



## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

#### CLOSED SESSION

##### OPEN SESSION – 6:00 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, and City Attorney Jeff Malawy.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

##### CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room

##### BUSINESS ITEM:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:** Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 Name of Case: Joel Alcox v. The City of Lompoc, et al.

##### 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, Financial Services Manager Melinda Wall, Planning Manager Brian Halvorson, and Police Chief Pat Walsh.

Others Present: Mike Lemos, Darrell Tullis, Mark Ashamalla, Shawndel Malcolm, Deb Andrews, (Name not Given), Lynn Whittemore, Lori McClain, Charlotte Reynolds, Charles Sommer, and John Linn.

##### REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Jeff Malawy stated no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

Pastor Darren Hunt gave the invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Mayor Osborne requested Council to take a vote on adding an Agenda item to this Agenda – Discussion of any possible financial help to current furloughed Federal Employees. The request was seconded by Council Member Starbuck and carried by Council Members Mosby and Vega. This item will be placed at the end of the meeting as Agenda Item No. 7.

##### PRESENTATIONS:

Police Chief Pat Walsh introduced newly sworn officer Gabriel Molina.

##### CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
  - November 26 – 30, 2018 - \$1,430,259.51
  - December 3 – 7, 2018 - \$422,910.45
  - December 10 – 14, 2018 - \$866,428.07
  - Payroll December 14, 2018 - \$1,611,661.32

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** (Information only)(cont'd)

City Manager Jim Throop announced the City will hold a Budget Goal Setting Workshop on Saturday, March 9, 2019; and stated City Staff will participate in the Cannabis Conference on January 17, 2019.

Council Member Vega requested Staff confirm if the March 9, 2019 Workshop is to be a replacement for the previously scheduled February 2, 2019 Workshop and requested Staff to reach out to business owners and managers to inform and encourage participation in this process. City Manager stated yes, the March 9, 2019 Workshop will be in lieu of the February 2, 2019 Workshop.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (Maximum of 3 Minutes):** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Council Member Mosby requested Staff read the recommendation of Consent Calendar Item No. 1. City Attorney Jeff Malawy read the Staff recommendation is for Council to review, receive and file, this Staff report regarding the need for continuing the local emergency proclaimed by the City Council on October 2, 2018, relating to the clean-up of the Santa Ynez riverbed.

Mayor Osborne stated the Council is the Successor Agency of the Dissolved Lompoc Redevelopment Agency.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council:

1. **Review of the Need for Continuing the Local Emergency Proclaimed by the City Council on October 2, 2018, Relating to the Clean-up of the Santa Ynez Riverbed.**

Reviewed, received and filed, this Staff report regarding the need for continuing the local emergency proclaimed by the City Council on October 2, 2018, relating to the clean-up of the Santa Ynez riverbed.

2. **Approval of City Council Meeting Dates for 2019.**

Approved the Regular City Council Meeting dates for the 2018 Calendar Year.

- Successor Agency
3. **Adoption of Resolution No. SA01(19), Approving the Administrative Budget and Resolution No. SA02(19), Approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.**

As the Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. SA01(19), approving the Successor Agency's Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and adopt Resolution No. SA02(19), approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, pursuant to Health and Safety Code subdivisions 34177(l) and (o).

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:**

- Financial Services Manager Melinda Wall provided an update on the Financial System Upgrade. Council Member Starbuck asked Staff to provide an estimate of the time needed to complete the entire upgrade. Ms. Wall stated approximately another 18 months.
- Planning Manager Brian Halvorson presented Council with options of dates and the types of presentations from Staff for Council Workshop on the 2030 General Plan. Council discussed the matter and with a general consensus, decided to provide a list, to City Manager Jim Throop from each Council Member, the General Plan Elements wished to be discussed and will receive a formal update of the Zoning Code Update on February 19, 2019. Staff will provide a formal Staff report of the General Plan Update process at a future meeting with estimated costs of those updates.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:** (cont'd)

- Police Chief Walsh provided a brief summary on Status Update on the Cleanup Efforts in the Santa Ynez River and introduced Police Sargent Kevin Martin who presented a Power Point Presentation on the cleanup process and the efforts from City Staff, many local non-profit organizations, Santa Barbara County, and private citizens to help provide homeless services to those people affected by this cleanup process; and stated the City will need to continue its efforts to patrol and cleanup of the area. Council thanked everyone involved.

Council Member Starbuck asked Staff when the emergency declaration would be discontinued and if any other agencies have provided any funding for this matter. City Manager Jim Throop stated he estimates the emergency declaration should be lifted in February or March, and said the City is working with County, State, and Federal agencies to find funding for this matter and an invoice will be sent to the County for its share of this cleanup process.

Council Member Vega asked what should be done to ensure encampments do not happen again. City Manager Jim Throop explained the easiest and most cost efficient way to keep the River clean and uninhabited by humans would be to have a continued police presence and patrol of the area.

