

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, June 21, 2005
City Hall/100 Civic Center Plaza
Council Chambers

OPEN SESSION – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Councilmembers Present: Janice Keller, Will Schuyler, and Mayor Dick DeWees

Councilmembers Absent: DeWayne Holmdahl and Michael Siminski

Staff Participants: City Administrator Gary Keefe, City Attorney Sharon Stuart, Deputy City Clerk Donna Terrones, Community Development Director Arleen Pelster, City Planner Lucille Breese, and Associate Planner Peggy Wood.

Other Participants: W.R. Dildine, Angie Ines, Robin Ramsey, Shaunta Branham, Joyce Jordan, Takysha Dubey, Greg Riley, Steve Reese, J.R. Barto, and Arlen Sechrest.

Jim Mackereth gave the invocation and Mayor Dick DeWees lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:

Mayor DeWees presented a Certificate of Recognition on June 7, 2005 to Kristopher Rosson for his Eagle Scout achievement with the Boy Scouts of America.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor DeWees presented a plaque to outgoing Utility Commissioner Dave Pierce for his service January 16, 2001 to June 7, 2005.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S STATUS REPORT (Distributed as an informational report)

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Keller announced Mr. Pierce was also an elected official on the Santa Ynez River Conservation District Board and wished him well. She stated agenda Item No. 8 includes a \$2,343.77 subsidy to the Chamber of Commerce for the street closure on Cruise Night.

Councilmember Schuyler commented on the ceremony held for Captain Derek Argel.

Mayor DeWees requested staff to provide a report for Council’s review pertaining to fire suppression at the Airport hangars. He announced the Cal Trans projects are underway on Highway 1 beginning June 22, 2005 through December 2005.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. W.R. Dildine spoke on various planning issues.
2. Angie Ines, Robin Ramsey, Shaunta Branham, Joyce Jordan, Takysha Dubey and Greg Riley spoke on the gang violence that has been reported in the City.

Mayor DeWees commented on the gang violence issue, spoke in support of the Police Department and encouraged the community to assist law enforcement.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion/Second: Schuyler/Keller. By a unanimous vote the City Council:

1. Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2005.
2. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 6/3/05 - \$199,004.25
Voucher Register of 6/10/05 - \$748,151.04
Voucher Register of 6/3/05 - \$683,903.93
Credit Refunds of 6/8/05 - \$1,726.52
3. Adopted Resolution No. 5264(05) setting the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Gann Appropriation Limitation at \$26,432,815.
4. Established Water and Wastewater Rate Stabilization Fund to be used to meet bond coverage requirements for the 1998 and 2005 Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond issues and authorized staff to reserve excess revenues in the Rate Stabilization Funds.
5. Awarded contract to R.L. Johnson for Project No. FY-05-W-1 Water Line Replacement, “D” St. - Larkspur Alley/Hickory-“D”-“E” to “E”-“F” Alley/Olive- “E”-“F” Alley to “E” St.; adopted the Plans and Specifications for Project No. FY-05-W-1; awarded the Contract in the amount of \$172,099.70 to R.L. Johnson; 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 \$34,500.00.
6. Approved the FY 05-06 Budget for Association of Water Agencies of Santa Barbara County and authorized the Mayor to sign the approval form.
7. Authorized the City Administrator to execute a one-year lease agreement with Clipper Windpower, Inc. for placement of a meteorological tower on parcel AP# 83-030-01, located just southeast of 700 Avalon Street.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 5265(05) Closing A Portion of Ocean Avenue for the Lompoc High School Alumni Cruise Night on Friday, July 8, 2005 and authorized the Street Superintendent to obtain the necessary encroachment permits from Cal Trans for the highway closure for the Lompoc High School Alumni Cruise Night.
9. Agreement with Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Promotion and Business Assistance Services. (*Mayor DeWees requested this item be considered at the end of the meeting*).

APPOINTMENTS:

10. Human Services Commission

ACTION: Motion/Second: Keller/Schuyler. By a unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Daniel Cook and reappointed Connie Setlock to terms ending June 2009.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

11. **An Appeal, submitted by J.R. Barto, of the Planning Commission Determination of May 9, 2005, to remove the Condition of Approval that the existing barbwire be removed or concealed for the Barto Development Plan (DR 04-12) Project at 300 North “G” Street (Assessor Parcel Number: 85-022-02).**

City Planner Lucille Breese presented the staff report and recommendations.

Steve Reese of Anton & Associate representing J.R. Barto spoke in support of the appeal.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (cont'd)

Item No. 11

Mayor DeWees asked Mr. Reese if alternative options were explored for the fencing. Mr. Reese stated another option would be to put in a higher chain link fence or remove metal siding.

Councilmember Keller asked if any items are stored outside of the proposed site. Mr. Reese stated that the items that would be primarily stored would be the work vehicles, which are used daily and would only be stored overnight and mentioned that other items are stored in a warehouse on site.

Public Testimony:

Arlen Sechrest, J.R. Barto and W. R. Dildine spoke in support of the appeal.

After lengthy discussion regarding the barbed wire, Council noted that since the property is zoned for commercial industrial uses, and not residential, they supported Mr. Barto's appeal to retain the barbed wire.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Keller/Schuyler. By a unanimous vote of those present, the City Council directed Staff to prepare a resolution to grant the appeal and amend the Conditions of Approval for the Project.

12. Consideration of an Application Fee for Applicants Submitting Projects Under the Lompoc Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program

Associate Planner Peggy Woods presented the staff report and recommendations.

Public Testimony: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Keller/Schuyler. By a unanimous vote of those present, the City Council approved Resolution No. 5263(05) Establishing an application fee of \$250.00 for each project application submitted for monies from the Lompoc Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program, which was approved by City Council at its meeting of April 5, 2005.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Consent Calendar Item No. 9

Agreement with Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Promotion and Business Assistance Services

Mayor DeWees and Councilmember Schuyler disclosed that they are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Council discussed that due to approval of the two-year budget it is recommended that staff amend the contract.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor DeWees/Schuyler. By a 2 to 1 vote, (Councilmember Keller voted NO) the City Council requested staff amend the contract from a one-year contract to a two-year contract with the Chamber of Commerce.

Recess: At 8:25 P.M. the Mayor announced a Break. At 8:35 P.M. the meeting was reconvened with Mayor DeWees, Councilmembers Keller and Schuyler present.

COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMENTS: (cont'd)

Mayor DeWees, with approval from Council, permitted Steve Reese to give a final comment.

Steve Reese requested that Council direct staff to prepare a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would clarify some of the issues associated with the ten-foot setback requirement when commercial industrial property abuts residential zones.

Council discussed the Text Amendment request.

Community Development Director Arleen Pelster informed Council that a Text Amendment could take months and staff prefers to address the matter in the new Development Code, which is in progress.

Mayor DeWees requested staff report on what it would take to prepare a Text Amendment addressing the issues presented in the Barto appeal.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:40 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the meeting to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 5, 2005.

Dick DeWees, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Donna Terrones
Deputy City Clerk
Dated: June 24, 2005