

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc
City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, June 3, 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, and Assistant City Attorney Matt Granger.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the City Council discussed a personnel matter with Assistant City Administrator Laurel M. Barcelona.
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the City Council discussed a personnel matter with Assistant City Attorney Matthew W. Granger.

OPEN SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator/Executive Director Gary Keefe, City Clerk/Secretary Donna Terrones, City Attorney/General Counsel Sharon Stuart, Public Works Director Larry Bean, Parks, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Director Dan McCaffrey, and Redevelopment Program Coordinator Linda Wertman.

Others Participants: Bob Lingl, John Linn, Kyle Dodds, Agustine Arias, John Cargasacchi, Ceclia Martner, Art Hibbits, Eileen Wyckoff, and Brian White.

Darren Hunt gave the invocation and Mayor/Chair Dick DeWees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor DeWees announced the retirement of City Administrator Gary Keefe and the newly appointed City Administrator Laurel Barcelona effective December 31, 2008 and the retirement of the City Attorney Sharon Stuart and the newly appointed City Attorney Matt Granger effective November 1, 2008.

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council/Agency Member Ruhge gave well wishes to the retirees and newly appointed officials.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl commented on the WiFi System and the qualifications and training of the newly appointed officials.

Council/Agency Member Siminski commented on public power.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
(cont'd)

Mayor/Chair DeWees announced that on May 22, 2008 he attended the Teen Outreach Program Graduation at the Boys & Girls Club and stated that the Santa Barbara's Conference and Visitors Bureau and Film Commission published their tourism trends for the County and that Lompoc in the first quarter of this year led the County in increases in Transient Occupancy Tax.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Joyce Howerton spoke in opposition to the Central Avenue extension.
2. Bob Lingl gave well wishes to the current appointments of the City Administrator and City Attorney and suggested not filling the vacancies.
3. John Linn reiterated Mr. Lingl's comment, requested Council bring the General Plan Update back at a future date, and commented on the DRAFT Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan for Santa Barbara County.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

CITY 1. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 5/13/08 - \$1,349,942.72

Voucher Register of 5/23/08 - \$1,449,135.43*

Voucher Register of 5/16/08 - \$615,561.49

Credit Refunds of 5/19/08 - \$1,196.71

Manual Checks – April 2008 – \$8,000.00

**(Councilmember Schuyler did not participate in the vote for Check #274664, Miller Landscaping & Maintenance, \$2,400.00 and Check #274711, Schuyler Mower & Offroad, \$36.20).*

CITY 2. Authorized the City Administrator to submit a letter to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), which endorses the Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan for Santa Barbara County.

CITY 3. Adopted Resolution No. 5475(08), designating certain streets in the vicinity of Ryon Park for permit parking for residents only during the 2008 Flower Festival.

CITY 4. Adopted Resolution No. 5476(08), which authorizes the temporary closure of portions of "H" Street and Ocean Avenue.

CITY 5. Approved Final Acceptance of Project No. FY-01-S-7A, Riverbend Park Bikeway, instructed the City Clerk to file the required Notice of Completion regarding this project, and reallocated \$145,435 of grant match funds from Measure "D" to Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Pedestrian and Bikeway funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY 6. **Review and Continuing Discussion of the Future of Lompoc Public Safety Workshops (May 8 & 31, 2008).**

City Administrator Gary Keefe asked the Council if they would like to review the previous PowerPoint presentation that was presented at the workshops. Council concurred there was no need to review the presentation but stated that copies of the PowerPoint are available. Mr. Keefe went on to review the suggestions that

have come out of the workshops and suggested more discussions should be done with the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (cont'd)

Item No. 6

Councilmember Siminski spoke in support of the tax measure coming back on the November ballot.

Councilmember Schuyler commented on the recommendation made by the consultants to cut the budget by \$2 million. He recommended that staff cut the budget by \$1 million and believes a quarter-cent increase to sales tax would raise the other \$1 million.

Councilmember Ruhge asked City Administrator Gary Keefe to provide Council a list of suggestions and asked that a request for proposal be submitted to Santa Barbara County for fire services and to be agendaized for the next Council meeting.

City Administrator Gary Keefe stated he would provide a list of proposed suggestions and that one of the suggestions was to contract with County for fire services or join the existing County Fire District or form a new Fire District and annex Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village.

Councilmember Holmdahl stated he supported looking into contracting with the County or joining the County Fire District.

Public Comment:

1. Ralph Harman commented on the various suggestions made at the workshops and opposed bringing back the Measure on the November 2008 ballot.
2. Kyle Dodds requested Council obtain a proposal from the County for fire services.
3. John Beeler commented on the necessity for tax increases.
4. Randy Harris commented on utilizing County services.
5. Augustine Arias voiced his concern with the needed changes to support public safety.
6. John Cargasacchi commented on local control. He is in support of a property and sales tax increase.
7. John Linn recommended going through the list of suggestions and supported a tax increase.

Councilmember Ruhge spoke in opposition of a tax increase at this time.