### **Public Comment:**

1. Mike Lemos, owner of Lemos Feed & Supply, thanked the Police Department for this effort, stating he had daily problems for the past few years with the homeless population around his store stealing from the store, vandalizing, and even living on the roof of the store, but has seen an almost complete end to those problems.
2. Darrell Tullis, a representative of the United Way Americorp, announced the annual **Point in Time** count is coming soon and there is a need for 75 people to volunteer to help count the number of homeless individuals in the Lompoc Valley; and thanked the Police Department for their efforts with this matter.
3. Mark Ashamalla spoke about his experience with directing the triage center, thanked the Police Department and the City for their efforts to help care for the homeless population and suggested the solution for Lompoc is more housing, not low income housing, but working class income housing options.
4. Shawndel Malcolm, representative of Planting a Seed, stated approximately 50 individuals were able to be house with this effort and all the cooperative work between all the community partners and agencies.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):**

1. Deb Andrews complained about the City's new website and suggested the Lompoc Public Library remain open during all holidays.
2. (Name Not Given) thanked Council for moving forward on the commercial cannabis use license process for the City of Lompoc.
3. Lynn Whittemore expressed his suspicion he is being unfairly targeted by City Staff regarding the requirement for processing building permits.
4. Lori McClain introduced herself to the Council, stating she is the new owner of Gymnastics North and the business is being relocated to North I Street.
5. Charlotte Reynolds spoke about what she sees as a lack of employment opportunities for black people in the City and asked if there are any rent control options inside the City.
6. Charles Sommer spoke about his and his mother's experiences with City Staff specifically Wastewater employees and stated he believes the public should be able to name individual employees at open public meetings.
7. John Linn suggested the public be allowed to say anything they want to when standing at the lectern.
8. Darrell Tullis stated he has been a person who was treated with disregard and disrespect by City Staff and suggested some employees be required to participate in training in customer service and respect.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

4. **Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore for a term of one year or until a successor is chosen.**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Mosby. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Council Member Starbuck Mayor Pro Tempore for a term ending December 2019.

5. **Council Appointments to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees.**

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed David Hughes to the Airport Commission with a term ending January 2023.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Warren Keller to the Beautification Commission with a term ending December 2022.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Vega/Mayor Osborne. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Pat Brady to the Human Services Commission with a term ending December 2022.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Maricela Barraza and Luella Knowles to the Library Commission with terms ending January 2022.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Jeannie Walker to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term ending December 2022.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Starbuck/Mayor Osborne. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Steve Bridge to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term ending December 2022.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Vega/Mayor Osborne. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Phillip Gallanders to the Public Safety Commission with a term ending December 2022.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Leah Braitman to the Utility Commission with a term ending December 2020.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Cordova/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Jerry Nyman to the Utility Commission with a term ending December 2020.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Robert Holloway to the Utility Commission with a term ending December 2022.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Isabel Hapil and Karla Paniagua to Youth Appointments on the Youth Commission with terms ending January 2021; Scott Betschel to an Adult Appointment on the Youth Commission with a term ending January 2021; and Beverly Kennedy to an Adult Appointment on the Youth Commission with a term ending January 2020.

6. **Review of Appointments of City Council Members to Outside Agencies.**

After brief discussion of the current appointments of Council Members to Outside Agencies the Council made the following appointments:

Council Member Cordova was appointed as Council Liaison to the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Osborne was appointed Commissioner to the Northern California Power Agency, and Council Member Mosby, and Management Services Director appointed Alternate Commissioners.

Mayor Osborne was appointed Commissioner to the Transmission Agency of Northern California, and Accounting and Revenue Manager Dean Albro appointed Alternate Commissioner.

Council Member Mosby was appointed Council representative to the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District, and Mayor Osborne appointed alternate.

Council Member Mosby was appointed Council representative to the Santa Barbara Association of Governments, and Mayor Osborne appointed alternate.

**APPOINTMENTS:** (cont'd)

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Council Member Vega was appointed Council representative to the Breeze Political Advisory Committee.

Council Member Starbuck was appointed Council representative to the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group.

Council Member Cordova was appointed Council representative to Home for Good, and Mayor Osborne appointed alternate.

Council Member Starbuck was appointed Council representative to Area Agency on Aging.

Mayor Osborne was appointed Council representative to the California Municipal Utilities Association Legislative Committee; and Council Member Mosby appointed alternate.

Mayor Osborne was appointed Council representative to the Santa Barbara County City Selection Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS – ADDED AGENDA ITEM:**

7. **Possible City of Lompoc Accommodations for Persons affected by the Federal Government Shutdown.**

Revenue and Accounting Manager Dean Albro and Financial Services Manager Melinda Wall spoke about the current Federal Government shutdown and how that affects local families; suggested utility bills be able to be deferred until the shutdown is reversed for customers who adequately demonstrate they are Federal Employees and request the deferment.

Public Comment: None

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council approved Staff bring forward an item at the February 5, 2019 Council Meeting approving a deferment program for persons affected by the Federal Government shutdown.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COUNCIL REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:**

Council Member Mosby asked Staff to confirm a report on impact fees is to be brought forward at a future meeting. City Manager Jim Throop stated yes, Staff is working to provide the information.

Council Member Vega requested Staff bring back a future agenda item to allow Council to discuss and possibly take action on re-instated the Ad-hoc Committee to work with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. The request was seconded by Mayor Osborne and carried by Council Member Starbuck.

Council Member Cordova requested Staff return at a later date with a Staff report on the update of the City's website. The request was seconded by Mayor Osborne and carried by Council Member Vega.

Mayor Osborne announced the upcoming United Way **Point in Time** count and the upcoming Martin Luther King Celebration.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:05 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the meeting to a Regular City Council Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on February 5, 2019, in the Council Chamber at Lompoc City Hall at 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc.

Approved by Council Action on August 20, 2019:

*Stacey Haddon*  
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk