

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc  
City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency  
Tuesday June 17, 2008  
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chambers**

**CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 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 City Attorney Sharon Stuart.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ITEM:**

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the City Council met with its real property negotiator, City Administrator Gary Keefe, and directed Mr. Keefe to negotiate price, terms, and conditions for the possible purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of premises approximately 15,000 square feet, 1120 W. Ocean Avenue (APN 091-110-049).

**OPEN SESSION - 7:00 P.M.**

Council/Agency Members 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, Building Official/Fire Marshal Rick Curtze, Parks, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Director Dan McCaffrey, Principal Planner Keith Neubert, and Redevelopment Programs Coordinator Linda Wertman.

Others Participants: Liz Schmidt, Robert Todd, John Harney, John Flores Sr., Gilbert Navarro Jr., Darrell Tullis, Melva McClatchey, Bess Christensen, Ralph Harman, and Arlen Sechrest.

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

Mayor DeWees announced that at the request of the appellant, Public Hearing Item No. 13 has been continued to the July 15, 2008 City Council Meeting and announced public comment will be heard but that no action would be taken.

**PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:**

On June 10, 2008, Mayor Pro Tempore Ann Ruhge presented a Proclamation at Lompoc Civic Center Plaza, to Ken George, Director of Northern Santa Barbara County Chapter of California Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, declaring “California Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Day.”

On June 4, 2008, Mayor DeWees mailed a proclamation to the Lompoc U.S. Army Recruiting Station, proclaiming the week of June 9-15, 2008, as “United States Army Week.”

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

**STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Administrator Gary Keefe presented a PowerPoint slide of a list of suggestions that were given from previous Public Safety workshops and stated a report would follow with more detail at a future date. He announced a \$5 change to Consent Calendar Item No. 10

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

Council/Agency Member Schuyler stated he had toured the newly remodeled Granada Theater in Santa Barbara, announced that the Area Agency on Aging will be developing a Cities in Bloom Project to be considered as a Senior friendly city and requested a presentation be made to Council, and commented on Consent Calendar Item No. 7.

Council/Agency Member Siminski requested that the City Administrator obtain approval by Council prior to filling any vacancies that are funded by the General Fund unless the position must be immediately filled then it would be the option of the Mayor. He requested this be agendaized for the next meeting.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl commented on the newly remodeled Granada Theater in Santa Barbara.

Council/Agency Member Ruhge commented on projects completed by the "America In Bloom" program sponsored by the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce. She stated that Bodger Seed Co. donated for tree planting in the tree wells on "H" Street and Ocean Avenue.

Mayor/Chair DeWees announced that the Flower Festival runs from Wednesday June 25 thru Sunday June 29, with a parade on Saturday June 28, starting at 10:00 A.M.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Liz Schmidt read a e-mail from Julia Bond commenting on the demolition of the bowling alley.

City Administrator stated this e-mail was not received by Council.

2. Robert Todd requested Council issue a stop work order on the demolition of the bowling alley and opposed the destruction. He feels bowling is viable in the city and that this would be a loss of a recreation facility.
3. John Harney and John Flores Sr. spoke in support of keeping the bowling alley open.
4. Gilbert Navarro Jr. stated he supports youth recreation and plans to form a committee to support building a BMX park in Lompoc. Youth are our future.
5. Ralph Harman commented on Public Hearing Item No. 11 and requested the old Denny's building be added to the weed abatement list.
6. Darrell Tullis spoke in support of a BMX park and keeping the bowling alley open. He feels the riverbed should be made available to recreational riders.
7. Melva McClatchy requested the City not make any changes to the zoning requirements for new developers from out of town. She is opposed to the closure of the bowling alley.
8. Bess Christensen requested the City cut the grass at Beattie Park and clear weeds on various City properties.

Mayor DeWees clarified the difference between the negative declaration for the bowling alley and the demolition permit requirements.

Councilmember Holmdahl suggested the youth go to the Youth Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission with recommendations regarding a BMX park.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- ACTION:** Motion/Second: Siminski/Schulyer. By a 5 to 0 vote, the City Council/Agency:
- CITY/RDA 1. Approved Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meetings of May 20 and June 3, 2008.
- CITY 2. Approved expenditures for:  
Payroll of 5/28/08 - \$1,105,993.01  
Voucher Register of 6/6/08 - \$881,846.79  
Voucher Register of 5/30/08 - \$681,670.99
- CITY 3. Adopted Resolution No. 5477(08), Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, for the election of Mayor and two Councilmembers, adopted Resolution No. 5478(08), Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to Consolidate a General Municipal Election of the City to be held on November 4, 2008, with services to be provided by the County, and adopted Resolution No. 5479(08), Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office, Pertaining to and Costs of Candidate’s Statements for the Consolidated General Municipal Election.
- CITY 4. Adopted Resolution No. 5480(08) setting the fiscal year 2008-2009 appropriation limit at \$30,639,425.
- CITY 5. Adopted Resolution No. 5486(08), approving the Annual Maintenance Plan for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 and authorized staff to submit the Notices of Exemption to the Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board.
- CITY 6. Adopted Resolution No. 5474(08), which authorizes the temporary closure of portions of “H” Street and Ocean Avenue.
- CITY 7. Adopted Resolution No. 5483(08) amending Resolution No. 5437, amending the process for Commissioner Appointments to the Human Services Commission.
- CITY 8. Adopted Resolution No. 5485(08), supporting the filing of a grant for a Job Access Reverse Commute grant to support the operation of a pilot transit project between Lompoc and the Cities of Buellton and Solvang.
- CITY 9. Adopted Resolution No. 5484(08), in order to ratify its June 3, 2008 appointments of Laurel Barcelona as City Administrator and Matthew W. Granger as City Attorney.
- CITY 10. Adopted the Plan Specifications for Project No. FY-07-S-3, awarded the contract in the amount of \$2,562,771.00 to Granite Construction, Inc., authorized the Mayor to execute the necessary agreements for this Project, authorized the City Engineer to approve Contract Change Orders in an amount not to exceed \$512,500.00, and authorized the budget adjustments and new appropriations.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- CITY 11. **Hearing of Objections to Destroy Weeds and Remove Rubbish, Refuse, and Dirt.**
- Building Official/Fire Marshal Rick Curtze presented the staff report and recommendations.
- Councilmember Holmdahl commented on tumbleweeds on the railroad tracks.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** (cont'd)

Item No. 11

Councilmember Ruhge commented on the Denny's property and City property. Staff stated that the Denny's property would be looked at.

Public Comment:

1. Arlen Sechrest noted various properties that need weed abatement and suggested citations be written. He commented on trees that need to be cut on "N" Street because they are becoming a hide out for kids.
2. Gilbert Navarro also commented on trees that kids are hiding under near Clarence Ruth School.

Councilmember Holmdahl suggested staff look into the noted properties and resolve the problems

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ruhge/Holmdahl. By a 5 to 0 vote, the City Council adopted Resolution 5481(08), in the Matter of Hearing Objections to Nuisance Abatement, and ordering the Fire Chief to abate said nuisances as declared on May 20, 2008, by Resolution 5470(08), in the time and manner provided by law.

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12. **Public Hearing to Consider the Ordering of Services and Improvements, and Levy of the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2008-09 for the City of Lompoc "Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01" and Proposed Adoption of Resolution No. 5482(08) Approving the Engineer's Report, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment and Ordering Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2008-09 for the "Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01."**

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

Public Comment:

1. Bess Christensen commented on funding for parks.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Siminski. By a 5 to 0 vote, the City Council adopted adopted Resolution No. 5482(08), approving the Engineer's Report, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-09 for the "Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01."

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13. *At the Request of the Appellant, the Following has been continued to the July 15, 2008 City Council Meeting.*

**An appeal, submitted by Dave Cross of Fletcher-Cross & Associates, representing the applicant, of the Planning Commission determination of March 12, 2008. The Planning Commission recommended City Council denial of the General Plan Amendment - GP 07-03, Zone Change - ZC 07-03, and Density Bonus and denied a Conditional Use Permit - CUP 07-04 and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map - LOM 576-P. The request was for construction of the Ocean Plaza Development at 1420 East Ocean Avenue (Assessor Parcel Numbers: 85-150-17, 18).**

Principal Planner Keith Neubert  
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

RDA 14. **Adoption of RDA Annual Budget FY 2008-2009.**

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

Agency Member Ruhge acknowledged staff's support to loan applicants.

Public Comment: None

Agency Member Holmdahl spoke in support of staff's recommendations and noted various RDA projects.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Siminski/Ruhge. By a 5 to 0 vote, the Board adopted RDA Resolution No. 08-126, adopting the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Budget.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Liz Schmidt commented on transportation grants obtained by the City.

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

Council/Agency Member Schuyler thanked PG&E for cleaning their lot on E. Chestnut. He commented on a BMX park, the bowling alley, flow of traffic, railroad property, and weed abatement.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl commented on railroad property and a tour City employees took at Lorin Winery; Lorin Winery was very pleased with staff's support while in the process of building their warehouse and obtaining permits. He announced his intention to run for reelection for Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:45 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the meeting to a Regular Meeting Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. on July 1, 2008.

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Dick DeWees, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

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Donna N. Terrones, CMC  
City Clerk