Councilmember Siminski moved to bring back a Measure before Council for action. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mayor DeWees spoke in opposition of a tax increase at this time and moved to have staff request a proposal from County for services and/or a Fire District.

ACTION: Motion/Second: DeWees/Holmdahl. By a 5 to 0 vote, the City Council requested staff submit a Request for Proposal from the County for Services and/or a Fire District.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CITY 7. **Workshop on Travel Forecast for the Eastern Entrance to the City of Lompoc; State Route 246, Purisima Road, and Central Avenue Extension.**

Public Works Director Larry Bean presented the staff report and recommendations. He reviewed the four alternatives and introduced Mike Powers, Deputy Director of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), who provided a PowerPoint presentation on an executive summary of the State Route 246, Central Avenue Extension, and Purisima Road Traffic Study.

Mayor DeWees requested hard copies of the presentation be made available to the public.

Public Comment:

1. Ralph Harman opposed the Central Avenue extension.
2. Ceclia Martner commented on the staff report and voiced opposition to the State Route 246, Purisima Road and Central Avenue extension.
3. Harry Keim, John Linn, Carol Ann Johnson, Merrell Brooks, and Art Hibbits spoke in opposition to the extension.

Staff commented on and clarified the Measure “A” Plan.

Mayor DeWees stated he supported the Central Avenue and Rucker Road extension. He noted the increase of traffic in town especially at Central and “H” Street, Ocean Avenue and ‘H’ Street, “A” Street, and “V” Street. He feels Caltrans should be aware that the “Wye” is in need of much care. He supported Alternative 2: Extend Central Avenue to SR246 as a 2-lane minor arterial.

Councilmember Schuyler commented on the alternatives and supported the Central Avenue extension. He would like to see changes to the Robinson Bridge to make it safe and a potential 4-lane. His supported Alternative 4: Extend Central Avenue to SR246 as a 4-lane minor arterial and then Alternative 3: Widen SR246 east of Route 1 as a 4-lane minor arterial.

Councilmember Siminski commented on safe access over the Robinson Bridge and noted that with an extension through Central Avenue it could provide another safe access to River Park. He supports Alternative 2, noting the alternative provides an economic benefit as well. He suggest moving forward with obtaining a cost study.

Councilmember Holmdahl feels Alternative 3: Widen SR246 east of Route 1 as a 4-lane minor arterial, would help the truck routes and also supported obtaining a cost study.

Councilmember Ruhge also supported a cost study. She stated she would like to see a signal light at La Purisima and SR246, but is in support of Alternative 3.

Staff stated that Caltrans would like to set up a workshop at a future date to discuss the SR246 passing lane project and to bring forward suggestions for roundabouts.

Mayor DeWees announced Council received a letter through e-mail from Morgann Taylor.

Discussion only, NO action was taken on this item.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont'd)

- CITY 8. **Authorizing the \$380,000 Purchase of Assessor's Parcel Number 099-141-18 (8.59 acres), The "Yanez Property," for the Purpose of Expanding the City of Lompoc's River Park Recreational Vehicle (R.V.) Campground.**

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

Councilmember Ruhge suggested camping reservations be taken. Staff stated this would be considered.

Public Comment:

1. Art Hibbits voiced his concern regarding the RV Park being in a flood zone area and spoke in opposition to staff's recommendations.
2. John Linn spoke in support of staff's recommendations and suggested staff provide the WiFi service and consider a higher density for the park.

Councilmember Siminski stated there would be economic benefit to the City.

City Administrator Gary Keefe stated that the park is watched for floods and will be evacuated if and when needed, as currently done.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Ruhge. By a 5 to 0 vote, the City Council authorized the Mayor to execute the Real Property Purchase & Sale Agreement with Carlos Yanez and Denise Yanez for the purchase of Assessor's Parcel Number 099-141-18 (8.59 acres) for \$380,000, to expand the Recreational Vehicle (R.V.) Campground at River Park, and approved funding this purchase through an internal loan from the City's Insurance Fund to the River Park Campground Fund as described in the staff report.

- RDA 9. **Request for Third Modification of Affordability Covenant and Conditions of Approval for College Park Apartment Project, Located at the Northeast Corner of "G" Street and East College Avenue (APN: 87-132-01, 04).**

Redevelopment Program Coordinator Linda Wertman presented the staff report and recommendations.

Public Comment:

1. Brian White voiced his concerns regarding the application process.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Siminski. By a 5 to 0 vote, the Board adopted Resolution 08-125, amending the conditions of approval for the 35-unit Affordable Housing Apartment Complex, from twenty-five (25) units affordable to very low-income households to fifteen (15) units affordable to very low-income households, ten (10) units affordable to low-income households and nine (9) units to moderate-income households for the 55-year term of the Covenant.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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

Council/Agency Member Siminski announced a meeting he attended.

Council/Agency Member Schuyler announced the streets that will need permits during the Flower Festival scheduled for June 25-29, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:30 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the meeting to an adjourned Joint Meeting with the Parks & Recreation Commission at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Dick DeWees, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Donna N. Terrones, CMC
City Clerk