



MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Friday, March 27, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, 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.

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

Council Member Cordova announced she would be recusing herself from participating in Agenda Item No. 1, as she is the current President of Explore Lompoc, and exited the Chamber.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration of Request from Explore Lompoc and Other Lodging Businesses for Relief from Transient Occupancy Tax; Adoption of Resolution No. 6311(20).**

City Manager Jim Throop presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed this matter at length.

Public Comment: Phone Calls – there was no public comment given in person.

1. (Name not given), complained about some local businesses not conforming to the State’s suggestions and guidelines for practicing social distancing, and safe practices to help contain the COVID-19 virus.
2. Atul Patel, local hotel owner, asked Council to approve this request.

City Clerk Stacey Haddon stated an email and letter from Explore Lompoc, regarding this matter, had been provided to the Public and Council.

Council Member Mosby requested Resolution No. 6311(20) be revised to delete the fourth **Where As** on page 2 of 3 and **Section 3** on page 3 of 3 of Resolution No. 6311(20).

Council Member Vega asked if a payment plan could be implemented to help lodging businesses pay any delinquent transient occupancy taxes. City Attorney Jeff Malawy stated transient occupancy taxes are monies that should not be used by lodging business at all, these are funds paid by customers and required to be delivered to the City.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mosby/Starbuck. By a 4-0-1 (Council Member Cordova was absent) vote, Council considered requests by Explore Lompoc and other lodging businesses for relief from payment of transient occupancy tax (TOT); adopted of Resolution No. 6311(20), with the to deletion of the fourth **Where As** on page 2 of 3 and **Section 3** on page 3 of 3 of Resolution No. 6311(20), waiving penalties and interest for late TOT revenues received for February 2020 and March 2020 transient lodging services until June 30, 2020 at the latest, which waiver shall only apply for any lodging business that is current on TOT payments as of today, January 1, 2020.

Council Member Cordova returned to the dais.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont'd)

2. **Confirmation of Proclamation No. 2 of the Director of Emergency Services, Temporarily Prohibiting Residential and Commercial Evictions Within the City of Lompoc for Nonpayment of Rent or Foreclosure Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Pursuant to Executive Order N-28-20.**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the report.

Public Comment: Phone Calls – there was no public comment given in person.

1. Rob Traylor thanked Council for providing public comment opportunities via remote options, and asked Council to provide clear rules and regulations for the prohibition of evictions due to COVID-19.
2. (Name not Given) asked about what type of financial relief is available to senior citizens during this crisis.

City Clerk Stacey Haddon, reported emails from Lynn White and David Casper had been provided to Council and the Public. The Council did not request these emails be read out loud.

Council discussed this item.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mosby/Starbuck. By a 4-1 (Mayor Osborne voted No), Council terminated Proclamation No. 2 of the Director of Emergency Services, temporarily prohibiting residential and commercial evictions within the City of Lompoc for nonpayment of rent or foreclosure related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to executive order N-28-20.

Mayor Osborne requested any and all businesses that are feeling financial pressure during this crisis to contact the City of Lompoc; reminded everyone of the City has setup a special webpage at www.cityoflompoc.com as well as COVID-19 hotline (805) 875-8071 which is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm; stated the County of Santa Barbara has a hotline setup at (833) 688-5551 that is open 9am-6pm 7 days a week.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:34 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on April 7, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on April 29, 2020 by:

/Stacey Haddon/
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk