

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, October 18, 2005
City Hall/100 Civic Center Plaza
Council Chambers

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

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

Councilmembers Absent: Will Schuyler

Staff Present: City Administrator Gary Keefe, Deputy City Clerk April Hall, City Attorney Sharon Stuart, Fire Chief Linual White, Parks and Urban Forestry Manager Cindy McCall, Police Chief Bill Brown, Police Sergeant Chuck Strange, Police Sergeant Harry Heidt, City Planner Lucille Breese, and Senior Environmental Coordinator Stacy Lawson.

Other Participants: Rachel Hernandez, Cory Guzman, Ken George, Bernie Federman, Ron Fink, Robert Cuthbert, Mark Bray, Dave Pierce, Nate Flint, Gloria Nerberg, Bob Lillard, Joyce Howerton, Augustine Arias, Dot Bracken, Beatriz Lara, and Ed Utter.

John Reil gave the invocation and Mayor Dick DeWees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

Fire Chief Linual White and Mayor DeWees presented a Citizen Commendation to Rachel Hernandez for her assistance in the rescue of two children on September 9, 2005.

Mayor DeWees presented a Proclamation for Make A Difference Day to be held on October 22, 2005, to Parks and Urban Forestry Manager Cindy McCall.

Chief of Police Bill Brown presented a check for \$25,000 to Special Olympics from the Lompoc Police Department Car Show and plaques to the various sponsors for their participation.

The Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee gave a presentation on various public safety issues.

Public Comment:

1. Robert Cuthbert, Mark Bray, Nate Flint, Gloria Nerberg, Augustine Arias, and Dot Bracken spoke in support of increasing public safety.
2. Dave Pierce encouraged the public to shop locally to increase City revenue to help support public safety.
3. Bob Lillard suggested a Federal Grants officer be considered.
4. Joyce Howerton spoke in support of increasing public safety and suggested the Ad Hoc Committee or the Public Safety Commission do an outreach program.

Councilmember Holmdahl requested the Public Safety Commission have hearings with citizen groups and return with recommendations to the Council within four months.

Councilmember Keller recommended moving forward with finding ways to improve public safety.

Mayor DeWees spoke in support of increasing public safety and requested staff to revise the scope of responsibility of the Public Safety Commission to include the Fire Department as well as the Police Department.

Councilmember Siminski recommended Council have workshops to find funding for obtaining additional revenue for public safety.

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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At 8:45 P.M., the Mayor announced a Break.
At 9:00 P.M., the meeting was reconvened with all Councilmembers present (Councilmember Schuyler ABSENT)

COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Keller requested Staff report back with information regarding expenditure items on Consent Calendar Item No. 3. Ms. Keller encouraged the public to apply for vacancies on the Commissions.

1. **Transmittal of Chamber of Commerce Sign Ordinance Comments (Planning Division File No. TA 05-01).** (*Mayor DeWees announced this item will be continued to the next City Council Meeting of November 1, 2005.*)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Dave Pierce spoke on WiFi and conflict of interest issues.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

2. Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2005.
3. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 10/07/05 - \$1,006,674.03
Voucher Register of 10/07/05 - \$405,953.25
Voucher Register of 09/30/05 - \$1,186,078.54
4. Appropriated the unanticipated revenue generated by the enhanced School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement with the Lompoc Unified School District, for the shorter period of the duration of the agreement or the FY 05-07 budget cycle, to the Police Activities League Program.
5. Accepted a grant of easement from the United States of America over Federal Correctional Complex land (APN 095-040-011) for purposes of installation, operation, and maintenance of a public bikeway/pedestrian walkway between the City and Allan Hancock College and other points north of the City limits; authorized the Mayor to execute the attached Easement Agreement between the City of Lompoc and the United States of America, acting through its Department of Justice; and directed the City Clerk to request recordation of the executed Easement Agreement in the Official Records of the County of Santa Barbara.
6. Adopted the Plans and Specifications for Project No. FY-00-WW-5, (copies of which are on file in the City Engineer's Office, as required by Section 22039 of the Public Contract Code); and awarded the contract in the amount of \$156,800.00 to MGE Underground, Inc.; and 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 \$30,000.00.

APPOINTMENTS:

7. **Youth Commission**

ACTION: Motion/Second. Siminski/Holmdahl. By a unanimous vote, the City Council, appointed Quston Stallion to the Youth Commission for an unexpired term ending January 2006.

PUBLIC HEARING:

8. **Authorization to Submit the City of Lompoc's Revised Storm Water Management Plan.**

Senior Environmental Coordinator Stacy Lawson presented the staff report and recommendations.

Public Comment:

None

ACTION: Motion/Second. Holmdahl/Keller. By a unanimous vote, the City Council authorized staff to submit the Revised Draft Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) to the State Water Quality Control Board (SWQCB), as required under the Clean Water Act and its amendments.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED from October 4, 2005.

9. **Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Latino Taxi Company Owned and Operated by Ruben Lara Mendoza.**

City Administrator Gary Keefe presented the staff report and recommendations.

As required by the City Code, the Police Chief, City Attorney, City Treasurer, and Community Development Director have reviewed and investigated the information submitted by Mr. Lara. Nothing was discovered that would preclude Council approval of the requested Certificate at this time.

Public Comment:

1. Beatriz Lara and Ralph Harman spoke in support of staff's recommendations.
2. Ed Utter spoke in opposition to staff's recommendations.

ACTION: Motion/Second. Holmdahl/Siminski. By a unanimous vote the City Council determined that the public convenience and necessity require the operation of passenger transportation services by Taxicab Latino Company upon his compliance with all applicable laws and requirements.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Councilmember Holmdahl commented on broadband issues and noted the increase of wineries in the City of Lompoc.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:40 P.M. Mayor DeWees adjourned to a Study Session at 4:00 P.M. followed by a Closed Session at 6:30 P.M. and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 1, 2005.

Dick DeWees, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Donna N. Terrones, City Clerk
By: April Hall, OSA II/Deputy
Date: October 24, 2005