

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc**  
**City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**  
**City Hall/100 Civic Center Plaza**  
**Council Chambers**

**CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M. – Utility Conference Room**

Councilmembers Present: DeWayne Holmdahl, Ann Ruhge, Will Schuyler, Mike Siminski, and Mayor Dick DeWees.

Staff Present: City Administrator Gary Keefe, Assistant City Administrator Laurel Barcelona, City Attorney Sharon Stuart, and Human Resources Director William Yanonis.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ITEM:**

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council met with the City's labor negotiators, City Administrator Gary Keefe and Human Resources Director William Yanonis, and instructed them regarding the current negotiations with the Lompoc Police Officers Association (LPOA).

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

Council/Agency Members Present: DeWayne Holmdahl, Ann Ruhge, Will Schuyler, Mike Siminski, and Mayor/Chair Dick DeWees.

Staff Present: City Administrator/Executive Director Gary Keefe, City Clerk/Secretary Donna Terrones, City Attorney/General Counsel Sharon Stuart, and Senior Environmental Coordinator Stacy Lawson.

Others Present: Ron Fink, John Linn, Lorin Bronson, John Lawrence, Ralph Harman, Martin Van Enoo, Agustin Arias, Joy Browder, and Ray Leslie.

Steve Petty gave the invocation and Mayor Dick DeWees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council/Agency Member Schuyler requested Consent Calendar Item No. 4 and Appointments Item No. 5 appointment of Oversight Committee for Park Maintenance and Pool Assessment District be removed from the consent calendar and discussed at the last Oral Communication.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl acknowledged the Allan Hancock Board of Trustees for their support in selecting the new Hancock College Lompoc site for the public safety training complex. He commented on the WiFi service provided by the City of Lompoc and mentioned that the upcoming Council Meeting will be discussing the issue of video cameras at City intersections. He announced the Vintners Festival on Saturday April 19, 2008 at River Park and that volunteers are needed. He noted that Channel 22 Discover Lompoc would be discussing career moves on an upcoming segment with Eric Cannon.

## **COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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Council/Agency Member Ruhge commented on a City of Lompoc Fire Department training exercise at a house donated by the Foursquare Church.

Mayor/Chair DeWees announced the Joint Council Meeting Workshop with the Planning Commission to review the Draft General Plan (Phase I) on Thursday March 13, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, and a walk on Saturday March 22, 2008 from Coast Hills Bank to the Mission opposing the closure of La Purisima Mission. He gave his condolences to Council/Agency Member Siminski on the passing of his mother.

Discussion of furthering public safety improvements and direction to staff considering voter rejection of the half-cent sales tax Measure T2008 on February 5, 2008. (*Requested by Council/Agency Members Siminski and Holmdahl*).

### Public Comment:

1. Ron Fink spoke in opposition to the measure coming back on the November ballot. He suggested an increase to the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), contracting with the County for some services, and commented on the relocation of Fire Station #2, an increase to developer fees, and budget cuts.

Mayor DeWees stated developer fees if increased, can be used only for capitol facilities not personnel, and stated homes that are currently being built have already locked in developer impact fees.

2. John Linn suggested changes to zoning procedures and supported the sales tax increase.
3. Lorin Bronson feels reserves (on short-term options 0 to 2 years) should go to the Police Department and suggested training volunteers, issuing concealed carry permits to applicants who pass a stringent background check, prosecuting landlords who profit from criminal behavior, fining landlords who are within 100 feet of a crime scene so they better patrol their areas, and fining parents for the crimes of their children.
4. John Lawrence supports a tax measure coming back, a sunset clause of 20 years, increase to developer fees, and elimination of night games in City parks in order to save electricity.
5. Ralph Harman spoke in support of a public workshop to allow the public to discuss Measure T2008 with the Council.
6. Martin Van Enoo suggested improving procedures in the Planning Department, no sunset clause, putting the Measure back on the ballot, and increasing developer fees.
7. Agustin "Chip" Arias reiterated a previous comment regarding using the County for dispatch services. Mr. Arias stated this wouldn't work since City employees are on around the clock and the County is not. He suggested the citizens prioritize what they need in the City, and voiced his concern for the lack of support for Measure T2008.
8. Joy Browder reiterated the Mayor's comment on budget cuts. She feels excessive use of consultants can be reduced. She commented on the lack of a sunset clause and feels the Planning Department should be reviewed.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the failure of Measure T2008, budget cuts, increase in transient occupancy tax, Measure D, increase in developer fees, decreases in VLF and property taxes. Council suggested the Measure be put back on the ballot in the near future and that a special meeting be conducted to allow the public to learn more about Measure T2008, to voice their concerns, and discuss questions in depth.

**RECESS:**

At 8:35 P.M., the Mayor/Chair announced a Break.  
At 8:45 P.M., the meeting was reconvened with all Council/Agency Members present.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Joy Browder urged the Council to review the language of Measure T2008. She disagrees with a sunset clause but supports a public meeting.
2. Ray Leslie spoke against Measure T2008. He feels the budget can be cut, and he commented on a City requirement regarding a gas line.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Siminski/Schuyler. By a unanimous vote, with the exception of Item No. 4, the City Council/Agency:

CITY/RDA 1. Approved Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting of February 19, 2008.

CITY 2. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 2/20/08 - \$1,348,346.81  
 Voucher Register of 2/22/08 - \$400,293.36  
 Voucher Register of 2/15/08 - \$660,684.57  
 Credit Refunds of 2/14/08 - \$1,399.75  
 Manual Checks of 2/15/08 – 2,947.00

CITY 3. Adopted Resolution No. 5453(08) Confirming Consent for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara to Operate in the City and Consenting to Authority’s Acquisition and Operation of Palm Grove, located at 2-54 Palm Drive, Lompoc.

CITY 4. *(Item pulled by Council/Agency Member Schuyler to be discussed at the last Oral Communication).*

**Adopt Resolution No. 5456 (08) Directing SCI Consulting Group to Prepare the Engineer’s Report for Fiscal-Year 2008-09 for the Continuation of Levying the Annual Assessments for the “Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01.**

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Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 5456(08) Directing SCI Consulting Group to Prepare the Engineer’s Report for the “Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01” for fiscal-year 2008-09 for the proposed continuation of the assessment to fund the Aquatic Center and other park and recreation improvements and services.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

CITY 5. **Airport Commission (1 unexpired term ending 1/2012)**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Siminski. By a unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Tom Milburn to one unexpired term ending 1/2012.

**APPOINTMENTS:** (cont'd)

Item No. 5

**Oversight Committee for Park Maintenance and Pool Assessment District (1 unexpired term ending 1/2012).** *(Item pulled by Council/Agency Member Schuyler to be discussed after Item No. 4 is decided).*

**Appointment of Councilmember Siminski's nominee to the Planning Commission (1 unexpired term ending 12/2010).**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Siminski/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Frank Hain to one unexpired term ending 12/2012.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

CITY 6. **Consideration of Support of a Collaborative Effort to Request Vandenberg Air Force Base and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to Allow Increased General Public Access to Surf and Ocean Beaches.**

Senior Environmental Coordinator Stacy Lawson presented the staff report and recommendations.

Councilmember Siminski stated the letter may be too lengthy and suggested shortening it to one page.

**Public Comment:**

1. John Linn suggested adding a statement to the letter noting that there is handicap access at Surf Beach.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Siminski/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council directed staff to submit the letter to Santa Barbara County's Board of Supervisors.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Consent Calendar Item No. 4

4. **Adopt Resolution No. 5456 (08) Directing SCI Consulting Group to Prepare the Engineer's Report for Fiscal-Year 2008-09 for the Continuation of Levying the Annual Assessments for the "Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01.**

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Councilmember Schuyler commented on the assessment process and the Oversight Committee's function.

Mayor DeWees reviewed the functions of the Oversight Committee.

City Administrator Gary Keefe suggested, as an alternative, that the overseeing functions could be delegated to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Public Comment:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** (cont'd)

Consent Calendar Item No. 4

Councilmember Ruhge would like to see the Oversight Committee move forward, reports submitted, and meeting regularly.

Councilmember Holmdahl feels there's a lack of communication and if there's continually a lack of quorum on this committee, the duties should be assigned to the Parks and Recreation Commission; but would like to see the Committee move forward.

Councilmember Siminski agrees these functions can go to the Parks and Recreation Commission but if Council would like a separate Committee he is in favor.

Councilmember Schuyler would like to see the Committee move forward.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5456(08) Directing SCI Consulting Group to Prepare the Engineer's Report for the "Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01" for fiscal-year 2008-09 for the proposed continuation of the assessment to fund the Aquatic Center and other park and recreation improvements and services.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Item No. 5

5. **Oversight Committee for Park Maintenance and Pool Assessment District (1 term ending 1/2012).**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Ruhge. By a 4 to 1 vote (*Mayor DeWees voted NO*), the City Council appointed Ron Fink to the Oversight Committee for Park Maintenance and Pool Assessment District for one unexpired term ending 1/2012.

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

Council/Agency Member Siminski announced a meeting he attended.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:25 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the meeting to a Regular Lompoc City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

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Dick DeWees, Mayor/Chair  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

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Donna N. Terrones, CMC  
City Clerk  
By: Stacey Alvarez  
Date: March 11, 2008