



**Special Meeting
Budget Workshop Minutes
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
City Hall - 100 Civic Center Plaza
Council Chamber - 6:30 P.M.**

OPEN SESSION – 6:30 P.M. – Council Chamber

Council Members Present: Victor Vega, James Mosby, Dirk Starbuck, Gilda Cordova, and Mayor Jenelle Osborne.

Staff Present: City Manager Jim Throop, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, and Management Services Director Dean Albro.

Others Present: Ed Braxton, Amber Wilson, Judy McKinnon, Charles Blair, Danielle Morgan-Greene, Ron Fink, Kimberly Coy, Deb Andrews, Wally Waldau, George King, Keith Feickert, Carol Redhead, Janet Blevins, Charley Martinez, Justin Ruhge, Leah Braitman, Dorine Fabing, Christina (Last name not given), Ann Ruhge, and Kathy Howard

Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Review and Discussion of the FY 2019/2021 Biennial Budget.

City Manager Jim Throop and Management Services Director Dean Albro presented the options of reductions to the FY 2019-2021 Biennial Budget.

Public Comment:

1. Amber Wilson, Lompoc Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau C.E.O, asked Council to consider all the work the Chamber has done and continues to do to promote the City and not cut funding to the Chamber.
2. Ed Braxton, Lompoc Public Safety Commission Member, asked Council to be careful of removing funding from its Public Safety departments and advocated for more funding to help ensure the safety of all Lompoc Valley citizens.
3. July McKinnon, Dr. Charles Blair, Danielle Morgan-Greene, Ron Fink, Kimberly Coy, Wally Waldau, Keith Feickert, Carol Redhead, Janet Blevins, Charley Martinez, Justin Ruhge, Leah Braitman, Dorine Fabing, Christina (Last Name Unknown), Ann Ruhge, George King, and Kathy Howard, asked the Council to allow the citizens to vote on a sales tax measure.
4. Wally Waldau expressed concern about the safety of the City's children because of proposed financial cuts to the Public Safety departments.
5. Deb Andrews spoke against a possible sales tax initiative.

Mayor Osborne motioned to direct Staff to return at a future Council Meeting with a proposed 2019/2021 Biennial Budget with the same budget figures as the 2017/2019 Biennial Budget and an added line item with an estimate of tax revenue from a possible sales tax. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordova and lost by a 2-3 Council vote (Council Members Mosby, Starbuck, and Vega voted No).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (cont'd)

Council Member Mosby motioned to direct Staff to return at a future Council Meeting with a proposed 2019/2021 Biennial Budget with the following reductions to the General Fund:

<u>Potential Cost Reduction</u>	<u>Potential General Fund Savings</u>
Hold Vacant Police Officers (3 Positions)	\$600,000
Elimination of Code Enforcement (2 positions)	\$305,000
Elimination of Economic Development (Includes Chamber Contribution)	\$ 96,000
Elimination of Public Information Officer	\$ 60,000
Eliminate Planning Positions (2)	\$178,000
Eliminate Battalion Chief (1)	\$365,000
Reduce Fire Roster Overtime	\$700,000
Eliminate Vacant Office Staff Assistant (OSA) II (.5 FTE) – Recreation	\$ 44,000
Eliminate Vacant OSA II (1 FTE) – Economic Development	\$ 34,000
Hold Vacant Park Ranger (.75 FTE)	\$108,000
Hold Vacant Park Maintenance Worker (1 FTE)	\$151,000
Hold General Fund Vacancies (Discretion of City Manager)	\$454,000

And to change the Public Information Officer position to a grant writer position.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Vega and with a 3-2 vote (Council Member Cordova and Mayor Osborne voted No), the Council approved the motion and directed Staff to return as soon as possible with a draft of the 2019/2021 Biennial Budget as soon as possible for Council discussion and possible action.

Mayor Osborne requested Staff provide possible dates for a Budget Workshop and discussion on a tax measure.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

Oral Communications:

1. Ron Fink, Keith Feickert, Charley Martinez, Carol Redhead, Lorraine Waldau, and Anthony Hudley (IAFF Local 1906 President), expressed their disappointment over the Council's approval of the funding cuts for the 2019/2021 Biennial Budget and the lack of willingness to work towards a sales tax initiative.
2. Deb Andrews thanked the Council for moving forward with the funding cuts and for not bringing forward a tax initiative.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:29 P.M., Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in the Council Chamber at 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc.

Approved by Council action on June 18, 2019:

Stacey Haddon
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk