



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 5:00 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. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – GOAL SETTING:** City Manager
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): Three Cases.
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:** Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4): One matter regarding the 2000 Annexation Agreement with Mission Hills Community Services District.

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, Solid Waste Supervisor Keith Quinlan, Planning Manager Brian Halvorson, Police Chief Joseph Mariani, and Community Development Director Christie Alarcon.

Others Present: Nick Gonzales, Angel Tamayo, Kim Coy, Dr. Brian Hunt, John Linn, Christos, Maria Aguiniga, and Kathy Howard.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Jeff Malawy stated the Council discussed all Closed Session items and no reportable action was taken.

Pastor Duane Armstrong gave the invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Osborne presented a City Proclamation in honor of **National Women's Month** to representatives of the American Association of University Women.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
 - January 27 – 31, 2020 - \$745,610.28
 - February 3 – 7, 2020 - \$1,017,503.06
 - Payroll February 7, 2020 - \$1,554,809.94

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (cont'd)

City Manager Jim Throop reminded everyone the voting polls remain open this evening until 8pm; stated Staff is bringing forward a report at the March 17, 2020 City Council Meeting regarding the City's pension obligations; informational flyers on how to help curb the spread of the Corona COVID-19 Virus are available in the lobby; Surf Beach remains open to the public, there are closed off areas to protect the breeding ground of the Snowy Plover; currently there are 18 City-owned surveillance cameras installed and operating around the City and is working to install 12 more in the next few weeks; the City of Lompoc Recreation Division and Kiwanis Club Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2020; the first 4 homes at the new Purisima Hills development are in the final phase of construction; and the construction of the new Community Health Center on the 1200 Block of West Ocean Avenue, Lompoc, is moving along quickly and on schedule.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Mayor Osborne. By a 5-0 vote, Council:

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of February 4, 2020.
2. **Issuance of a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$246,081.30 for Ethylene Propylene Rubber Insulated Cable for Inventory.**

Authorized the Purchasing and Materials Manager to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$246,081.30 for Ethylene Propylene Rubber (EPR)-insulated, 15 kV concentric neutral jacketed cable, to the Okonite Company to replenish inventory for underground service projects.

3. **Revisions to Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members; Revising the Meeting Dates for the Public Safety Commission; Adoption of Resolution No. 6307(20).**

Adopted Resolution No. 6307(20), revising the Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members, to reflect the changes to meeting dates for the Public Safety Commission.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:

As requested by Council Member Cordova Police Chief Mariani provided a report on the City's hiring process for Police Officers, current and past Police Department grants, and the City's graffiti removal program.

Council thanked Staff for the information and briefly spoke about the costs associated with the background investigation process for potential hires and graffiti abatement on City-owned property and private property.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum): None

APPOINTMENTS:

4. **Council Appointments to the Library Commission, Human Services Commission, and the Youth Commission.**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Mayor Osborne By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Pamela Kimlinger to the Airport Commission with a term ending December 31, 2022.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Starbuck By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Molly Gerald to an At-Large position on the Library Commission with a term ending January 31, 2023.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Mosby By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Tyler Rainwater to a Youth Position on the Youth Commission with a term ending January 31, 2021.

COUNCIL REQUESTS:

5. **Review of City of Encinitas Permit Ready Accessory Dwelling Units Program** (requested by Mayor Osborne)

Planning Manager Brian Halvorson presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed the matter at great length.

Community Development Manager Christie Alarcon explained the City of Encinitas would not allow any city to use the plans developed for Encinitas. Ms. Alarcon stated City Staff believes a program like the one in Encinitas could be successful here, but the ready to use plans should be developed by local architects and engineers and designed for this City specifically, and that will take a substantial investment of time and money by the City.

Council Member Cordova asked if the SB 2 Planning Grant recently awarded to the City could be used for designing and implementing a permit ready accessory dwelling unit program. Community Development Manager Christie Alarcon explained the grant was awarded to be used for assistance with the update of the general plan and the City would need to see if any funds would be available after the upcoming general plan revisions are completed.

Public Comment:

1. John Linn suggested the use of a local contractor who is developing modular buildings to be use as accessory dwelling units.
2. Angel Tamayo spoke about his personal experience in the construction field and offered his help to the City in any way he can provide assistance.
3. Kathy Howard asked if illegal structures in residential areas could be converted into approved accessory dwelling units.
4. Maria Aguiniga stated California has provided a way for non-permitted and or illegal conversions and or additions can be converted to a legal unit and suggested citizens need more information and education on this process.

Council continued to discuss this matter.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Cordova By a 5-0 vote, Council received report and directed Staff to craft an informational and tip sheet for the public regarding accessory dwelling units.

6. **Report on Enforcement of Lompoc Municipal Code Relating to Scavenging in Solid Waste Containers** (requested by Council Member Mosby)

City Manager James Throop presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed the matter at length including possibly using Community Services Officers to enforce the Lompoc Municipal Code regarding scavenging in solid waste containers, adding another Code Enforcement Officer to the City's Solid Waste Division, adding labels to waste containers, and if the City could be held liable for any environmental or property damage sustained by trash removed by a person scavenging in the City's solid waste containers.

Public Comment:

1. Marcia (last name unknown), stated the use of a community services officer and or a code enforcement officer to enforce this matter would be a waste of City resources.
2. (Name not given) spoke about the importance of cleanliness.
3. Dr. Brian Hunt believes this code needs to be enforced diligently.
4. Maria Aguiniga stated the Solid Waste Division does have containers with locks available.

COUNCIL REQUESTS: (cont'd)

Item No. 6 – Public Comment

- 5. John Linn stated he believes the City is losing money from the recycle goods stolen from the City’s solid waste containers every day and suggested recycling business be required to obtain proof of residency from any recycling customer.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Mosby By a 5-0 vote, Council received Staff’s report and directed Staff to return at a future meeting with a report to allow Council to discuss and take possible action on enforcing the Lompoc Municipal Code relating to scavenging in solid waste containers.

BREAK: At 8:17 P.M. Mayor Osborne called for a break.
At 8:23 P.M., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

- 7. **Discussion of 2020 4th of July Fireworks Show, Including Alternative Venues and Costs** (requested by Council Member Mosby)

Community Development Director Christie Alarcon presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council thanked Staff for this information and discussed the matter.

Public Comment:

- 1. Nicholas Gonzales, Angel Tamayo, Maria Aguiniga, (Name not given), and Kim Coy spoke in favor of holding the Fireworks Show at Ryon Park.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mosby/Mayor Osborne By a 5-0 vote, Council reviewed the Staff report; and directed Staff to return at a future meeting with a report on hosting the 2020 4th of July Fireworks Show at Ryon Park, which should include costs, possible partnerships with local organizations and private companies, parking mitigation measures for residents in the local area, possible free mass transit, and a VIP section.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Vega requested all applicants for City Boards, Commissions, and or Committees attend the Council Meeting when the appointment is being discussed.

Council Member Cordova reported she participated in the **Read Across America** event at Manzanita Charter School on March 2, 2020.

Council Member Mosby stated he attended the meetings for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin - Western Management Area - Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Council Member Starbuck requested Staff provide a future Staff report on 211 Services listed on the LiveUnitedSBC website and available to the Lompoc area residents. The request was seconded by Mayor Osborne and carried by Council Member Cordova.

Mayor Osborne announced the upcoming TOTAL Conference held by the Lompoc Youth Commission will be at the DeWees Senior and Community Center on March 4, 2020; and she will attend the Future Committee meeting on March 16, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lompoc; and thanked Victor Jordan, publisher of the Lompoc Vision newspaper for revising the publishing the Lompoc Visitor’s Guide.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:09 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on March 17, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on April 1, 2020 by: /Stacey Haddon
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk