

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Lompoc City Council  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2005**  
**City Hall/100 Civic Center Plaza**  
**Council Chambers**

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:30 P.M. – 6:45 P.M. - Utility Conference Room**

Councilmembers Present: DeWayne Holmdahl, Janice Keller, Will Schuyler, Michael Siminski, and Mayor DeWees.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ITEM:**

In accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(c), the City Council met with the Human Resources Director and the City Attorney regarding a settlement proposal in the Workers Compensation claim of Michelle Morehart (Heter).

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

Councilmembers Present: DeWayne Holmdahl, Janice Keller, Will Schuyler, Michael Siminski, and Mayor DeWees.

Staff Participants: City Administrator Gary Keefe, City Clerk Donna Terrones, City Attorney Sharon Stuart, Fire Chief Linual White, Community Development Director Arleen Pelster.

Other Participants: Sue Ehrlich, Mark Hudgens, John Spicer, Ralph Harman, Eileen Wyckoff, Walter Taylor, and Darrell Tullis.

Anita Friedman gave the invocation and Mayor DeWees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:**

On July 22, 2005, Mayor DeWees presented a proclamation to Anita Dwyer for Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center 2005 Woman of the Year; the Mayor also presented a proclamation to Donald W. Willis for Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center 2005 Man of the Year.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor DeWees presented a Proclamation for Child Support Awareness Month to Yolanda Charette and Jeanette Brown of the Santa Barbara County Department of Child Support Services.

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

**STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Administrator Gary Keefe asked Councilmembers Holmdahl and Schuyler to co-chair a workshop for review of building inspection operations. Mr. Keefe stated that the Tax Exchange Agreement regarding the Hudgens (Grefco) project is still under review by County Counsel and is nearing completion. He announced that the PEG Studio is in the process of negotiating the lease agreement with the City. Mr. Keefe commented on an article in the Santa Maria Times stating that there were 11 single family dwelling permits in Lompoc during the first six months of 2005, and no multiple housing units. He stated the information was incorrect and announced there were 27 single family dwelling permits issued, two for two triplex’s, and one for a duplex, totaling 35 dwelling permits. Mayor DeWees requested staff send a correction to the Santa Maria Times.

## **COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **1. Graffiti at 305 and 309 North K Street. (Requested by Mayor DeWees).**

Community Development Director Arleen Pelster presented the staff report.

#### **Public Comment**

Sue Ehrlich gave an update on the Lompoc Housing Community Development Corporation's housing projects and stated that regular inspections will be done on all LHCDC properties.

### **2. Fire Safety Standards for Airport Hangars. (Requested by Mayor DeWees).**

Fire Chief Linual White presented the report and recommendations.

#### **Public Comment**

1. Mark Hudgens, John Spicer, and Eileen Wyckoff spoke in opposition to the recommendations.
2. Ralph Harman spoke in support of the recommendations.
3. Walter Taylor suggested a zone change at the airport.

Council discussed at length the fire safety standards and noted the City is consistent with other comparable cities.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Keller/Siminski. By a unanimous vote, the City Council directed staff to maintain the fire safety standards contained in Lompoc City Code Section 1604, entitled "Automatic Sprinkler and Alarm Systems."

Councilmember Holmdahl stated that the Aquatic Center construction is progressing well.

Councilmember Siminski commented on the League of California Cities conference that was held in Monterey and commented on housing and broadband issues.

Councilmember Schuyler followed up on Mr. Siminski's comments regarding the issues that were presented at the League of California Cities conference, including the issue of affordable housing.

Councilmember Keller commented on Agenda Item No. 5 "2004 General Plan Annual Report", noting that the workload in the Planning Division prevents staff from working on all issues needing attention

Mayor DeWees announced that he had attended the League of California Cities conference; noted the housing and telecommunications issues presented in Monterey; and stated he attended the Santa Barbara's Chamber of Commerce meeting.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Ray Garrett gave thanks to Council for caring for the community, congratulated Councilmember Siminski on his article in the Santa Barbara News Press, and commented on Comcast.
2. Sue Ehrlich gave an update on the Lompoc Housing Community Development Corporation (LHCDC) housing projects.
3. Ralph Harman commented on the "National Night Out" event.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

3. Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2005.
4. Approved expenditures for:  
  
