

**“Special Meeting”
Lompoc City Council
Saturday, July 11, 2009
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chambers**

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 A.M. – Council Chambers

Councilmembers Present: Cecilia Martner, Ann Ruhge, Bob Lingl, Mike Siminski, and Mayor Dick DeWees.

Staff Present: City Administrator Laurel Barcelona, City Attorney Matt Granger, City Clerk Donna Terrones, Management Services Director Rene Vise, and Human Resources Director William Yanonis.

Others Present: John Linn and Ron Fink.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Review and Adoption of FY 2009-2011 City Biennial Budget.

City Administrator Laurel Barcelona presented the Council with an overview of the proposed Biennial Budget for FY 2009-2011, recommendations and potential State takeaways. She announced the order of business and noted Councilmember Lingl’s request for Council to revisit the list of cost-saving measures. She introduced Management Services Director Rene Vise who presented a PowerPoint presentation on projected June 30, 2009, Reserve Balances.

Councilmember Lingl stated he would like to review the list of cost-saving measures that were previously presented to Council, items not approved, that could be readdressed for additional savings. He commented on closing City Hall one day a week, possibly half day, and reducing employee hours to a 36-hour work week.

Councilmember Siminski reminded Councilmember Lingl that furlough hours for employees have already been negotiated.

Councilmember Martner stated there would only be a \$21,000 savings for the two years, but she would like to review 10-hour work days and closing one day to benefit those who work out of town.

Councilmember Ruhge stated that closing City Hall results in a minimal change to the General Fund, and she noted that it would affect the Treasury Divisions 24-hour utility shut-off notices.

Mayor DeWees noted that closing City Hall one day or half day would affect service to the citizens and feels it’s not worth renegotiating.

Human Resource Director Bill Yanonis stated Councilmember Lingl’s recommendation would require going back and renegotiating with the Teamster Union employees.

Councilmember Martner questioned the need to increase utility rates. Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the capital outlay improvements and bonds that were issued to the City to finance these projects and explained that these are now a debt to the City, which must be repaid.

Public Comment: None

Mayor DeWees commented on the proposed Biennial Budget and acknowledged the efforts by Staff and Council to balance the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2011. He expressed how difficult it is and motioned to adopt the proposed Budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (cont'd)

Councilmember Ruhge supported Mayor DeWees' motion and also acknowledged Staff's efforts.

Councilmember Siminski opposed voting on the proposed Budget at this time. He feels the Budget can be further discussed. He noted that future revenue to the City should be looked at and attention to sources of revenue should be considered. He would like to see a fee increase to the Senior Community Center and the Aquatic Center, since fee increases were made to other City services. He requested to reopen public comment. He suggested reviewing every six months, city revenues, property tax and sales, projected vs. actuals.

Councilmember Martner agreed with Councilmember Siminski on further discussing the proposed Budget, reviewing future revenue and fee increases to the Aquatic Center. She requested a report by Staff on potential fee increases at the Aquatic Center and to bring it back at a future date.

Mayor DeWees stated we must rely on information from those who are experts in providing the information.

Councilmember Lingl feels potential fee increases and revenue sources could be reviewed. He stated his concerns are stimulating revenue for the City, obtaining stimulus packages and that the bargaining units have not resolved negotiations. He asked Staff to explain what happens if negotiations are not resolved. Staff explained that the current terms stay in effect until the next budget cycle, and if, not resolved at that time, then the City can impose.

Councilmember Ruhge suggested that certain City-owned property be sold, and that the City considers purchasing supplies from the local businesses.

Mayor DeWees reopened public comment.

Public Comment:

1. John Linn commented on staffing levels at the Solid Waste site.
2. Ron Fink spoke in support of Councilmember Siminski's comment of reviewing expenditures vs. revenues in six month intervals.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor DeWees/Ruhge. By a 4 to 1 vote (*Councilmember Lingl voted NO*), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5573(09), Adopting the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Years 2009-2011.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:15 A.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting, on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

Dick DeWees, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Donna N. Terrones, CMC
City Clerk
Date: July 21, 2009