

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc  
City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency  
Tuesday October 7, 2008  
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chambers

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, Chief of Police Tim Dabney, Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Director Dan McCaffrey, and Economic Development Manager Kate Griffith.

Other Participants: Bob Lingl, John Lawrence, Matt Hughes, Ralph Harman, Marie Thacker, Dan Calbillo, Jim Silva, Robert Lancon, Rob Kee, James “Jim” Mosby, Gilbert Navarro, and Larry Schwartz.

Bernie Federmann gave the invocation and Mayor Dick DeWees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:**

On October 4, 2008 Mayor DeWees presented a proclamation “Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Vandenberg Air Force Base,” to Col. David Buck at the Pacific Coast Club, Vandenberg Air Force Base.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor DeWees presented a proclamation to Electrical Substation Supervisor, Ben Feliz for “Public Power Week,” October 6-10, 2008.

Mayor DeWees presented a proclamation to Pauline Chui, Coordinator, Domestic Violence Solutions Women’s Shelter, and Beverly Engel, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Solutions for “Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” October 2008.

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

**STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Administrator Gary Keefe announced that the public hearing notice published on September 21 and 28 regarding Council to Consider the Lompoc Redevelopment Agency’s Proposed Use of Tax Increment Revenue to Assist with Various Construction, Demolition, and Rehabilitation Projects for Community Recreation Facilities and Structures, scheduled for tonight, has been continued to a future date.

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

- CITY            1.        **Consideration of Display of the National Motto of the United States, “In God We Trust” Sign.** *(Request by Council/Agency Member Holmdahl).*

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl stated his reason for the request and announced he received numerous calls favoring and opposing display of the national motto. He acknowledged Bob Lingl, Agnes Nolan, and various others who would like to donate monies for the display. Mayor/Chair DeWees announced Paul Andreason called and left a message stating he would like to contribute. Mr. Holmdahl stated there is no cost to the City as a result of donations.

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

Item No. 1 (cont'd)

### Public Comment:

1. Bob Lingl, John Lawrence, Dan Calbillo, Robert Lancon, and Rob Kee all spoke in support of the request.
3. Ralph Harman spoke on budget issues.
2. Matt Hughes, Marie Thacker, and Jim Silva spoke in opposition to the request.

Council/Agency Member Ruhge stated she would not vote on this request. She feels Church and State should stay separate.

Council/Agency Member Siminski spoke in support of the request and noted the historical significance of the motto.

Council/Agency Member Schuyler stated he understands both the opposition and support of the request but is in favor of staff's recommendation.

Mayor/Chair DeWees spoke in support of the request.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl acknowledged everyone who attended the meeting for or against the request. He noted the motto on coins and various other items and locations in the U.S. He moved to approve the recommendation.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Siminski. By a 4 to 1 vote (*Council/Agency Member Ruhge voted NO*), the City Council/Board approved the display of the National Motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," in City Council Chambers and in the City Hall lobby.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl noted that there will be numerous jobs available when the Wind Power Project begins in Spring. He announced visitors of the International Visitors Leadership Program from Japan were in the City of Lompoc. This program is a joint venture of the United States Joint Force Structure. He announced a letter that Council received regarding the Santa Ynez River on river damage and asked staff to come back with a response.

Council/Agency Member Schuyler requested Consent Calendar Item No. 2 be discussed at the end and noted for the record warrants on Consent Calendar Item No. 3 that he would not be voting on.

Council/Agency Member Siminski announced the passing of Father Andrew McGrath. He stated that he met with an employee of the United States Penitentiary regarding a comment the employee made at a previous meeting regarding the safety of the employees. Mr. Siminski requested a Resolution in support of legislation for safety equipment for Correctional Officers be brought back to Council at a future date. He commented on electricity and green energy issues.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. John Lawrence commented on trash and weeds in various locations throughout the City. He noted his support for Measure "A" and suggested train rides and mystery trips on the train for tourism activities.
2. Ralph Harman acknowledged Councilmember Ruhge's stance on the motto. He announced that the Lompoc Fire Department in conjunction with the Firefighters Foundation performed a demonstration with the "jaws of life" at the Lompoc Airport that was purchased by the Foundation and various supporters. He

acknowledged Thomas, the bus driver of the COLT Transportation, who provided the ride over to the Airport, on his efforts and dedication.

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

3. James "Jim" Mosby presented Council with documents regarding the flood plan areas around the City and spoke on the documents information.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Siminski. By a unanimous vote, the City Council/Agency:

CITY/RDA 2. **Approval of Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meetings of September 2, 2008 and September 16, 2008.** (*Pulled by Council/Agency Member Schuyler to the end*).

CITY 3. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 9/17/08 - \$1,367,353.16

Voucher Register of 9/26/08 - \$665,334.74

Voucher Register of 9/19/08 - \$565,289.74\*

Voucher Register of 9/12/08 - \$736,224.45\*\*

Credit Refunds of 9/24/08 - \$1,516.20

(*Councilmember Schuyler did not participate in the vote for \*Ck#277536, Miller Landscaping & Maintenance, \$200.00, and \*\*Ck#277414, Schuyler Mowing & Offroad, \$12.07*).

CITY/RDA 4. Approved a revision to the Lompoc Affordable Housing Trust Fund (LAHTF) Program Implementation Plan to allow use of LAHTF funding for reasonable administrative costs, not to exceed \$10,000 annually and to allow loan processing cost to be included in the loan amount or collected with the application; approved a revision to the LAHTF Program Implementation Plan to require the execution of Council approved loans within a 180-day period, with allowance for administrative approval on one (1) extension of an additional 180-day period, before Council approval expires, and funds are de-obligated and returned to LAHTF fund balance; the use of funds from the following sources for the acquisition of The Mortgage Office loan servicing software program and twelve (12) months of software maintenance service for a total cost not to exceed \$37,000: \$15,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; \$15,000 in Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funds; and \$7,000 in LAHTF funds; and authorized the City Administrator or his designee to sign the sales contract and any other purchase orders, or agreements necessary to effect this acquisition.

CITY 5. Accepted project No. FY-06-S-3 as complete and instructed the City Clerk to file the required Notice of Completion regarding this project.

CITY 6. Rejected all bids for Project No. FY-08-S-1 in accordance with Paragraph 10, Page 3, "Notice To Contractors," of the Project Manual, Part A, and under the authority of Lompoc City Code Section 2636.

CITY 7. Authorized the additional appropriation of \$85,500 in public benefit funds for rebate incentives to augment existing programs and create new programs, to be allocated to account number 52530-57202, entitled Energy Efficiency Incentive Services. The funds are to be appropriated from the Public Benefits Reserve.

CITY 8. Authorized the Mayor to renew the agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for the purpose of allowing Deputies of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department to book pre-sentenced prisoners into the Lompoc City Jail.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** (cont'd)

- CITY 9. Adopted the replacement Resource Adequacy Program developed by staff, in collaboration with the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), which will ensure and support continued reliable electric service supplied to Lompoc's customers.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- CITY 10. **Appropriation of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund – AB 3229.**

Chief of Police Tim Dabney presented the staff report and recommendations.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Ruhge. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the Police Department's requests for funding from the *Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund – "AB 3229"* for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 pursuant to Government Code 30061.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CITY 11. **Proposal to Consider A Dog Park in Barton Park.**

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

Public Comment:

1. Gilbert Navarro and Larry Schwartz spoke in support of staff's recommendations.

Mayor DeWees announced a letter received by Terry & Donna Riddlesworth in support of the recommendation.

Mayor DeWees voiced his concern with the rules of the park. Staff stated that most dog parks are self-managed and that the owner themselves will have a great deal of accountability. City staff will be monitoring as well as the Barkin Dog Committee. Mayor DeWees noted 2 calls he received regarding people not cleaning up after their dogs and asked Staff to encourage dog owners to do so.

Councilmember Ruhge asked if the rules would be posted. Staff stated yes and that another sign would extend beyond the property itself.

Councilmember Holmdahl spoke in support of the recommendation.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Schuyler. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved the proposal to create and develop a dog park in Barton Park.

Councilmember Schuyler acknowledged those who supported the dog park.

- CITY 12. **Consideration of Subscription Enrollment with California Association for Local Economic Development/The California Academy for Economic Development "Tools for Business Success."**

Economic Development Manager Kate Griffith presented the staff report and recommendations.

Public Comment: None

**NEW BUSINESS:** (cont'd)

Item No. 12

After Council discussion regarding ways of marketing, strategies, ways of counting number of hits to the proposed website, Council supports staff's recommendations.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor DeWees/Holmdahl. By a unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the City Administrator to execute the subscription terms with the California Association for Local Economic Development/The California Academy for Economic Development "Tools for Business Success" authorizing \$1,340 from account #52500-59150, which is budgeted within the Electric Enterprise Fund.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Matt Hughes commented on the "In God We Trust" motto.

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

CITY/RDA 2. *(Discussion requested by Council/Agency Member Schuyler).*

**Approval of Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meetings of September 2, 2008 and September 16, 2008.**

Council/Agency Member Schuyler noted changes to the Minutes of September 16, 2008.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Schuyler/Mayor DeWees. By a unanimous vote, the City Council approved Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meetings of September 16, 2008.

Council/Agency Member Schuyler stated he would not be at the next City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting of October 21, 2008.

Council/Agency Member Siminski suggested a number the public can call in to report debris that accumulates on various properties in the City and announced a meeting he attended.

Council/Agency Member Ruhge announced a meeting she attended.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl announced a meeting he attended; commented on the workforce; announced the Wine Country Express kickoff; and reported tumbleweeds on Laurel Avenue are going into the streets. He commented on the Santa Ynez River documents that were distributed, and would like staff to report back on where the City is with flood plain delineation.

Mayor/Chair DeWees announced a meeting he attended and stated that the Wine Country Express bus has already exceeded its projected ridership numbers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:05 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the Lompoc City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting to a Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday October 21, 2008.

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Dick DeWees, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

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Donna N. Terrones, CMC  
City Clerk