Payroll of 7/15/05 - \$1,167,498.88  
Voucher Register of 7/22/05 - \$945,236.71  
Voucher Register of 7/21/05 - \$988,096.09\*  
Voucher Register of 7/15/05 - \$58,259.24  
Voucher Register of 7/14/05 - \$686,442.01\*  
Credit Refunds of 7/18/05 - \$4,392.72  
*(\*Councilmember Schuyler did not participate in the vote for Check No. 252284, Applied Earthworks, \$1,250.94 and Check No. 252103, Miller Landscape, \$1,080.)*
5. Approved the 2004 General Plan Annual Report and directed the Community Development Department to file the report with the California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and United States Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
6. Adopted Resolution No. 5274(05) Amending the Classification and Compensation Plans to include the revised classifications and/or salary ranges of Administrative Aide; Assistant City Administrator; Assistant City Attorney I/II; Economic Development Coordinator; Radio Repair Technician I/ II/ III; Senior Civil Engineer; Solid Waste Superintendent; Utility Billing Supervisor; and Wastewater Collections Supervisor.
7. Approved the Award of Professional Services Agreement for Lompoc Regional Wastewater Reclamation Plant Upgrade Project Value Engineering Study to Lewis & Zimmerman Associates, Inc., for the amount of \$71,984.00, to be charged to account number 53100-79769 and authorized the Mayor or his designee to sign the Agreement with Lewis & Zimmerman Associates, Inc.
8. Accepted Project No. FY-01-WW-1, Sanitary Sewer Improvements – College Avenue, “U” Street, and Third Street, as complete and instructed the City Clerk to file the required Notice of Completion.
9. Adopted Resolution 5275(05) Denying the Appeal Submitted by Kimberly Kranz of the Planning Commission Action of June 13, 2005, Approving the Conditional Use Permit (CUP 05-03) for the Child Care Center at 115 East Hickory Avenue (Assessor Parcel Number: 85-202-08).
10. Approved the award of a contract for Urban Forestry Services to West Coast Arborist of Anaheim, California in an amount expected to be \$125,000.00 per year, and authorized the Purchasing and Material Manager to issue a purchase order/contract.
11. Authorized officers of the Lompoc Police Department to purchase City owned Smith and Wesson duty handguns when replaced with new Glock duty handguns, and authorized the Police Department to trade in remaining handguns to L.C. Action Police Supply towards the purchase of the new handgun inventory.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

12. **Universal Hiring Program (UHP) Federal Grant.**

Police Captain Dabney presented the report and recommendations.

### **Public Comment**

Ralph Harman and Darrell Tullis spoke in support of staff's recommendations.

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

Item No. 12

Mayor DeWees and Councilmember Holmdahl spoke in support of staff's recommendations.

Councilmember Siminski voiced his concern about committing a future Council to budget decisions.

Staff responded that the grant has an escape clause for catastrophic financial events. The grants are structured to have such a clause in case of difficult financial times for the grant recipients.

Councilmember Keller voiced her concerns regarding funds taken from the General Fund Reserves account and the cost of benefits, which must be paid in addition to salaries.

Councilmember Schuyler followed up on the comment made by Councilmember Siminski. He voiced his concern regarding funds coming out of the Reserves account and asked Staff if they have submitted other applications for grants similar to the UHP grant. Staff responded that other applications have been submitted.

Finance Director John Walk assured Council that the monies would be available from the Reserves account, if needed, to carry the cost for the budget cycle 2005-07, and by the time the 2007-09 budget is proposed, the City should be able to fund the costs without using the Reserves, due to increased growth in revenue.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: DeWees/Holmdahl. By a unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the City Administrator or his designee to accept \$150,000 in grant money over three years under the Universal Hiring Program grant provided by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; to sign all associated grant documents related to this grant; and approved the allocation of \$182,202 in matching monies from un-appropriated General Fund Reserves to employ two police officers for the duration of the 2005-2007 budget cycle and to retain, if possible, the two police officer positions with General Fund monies for at least one year beyond the termination of the grant period (as required by the United States Department of Justice Universal Hiring Program).

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Holmdahl announced that the LAFCO hearing regarding the Hudgens annexation has been postponed.

City Administrator Gary Keefe stated it is his intention to bring the Annexation Tax Exchange Agreement before Council at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:55 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned the meeting to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 16, 2005.

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Dick DeWees, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

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Donna Terrones  
City Clerk  
Date: August 5, 2005