



Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

OPEN SESSION – 6:10 P.M. – Council Chamber

Council Members Present: 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 Chamber

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. **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.
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:** Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) Joel Alcox v. City of Lompoc, et al., U.S. District Court, C.D. Cal., Case No. SACV 17-00507 JVS

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

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

Staff Present: City Manager Jim Throop, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, and City Attorney Jeff Malawy.

Others Present: Nicholas Gonzales, Brandon Bridge, Pastor Wiley Charles, John Linn, and David Hudspeth.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

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

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

PRESENTATIONS ELSEWHERE:

On May 14, 2020, the Mayor presented Proclamations honoring May 14, 2020 as **Electric Lineworker Appreciation Day** and May 17- 23, 2020 as **National Public Works Week 2020**.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
 - April 27, 2020 – May 1, 2020 - \$922,197.76
 - May 4 – 8, 2020 - \$597,398.26
 - Payroll May 1, 2020 - \$1,400,658.86

City Manager James Throop reminded everyone that Memorial Day is Monday, May 25, 2020 and City services will be closed that day; announced the City will post the State's guidelines and requirements for businesses to re-open, to the City's website as soon as possible; the County will be segregating the COVID cases in the Federal Correctional Institute Lompoc Complex from the COVID cases inside the County of Santa Barbara; stated the City's Recreation Division has

invited the public to participate in a City-wide game of CLUE; and reminded all citizens to take part in the Census.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (cont'd)

Council Member Mosby asked Mr. Throop if the City has any setup plans to re-open City Hall. Mr. Throop explained the City will need to wait for direction and guidelines from the Governor's Office, and revisions may need to be made to the lobby area before City Hall could be re-opened to the foot traffic.

Council Member Vega asked for clarification on how the City is communicating with the State regarding COVID-19 regulations. Mr. Throop stated the State communicates directly to the counties and then the counties provide communication and direction to the cities; and explained the City of Lompoc participates in weekly meetings with the County of Santa Barbara regarding the COVID-19 crisis.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Approved the minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of April 7, 2020

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:

- Electric Utility Manager Tikan Singh provided a presentation to Council regarding Council's request for the installation of generator's at City facilities.

Council thanked Staff for the information and briefly discussed the information presented.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. John Linn presented a handout to Council regarding COVID-19.
2. David Hudspeth and Nicholas Gonzales asked the Council to allow all businesses to re-open.
3. (Name not given), complained about her experiences with the District Attorney's Office, the Lompoc Police Department, and the County of Santa Barbara Child Protective Services Office.

COUNCIL REQUESTS:

2. **Regulation of Syringe Exchange Programs.**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council briefly discussed the information presented.

Public Comment:

1. Nicholas Gonzales expressed his anger and stated he believes the allowance of a syringe exchange program is tantamount to social injustice.
2. Brandon Bridge asked Council to impose restrictions to this program or stop it completely.
3. Pastor Wiley Charles suggested a redemption value be placed on the needles to help encourage greater return and lessen the dumping of syringes.
4. John Linn suggested the City require the program be operated on County property or in County facilities.

After further discussion of this matter, Council directed Staff to return with a Staff report at a future Council meeting with a review all laws and regulations regarding syringe exchange programs; the requirement for keeping this program on County-owned property or within a certain distance of County-owned property; a possible redemption value program for syringes; installation of kiosks to accept syringes; available funding opportunities for syringe exchange programs; and the possible removal of the City from the County's syringe exchange program.

3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6329(20) Approving Appropriation of \$2,300,000 Electric Utility Reserves to Fund a One-Time \$150 Rebate to Each Business and Residential Customer Electric Utility Customer Due to COVID-19.**

Financial Services Manager Melinda Wall presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council thanked Staff for the information and briefly discussed the matter, including the State regulations that allow for a direct payment to electric utility account holders.

Public Comment:

1. Nicholas Gonzales and John Linn thanked Council for bringing this matter forward and encouraged Council to approve the proposed rebate.
2. Leah Braitman (via phone call) stated as a City of Lompoc Utility Commission Member, she would have preferred for this item to be reviewed by the Commission first.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Mosby. By a 5-0 vote, Council adopted Resolution No. 6329(20), amending Resolution No. 5889(14) and appropriating approximately \$2.3 million from the Electric greenhouse gas (GHG) allowance reserves, which will be used to distribute a one-time \$150 rebate (utility bill credits) to each Electric Utility business and residential customer receiving electric bills during the billing cycle immediately following adoption of the resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6330(20) Authorizing Funding for a Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Utility Grant Assistance Program and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Any Required Agreements.**

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

Council discussed the information presented.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Mosby. By a 5-0 vote, Council directed Staff to confirm and make necessary corrections to the Low Income totals on the Program Application and ensure the application states "Be a business of 5 full-time equivalent employees or less (including the owner) for assistance for business"; adopted Resolution No. 6330(20), approving Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding for a City of Lompoc COVID-19 Utility Grant Assistance Program (Program); and authorized the City Manager or designee to sign any agreements and documents to conduct the Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Review and Comment on Draft City of Lompoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, May 2020.

City Engineer Craig Dierling and Civil Engineering Associate III Joshua Leard presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed this matter and provided Staff with suggestions on revisions to the Master Plan.

Public Comment:

1. John Linn suggested the Council revise the Circulation Element of the General Plan.
2. (Name not given) – spoke in favor of improvements to the City’s bikeways, stating currently the City has a lack of safe bike lanes.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Cordova. By a 5-0 vote, Council reviewed and provided comments on the attached draft City of Lompoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, May 2020; and directed Staff to return with a revised Master Plan for Council review at the June 2, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):

1. John Linn spoke about the current donations pledged to the City for the upcoming July 4th Fireworks Show.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Mosby reported he attended the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments Meeting as a City representative; and stated there has been approximately \$9,200 pledged in donations for the City of Lompoc July 4th Fireworks Show.

Council Member Vega asked for Staff to provide a periodic report regarding staffing and hiring at the Police Department.

Council Member Cordova requested Staff look at possibly use the public safety training site at the Allan Hancock College Lompoc location for the July 4th Fireworks Show; and requested the Finance Department provide a report regarding how COVID-19 pandemic has affected the City’s finances.

Mayor Osborne suggested a regular update on the City’s finances and how those finances are being affected by the Pandemic be provided in the City Manager’s weekly report. She then reported she represented the City at the Transmission Agency of Norther California (TANC) meeting, and stated the City is updating its website to help keep all citizens aware of the State and County COVID-19 health orders and how businesses can re-open.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:27 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on June 2, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on July 21, 2020:

/Stacey Haddon/
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk