



**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council  
Tuesday, April 21, 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, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, Community Development Program Manager Chanel Ovalle, and Recreation Manager Mario Guerrero.

**Others Present:** Nicholas Gonzales.

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

**PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:**

On April 9, 2020, a Proclamation in honor of April 2020 being named **Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month** was delivered to the North County Rape Crisis & Child Protection Center in Lompoc.

A proclamation designating and recognizing April 12-18, 2020 as **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**, was delivered to Lompoc Police Chief Joseph Mariani on April 14, 2020.

A proclamation honoring April 2020 as **DMV/Donate Life California Month** was delivered via US Mail to a local representative of DMV/Donate Life.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

- **List of City expenditures**
  - March 16 – 20, 2020 - \$996,753.77
  - March 23 – 27, 2020 - \$1,340,811.86
  - Payroll March 20, 2020 - \$1,426,151.75

City Manager Jim Throop announced the City has received a State grant for the Lompoc Library; reminded all of the citizens to take part in the 2020 Census; the City is continuing to provide the public with a phone number dedicated to answering questions regarding COVID-19 issues; and stated the County of Santa Barbara is working on plans for providing homeless services to those in need during this crisis.

- **Extension of Cancellation of Commission, Committee, and Board Meetings, With the Exception of the Planning Commission**

After a brief discussion, Council, with a General Consensus, approved extending the cancellation of all Commission, Committee and Board Meetings, with the exception of the Planning Commission through May 5, 2020 and directed Staff to return with an item on the May 5, 2020 Regular City Council Agenda for Council discussion and possible action for possible further extension or removal of the cancellation order.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (Max of 3 Minutes):**

1. Jim Yanez (per phone call), spoke about the proposed use of Ryon Park for the 2020 City Fireworks Show, and suggested Council find a different location that would have less adverse impacts to residents.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Council Member Cordova asked Staff to confirm the City is able to file for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds, because the Staff report indicates the deadline to file was April 17, 2020. City Manager Jim Throop stated Staff was assured it could provide a Draft Document by April 17, 2020 to meet the deadline and provide the final Council approved documents after the deadline.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mosby/Cordova. By a 5-0 vote, Council:

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of March 17, 2020

2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6314(20) Declaring the Results of the Consolidated Primary Presidential Election Held in Lompoc on March 3, 2020.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6314(20), which recites the facts and declares the results of the Consolidated Primary Presidential Election held on March 3, 2020, as provided by the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor and Registrar of Voters Certification of Election Results of the Official Canvass.

3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6315(20) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for Implementation of a Local Transactions and Use Tax; Adoption of Resolution No. 6317(20) Authorizing the Examination of Transactions (Sales) and Use Tax Records; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute and File Additional Agreements, Letters and Forms with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and Other Appropriate State Agencies as Required for Implementation of the Local Transactions and Use Tax.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6315(20), authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) for implementation of a local transactions and use tax; adopt Resolution No. 6317(20), authorizing the examination of transactions (sales) and use tax records; and authorize the City Manager to execute and file additional agreements, letters and forms with CDFTA and other appropriate state agencies as required for implementation of the local transactions and use tax.

4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6318(20) Authorizing the Filing of a Transportation Development Act Claim for Fiscal Year 2020-21.**

Adopted Resolution No.6318(20), which sets forth expenditures for California Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Fund in Fiscal Year 2020-21, and authorizes the filing of TDA claim package with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments.

5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6319(20) Road Repair and Accountability Act List of Proposed Projects Fiscal Year 2020-21.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6319(20) approving a list of proposed projects to be funded with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** (cont'd)

6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6320(20) Authorizing Staff to Apply for Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Funds from Caltrans, for Installation of a Photovoltaic (Solar) Renewable Energy System at the City Transit Operations Center and Fleet Maintenance Facility; and Approving Related Budget Appropriations.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6320(20), authorizing the Public Works Director, Assistant Public Works Director or the Aviation/Transportation Administrator to execute and file the necessary documents for the purpose of obtaining Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds provided by the California Department of Transportation for a photovoltaic renewable energy system, and making related budget appropriations.

7. **Land Lease Agreement at Lompoc Airport with Central Coast Agriculture, Inc.**

Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a Land Lease Agreement with Central Coast Agriculture, INC. for a hangar at Lompoc Airport.

8. **Professional Services Agreement with RRM Design Group for the Development/Design of the Lompoc Streetscape Multi-Modal Improvement Plan Funded Through the California Department of Transportation Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant.**

Authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement not to exceed \$232,490 with RRM Design Group for consultant services for transportation/engineering/design, community needs assessments, outreach and overall planning work related to a Sustainable Communities Grant received from the California Department of Transportation. The Agreement also includes other consulting services such as technical studies and/or design work and associated plans, project management and administration, to complete all tasks related to the completion of the Lompoc Streetscape Multi-Modal Improvement Plan; and authorize the Community Development Director to execute Contract Amendments for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25,000.

