

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Lompoc
City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, August 7, 2007
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, and Mayor/Chair Dick DeWees.

Council/Agency Members Absent: Mike Siminski (excused absence)

Staff Present: City Administrator Gary Keefe, City Clerk/Secretary Donna Terrones, City Attorney/General Counsel Sharon Stuart, Parks & Recreation Director Dan McCaffrey, City Planner Lucille Breese, Community Development Director Arleen Pelster, and Redevelopment Program Coordinator Linda Wertman.

Other Participants: Bianca Gonzalez, Janice Keller, Donald Smith, Ralph Harman, Mike Rider, Harry Keim, and Dave Pierce.

Anita Friedman gave the invocation and Bianca Gonzalez (3 years old) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:

On July 25, 2007, at the Convalescent Care Center, Mayor DeWees presented a certificate of special recognition to Jean Workman for her 101st Birthday.

On July 26, 2007, at the Village Country Club, Mayor DeWees presented proclamations to Susan Warnstrom as Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center 2007 Woman of the Year and to Bob Wyckoff as Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center 2007 Man of the Year.

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

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Administrator Gary Keefe summarized a letter received from the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) requesting support from the Council and the public for much needed practice areas and space for storage of equipment. Mr. Keefe noted that Council/Agency Member Siminski called and requested from Council that his absences arising from his current illness be considered excused absences. *ACTION:* Motion/Second: Holmdahl/Schuyler. By a vote of 4 to 0, the Council granted the excused absences.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Director Dan McCaffrey presented an update on the Riverbend Park athletic fields. He stated completion is anticipated at the end of 2007 or the beginning of 2008.

Mayor/Chair DeWees stated he would like to see this project move forward and be completed when expected.

Council/Agency Member Holmdahl stated that Allan Hancock College is in the process of looking for sites for a new Police & Fire Academy, Lompoc campus being one of the potential sites. He would like to see the City have the ability to work with the College and offer any support that is needed. He commented on garage sale signs and would like Staff to add to the garage permits wording that signs are not permitted and that violators will be penalized. Staff stated that the Police Department has volunteers taking down these signs. Mr. Holmdahl acknowledged the dedication of the mural on the Alpha Club Building that took place in July.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
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Mayor DeWees expressed his concern with signs being posted by persons having yard sales and also by new home developers and asked Staff to contact them and advise them of the laws the City has regarding signs being posted. He acknowledged the Library's Jazz concerts on Sundays through the month of August and encouraged the public to attend. He congratulated the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce for the success of the Brushes and Blues event and congratulated the Kennel Club Show for their annual program. He expressed his wishes and well being to Councilmember Siminski and Don Willis.

Council/Agency Member Schuyler also commented on out-of-town businesses coming into town, having weekend sales and posting signs. He acknowledged the Lompoc Veteran's Council for a fundraiser that took place for the rehab of the Veterans Memorial Building.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Janice Keller commented on the potential site for a Police & Fire Academy at the Allan Hancock College Lompoc campus. She stated that if City property is involved, the matter must be agendized.

Councilmember Holmdahl stated that all necessary actions would be brought to Council for discussion.

Mayor DeWees announced that Dr. Joe Ortiz, President/Superintendent of Allan Hancock College, came to see him and stated that this is a matter of discussion with the College Board and that the College is not seeking any land.

2. Donald Smith acknowledged August 7, 2007, as being the 65th Anniversary of Guadalcanal landing by Marines in World War II.
3. Ralph Harman acknowledged Parks & Recreation Director Dan McCaffrey for his participation in the Riverbend Park athletic fields project.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ruhge/Holmdahl. By a 4 to 0 vote (Council/Agency Member Siminski **ABSENT**), the City Council/Agency:

CITY/RDA 2. Approved Minutes of the Lompoc City Council and Lompoc Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting of July 17, 2007.

CITY 3. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 7/13/07 - \$1,111,758.36
Voucher Register of 7/20/07 - \$132,312.08*
Voucher Register of 7/19/07 - \$271,237.42*
Voucher Register of 7/13/07 - \$255,434.78*
Voucher Register of 7/12/07 - \$537,671.76
Credit Refunds of 7/10/07 - \$1,729.27
**(Council/Agency Member Schuyler did not participate in the vote for Check #267631, Miller Landscaping & Maintenance, \$200.00 VOIDED, Check#267709, Miller Landscaping & Maintenance, \$5,000.00, Check#267771, Miller Landscaping & Maintenance, \$200.00 REISSUED).*

CITY 4. Reviewed the League of California Cities 2007 Annual Conference Resolutions (*Annual Conference Resolutions Constitute an Additional Process for Developing League Policies*).

CONSENT CALENDAR: (cont'd)

- CITY 5. Approved the award of a contract to purchase electric Meters and Supplies to McAvoy & Markham for approximately \$425,000.00 and authorized the Purchasing and Materials Manager to issue a purchase order.
- CITY 6. Adopted the Plans and Specifications for Project No. FY-06-W-2, as required by Section 22039 of the Public Contract Code; awarded the Contract in the amount of \$231,190.00 to R.L. Johnson Construction, Inc.; authorized the Mayor to execute the necessary agreements for this Project, and authorized the City Engineer to approve Contract Change Orders in an amount not to exceed \$46,250.00.
- CITY 7. Accepted Project No. FY-00-SD-1A, East-West Channel Storm Drain Improvement Project as complete and instructed the City Clerk to file the required Notice of Completion regarding this project.
- CITY 8. Adopted Resolution No. 5422(07) Approving the Industrial Disability Retirement of Christopher Kies.

APPOINTMENTS:

- CITY 9. **Appointment of Council Representative Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) for the League of California Cities Annual Conference – September 5-8, 2007, Sacramento.**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor DeWees/Ruhge. By a 4 to 0 vote (Councilmember Siminski **ABSENT**), the City Council appointed Councilmember Holmdahl as the voting delegate for the 2007 League of California Cities Annual Conference, September 5-8.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor DeWees/Holmdahl. By a 4 to 0 vote (Councilmember Siminski **ABSENT**), the City Council appointed Councilmember Ruhge as the alternate voting delegate for the 2007 League of California Cities Annual Conference, September 5-8.

Mayor DeWees requested the League Resolutions be brought back to Council for further discussion at the next City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Schuyler noted that he would not be at the next City Council meeting on August 21, 2007.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- CITY 10. **A Request from Plains Exploration & Production Company (PXP), for Consideration of an Annexation of an Approximately 804-Acre Parcel to the City of Lompoc. The Project is known as the Purisima Hills Development and the Parcel is Approximately three (3) miles North of the Existing City Limits and West of Harris Grade Road (Assessor Parcel Number: 097-350-018, portion of 099-010-056, portion of 097-360-010) (Planning Division File No. Annexation No. 75).**

Mayor DeWees announced a letter that was received by Cook Hill Properties asking that the item be continued due to Councilmember Siminski’s absence and that Councilmember Siminski called and requested a continuance. He mentioned other letters received from Vandenberg Village Association, Ron Fink, Jamie Peters, Beverly Tootle, and Santa Barbara County Assistant Administrator.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor DeWees/Councilmember Holmdahl. By a 4 to 0 vote (Councilmember Siminski **ABSENT**), the City Council continued the Public Hearing to a future Regular Lompoc City Council/Redevelopment Meeting when all Councilmembers will be present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- RDA 11. **Approved a \$285,000 Set-Aside Loan to Crown Laurel, LLC, to assist with the Construction of 11 Affordable Housing Units Located Within the Crown Laurel Housing Development (Northeast corner of Laurel Avenue and V Street), (APN 89-200-29)**

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

Mike Rider, JM Development Counsel, spoke in support of Staff’s recommendations.

Public Comment:

- 1. Ralph Harman spoke in support of Staff’s recommendations.
- 2. Janice Keller voiced her concern regarding the number of affordable housing units and in which phase they will be constructed.
- 3. Harry Keim voiced his concern on the traffic impacts during construction.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Schuyler/Ruhge. By a 4 to 0 vote (Board Member Siminski **ABSENT**), the Board approved a \$285,000 Housing Set-Aside loan to Crown Laurel, LLC, to assist in the construction of 11 very low-, low- and moderate-income affordable housing units (for sale) and authorized the Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents required to execute the loan.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Dave Pierce commented on Public Hearing Item No. 10 (PXP annexation request) and spoke in opposition to Staff’s recommendations.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Mayor/Chair Dick DeWees
adjourned to a Regular City
Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 7:00
P.M. on Tuesday, August 21, 2007.

Dick DeWees, Mayor/Chair
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Donna N. Terrones, City Clerk/Secretary
Date: August 9, 2007