

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc
City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, March 18, 2008
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chambers**

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, Parks and Urban Forestry Manager Cindy McCall, Chief of Police Tim Dabney, Planning Manager Lucille Breese and Senior Environmental Coordinator Stacy Lawson.

Others Present: Kari Campbell-Bohard, Ray Garrett, and Ralph Harman.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor DeWees presented a proclamation to Parks and Urban Forestry Manager Cindy McCall declaring March 22, 2008 as “Arbor Day.”

Mayor DeWees presented a proclamation to Co-President Kari Campbell-Bohard of California Women for Agriculture declaring “National Agricultural Week,” March 16-22, 2008.

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

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Administrator/Executive Director Gary Keefe noted the correction to Public Hearing Item No. 10, Attachment No. 5 and that copies were available to the public.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Feasibility report on Red Light Cameras placed at Central Avenue and “H” Street.** *(Request by Council/Agency Member Holmdahl)*

Chief of Police Tim Dabney presented the staff report and recommendation. He discussed the use of red light cameras by various cities and stated that traffic violations had been reduced which caused revenues to drop below projections. It does not appear that red light cameras generate enough revenue to pay for themselves. He described the two types of systems available, photo and video, and presented examples of how each operates. He discussed the cost, benefits, and alternatives to the City if Council chooses to purchase red light cameras. He stated obtaining authorization from Cal-Trans, due to some streets being designated as state routes, is a significant issue. He recommended, that Staff obtain approval from Cal-Trans to conduct surveys; authorize a video analysis survey; use this data to prepare a comprehensive report and cost estimate on the use of video red light cameras; develop a request for proposal; and begin negotiations with Cal-Trans to obtain authorization.

Council discussion followed regarding the types of systems, and the cost, benefits, and alternatives. No action was taken.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl announced a Community Workshop on Lompoc’s Transit Center, Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M., in the City Hall Council Chamber.

Council/Agency Member Schuyler commended staff on the repair of the courtyard pavers at City Hall. He announced the dedication of Riverbend Park, Friday, March 28, 2008 at 4:00 P.M.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
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Council/Agency Siminski announced the Easter Egg Hunt put on by the Lompoc Kiwanis and the City's Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at River Park.

Mayor/Chair DeWees announced on Saturday, March 29, 2008 a rally, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at River Park and ending at La Purisima State Historical Park, opposing closure of this State Park.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Ray Garrett stated he sent a letter to the State in support of the Mission. He also stated that he strongly supports a tax increase and suggested putting another measure on the ballot.

Council/Agency Member Siminski informed the public that tentative dates have been discussed for public meetings to discuss a public safety tax.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor/Chair DeWees disclosed he is an Honorary Board/Ex-Officio of the Boys and Girls Club.

Council/Agency Holmdahl disclosed that he was on the Board for the Food Bank last year.

Council/Agency Ruhge disclosed that she is on the Advisory Board for Good Samaritan Services.

Council/Agency Schuyler disclosed he serves on the Advisory Council and Executive Committee for the Area Agency for Aging.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Siminski. By a 5 to 0 vote, the City Council/Agency:

CITY/RDA 2. Approved Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting of March 4, 2008.

CITY 3. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 3/5/08 - \$1,133,584.64

Voucher Register of 3/7/08 - \$445,060.07*

Voucher Register of 2/29/08 - \$788,898.76

*(Councilmember Schuyler did not participate in the vote for Check #272995, Schuyler Mower & Offroad, \$75.25).

CITY 4. Approved the Lease of Parcel APN# 93-051-08 to Campbell Farms.

CITY 5. Approved the award of a contract to Bakersfield Well and Pump in the amount of \$417,426.00 for rehabilitation of four (4) municipal water wells and authorize the Purchasing and Materials Manager to issue a purchase order.

CITY 6. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the period of December 22, 2007, through December 19, 2008, between the City and employees represented by the LPOA and adopted Resolution No. 5462(08), Authorizing Salary Adjustments for Specified Lompoc Police Officers Association (LPOA) Classifications and a One-Time Wage Payment of 2%.

CITY 7. Approved the Fiscal-Year 2008-2009 Human Services funding allocations and authorized the City Administrator or his designee to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU) with the Human Services agencies to distribute these funds.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (cont'd)

- CITY 8. Adopted the following Resolutions that will be presented at Recognition Grove located at Beattie Park on Arbor Day, March 22, 2008:
- a. *Resolution No. 5458(08)*, Honoring John Lizarraga for his service to the Lompoc Community.
 - b. *Resolution No. 5459(08)*, Honoring Bea Merwin for her service to the Lompoc Community.
 - c. *Resolution No. 5460(08)*, Honoring Olivia Cotsenmoyer for her service to the Lompoc Community.
 - d. *Resolution No. 5461(08)*, Honoring Daniel Hovater for his service to the Lompoc Community.

APPOINTMENTS:

- CITY 9. **Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Board (1 At Large unexpired term ending 01/2012).**

No Action was taken due to the applicant already serving on another commission.

Oversight Committee for Park Maintenance and Pool Assessment District (1 At Large unexpired term ending 1/2012)

ACTION: *Motion died for lack of a second, therefore applicant was not appointed.*

PUBLIC HEARING:

- CITY 10. **Consideration of an Update to the Housing In-Lieu Fee Program to Reflect Current Housing Costs and Affordability Levels, Effective Citywide. (Planning Division File No. TA-02-03 – Amendment No. 1).**

Planning Manager Lucille Breese presented the staff report and recommendations.

Mayor DeWees asked Staff to clarify what the in-lieu fees are used for. Staff stated the fees are utilized to provide programs and funds for construction of affordable housing.

Public Comment: None

Councilmember Schuyler noted changes to be made to the Resolution. He's concerned that the affordable housing units contemplated haven't been built yet.

Councilmember Ruhge reiterated Councilmembers Schuyler's comments and asked Staff where the fees are being used. Staff stated that there are three funding commitments at this time: "G" Street, 518 North "T" Street, and 1404 West College.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Siminski/Ruhge. By a 4 to 1 vote (Councilmember Schuyler **ABSTAINED**), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5457(08), with noted changes, superceding Resolution No. 5135(03) to increase the housing in-lieu fee to \$113,998 per unit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CITY 11. **Consideration of a Letter to the Development Community Discussing New Regional Water Quality Control Board Requirements for Development.**

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

Public Comment: None

Councilmember Schuyler stated new requirements by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) are unreasonable and questioned why Region 3 is forcing cities to accept the requirements and other Regions are not doing so.

Councilmember Ruhge supported Councilmember Schuyler's view. She asked if other agencies feel the same. Staff stated that the RWQCB letter was sent out a month ago and that some agencies agree that the requirements are unreasonable.

Councilmember Siminski voiced concern that the letter may not be clear to the reader.

City Administrator Gary Keefe advised Council that the letter intentionally uses the same language confirmed in the RWQCB correspondence.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Ruhge. By a 5 to 0 vote, the City Council directed staff to send the letter to members of the development community.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Ralph Harman commended the Mayor for asking to clarify the use of affordable housing in-lieu fees.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:25 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the meeting to a Regular Lompoc City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

Dick DeWees, Mayor/Chair
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Donna N. Terrones, CMC
City Clerk
By: Stacey Alvarez
Date: March 24, 2008