9. **Approval of an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Pale Blue Dot Ventures, LLC, for Potential Sale of Approximately 82 acres of City-owned Property, Including and Adjacent to Ken Adam Park, for Development of a Space Center.**

Approved the proposed Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pale Blue Dot Ventures, LLC, which would extend the timelines established by the MOU due to the COVID-19 crisis and make certain other changes to the MOU.

10. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6322(20) Approving The City of Lompoc Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6322(20) approving the City of Lompoc Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy.

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:**

This item was pulled from this Agenda

- Public Works Director Michael Luther will present the Draft Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

11. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Draft Annual Action Plan and Budgets for the Community Development Block Grant, Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus, and Human Services Programs; Adoption of Resolution No. 6321(20).**

Community Development Program Manager Chanel Ovalle presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council Member Starbuck asked if Staff could confirm how many phases there are for the City’s capital improvements for City-owned parks. Community Development Program Manager Chanel Ovalle stated Staff is working to upgrade and rehabilitate all City-owned parks and is unsure of how many phases this might take.

Council Member Mosby asked Staff if the administration budget remains in the Community Development Division. Community Development Director Christie Alarcon explained the presented budget does reflect the full 20% for administration and Staff is very careful to keep expenses as low as possible, stating if the total 20% is not used, those funds are placed back into future projects.

**Public Comment:**

1. Nicholas Gonzales asked if Staff could provide ideas of how the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding could be used by the City.

Community Development Program Manager Chanel Ovalle stated the CDBG-CV funding must be used to directly assist low income persons, and Staff is bringing forward a utility grant program at a future Council meeting for Council to review, discuss, and take possible action.

Council continued to briefly discuss this matter.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mosby/Cordova. By a 5-0 vote, Council held a public hearing; approved the selection of Capital Improvement Projects under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21; adopted Resolution No. 6321(20), approving FY 2020-21 Budgets for the CDBG, Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV), and Human Services program funds for inclusion in the draft City of Lompoc Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) for FY 2020-21; authorized the City Manager or designee to sign any agreements or certifications that authorize the City to receive the funds; and authorized submission of the approved FY 2020-21 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period (April 21, 2020) for CDBG Funds and at the conclusion of the 7-business-day public comment period (April 21, 2020) for the CDBG-CV Funds.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

12. **Discussion of Potential Cancellation, Postponement, or Other Modification of the 2020 Fourth of July Fireworks Show, Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

Recreation Manager Mario Guerrero presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed the information presented, as well as the cost for a fireworks show, how previous shows were funded, the need for a public safety plan and or traffic control plan, and possible donations from the public or private industries to fund a 2020 fireworks show.

**Public Comment:**

1. (Name not provided), via phone, suggested postponing the 2020 Fourth of July Show.
2. Nicholas Gonzales encouraged the Council to provide the deposit to the pyrotechnic company ensuring pricing for the 2021 fireworks show is held to the quoted price; and he offered to donate \$500 to the show.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (cont'd)

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Council continued its discussion of this matter.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council reviewed the Staff report; directed Staff to pay the pyrotechnic contractor the \$5,000 deposit before May 5, 2020; return to Council at a future meeting to allow for discussion and possible action on cancellation, postponement, or modification of the 2020 Fourth of July fireworks show; Staff to provide information on traffic and public safety impacts for Ryon Park, River Park, or privately owned agriculture fields west of the City; and provide update on all donations received by the City as of June 1, 2020.

13. **Continuing Discussion Regarding Long-Term Liabilities with California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS).**

City Manager James Throop provided updated information received from the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS).

Council discussed the information provided at length.

Public Comment:

1. Nicholas Gonzales suggested Council pay the CalPERS debt as quickly as possible.

Council continued discussion of this matter.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mosby/Mayor Osborne. By a 5-0 vote, Council received a presentation from the City’s Management Services Director on the recent CalPERS conference call update, as well as other current financial updates; continued discussions; directed Staff to return at the May 19, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting with “fresh start” 15-year accelerated payment schedule related to Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) for the Public Safety Group; and provide possible Council policies to address future payments to the UAL with CalPERS.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):**

1. Nicholas Gonzales spoke about recent studies regarding COVID-19, the possible lift of stay at home orders, and suggested City leaders begin the discussions of how to move forward during the COVID-19 crisis.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:**

Council Member Vega announced the Community Partners in Caring are looking for volunteers for meal deliveries; and stated he would like to be more involved in the discussions between the City and the County Public Health Department regarding COVID-19.

Council Member Cordova requested Staff be directed to bring forward report at a future Council Meeting to allow Council to discuss and take possible action on the prohibition of evictions of commercial properties during the COVID-19 crisis. The request was seconded by Mayor Osborne, and died for a lack of a carry vote.

Council Member Mosby reported he attended the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) meeting on April 16, 2020; and stated he has reached out to County and State representatives to provide input on the COVID-19 crisis.

Mayor Osborne stated she has remotely attended Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) meetings, reminded the public the City’s COVID-19 hotline (805) 875-8071 is available Monday – Friday 9am - 5pm; and stated the County of Santa Barbara has closed their toll-free hotline, but does have 211 available for information.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:30 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on May 5, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council Action on June 2, 2020:

/Stacey Haddon/  
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk