



Minutes
July 7, 2020 Special Meeting
of the City of Lompoc City Council
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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You may also call in to make a comment during Oral Communications or on a specific agenda item as it is being heard. You may call (805) 875-8201 before the close of public comment on the agenda item, you will be provided 3 minutes to give your public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 5:15 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:** 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
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Agency designated representatives: City Manager, Jim Throop; Human Resources Manager, Gabriel Garcia; City Attorney, Jeff Malawy Employee organization: All represented and unrepresented employees.
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** City Designated Representatives: Gabriel Garcia, Dean Albro, and Jim Throop. Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 (IBEW)

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, and City Attorney Jeff Malawy.

Others Present: Nicholas Gonzales, Joey White, Deb Andrews, Wiley Charles, Shawndel Malcolm, Sylvia King, John Linn, Bill Babcock, Donna Rathbun, Jim Silva, Charolette (unknown last name), Trevan Babcock, Lea Knobel, Cherrie Wise, and Frank Gonzales.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

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

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

PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:

On June 19, 2020, Mayor Osborne presented a proclamation to members of Black & Latinx Offering Community & Knowledge (B.L.O.C.K.) in honor of June 19, 2020, being proclaimed **Juneteenth in the City of Lompoc**.

On June 27, 2020, Mayor Osborne delivered a video of her reading a proclamation to the Lompoc Pride Alliance for an on-line celebration for Global Pride Day, recognizing June as **Pride Month** in the City of Lompoc.

On June 29, 2020, Mayor Osborne presented a proclamation in honor of the Lompoc Valley Medical Center’s 10th Anniversary of opening a new hospital located at 1515 E. Ocean Avenue, Lompoc.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

- **List of City expenditures**
 - June 8-12, 2020 - \$607,782.80
 - June 15-18, 2020 - \$771,174.60
 - Payroll June 12, 2020 - \$1,482,645.21

City Manager Jim Throop announced Staff is working to secure a reimbursement grant of approximately \$536,000 for expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic; reminded everyone the City’s increased 1% sales tax began on July 1, 2020; stated the Lompoc Public Library Summer Reading Challenge has begun; and announced the Lompoc Recreation Division will open the Aquatic Center on a limited basis and suggested interested persons contact the Recreation Division at (805) 875-8100 or visit the Recreation webpage.

Council Member Mosby asked if Staff will be bringing forward a report on fireworks. Mr. Throop stated Staff is working on compiling the information and will bring forward soon for Council review and discussion.

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

1. Nicholas Gonzales requested Council remove Item No. 1 from the Consent Calendar to allow for discussion of the matter.

Council Member Mosby requested Item No. 1 be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **Adoption of Resolution No. ~~6349~~ 6352(20) Approving the Tentative Agreement and 2020-2021 Memorandum of Understanding with the Lompoc Police Officers’ Association, Amending the City-Wide Compensation Plan Accordingly, and Approving Supplemental Appropriations.**

Human Services Manager Gabriel Garcia presented the Staff report and recommendations.

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

Public Comment:

1. Shawndel Malcolm, via phone, asked where the money saved or set aside by hold three Police Department vacancies is listed in this report.

Mayor Osborne stated the 3 held vacancies are separate matter from this report.

2. Nicholas Gonzales requested Police policy manuals be posted to the City’s website.

Item No. 1 (cont'd)

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council adopted Resolution No. 6349(20), which will: approve the Tentative Agreement between the City and the Lompoc Police Officers' Association (LPOA) for a successor Memorandum of Understanding for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021 (LPOA MOU 2020-2021); approve the LPOA MOU 2020-2021; amend the Citywide Compensation Plan to revise the salary ranges for various LPOA represented classifications as prescribed in the LPOA MOU 2020-2021; and approve supplemental appropriations of \$126,190 for the Biennial Budget Fiscal Years 2019-2021 which fund the salary and benefit increases as prescribed in the LPOA MOU 2020-2021.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Deb Andrews gave a prayer and complained about City Hall being closed to public foot traffic.
2. Jerry White complained about the amount of money he is being charged for impact fees for a project he is constructing inside the City.
3. Nicholas Gonzales stated he believes the Zoning Ordinance has some flaws that need to be addressed and then suggested Council approve an Ad-hoc committee to review impact fees and building permit fees.
4. Wiley Charles expressed concern about the State's rule to remove a property owner's power to evict non-paying renters.
5. Shawndel Malcolm asked Council to move forward on providing body-cameras for all Police Officers.
6. Sylvia King, Bill Babcock, Donna Rathbun, Jim Silva, Charlotte (unknown last name), Lea Knobel, Treavon Babcock, Cherrie Wise, Frank Gonzales, (name not given), (name not given – via phone), complained about the increased use of illegal fireworks all around the Lompoc Valley.
7. (Name not given), asked for Council to allow all non-profits that sell the Safe & Sane Fireworks for 2020 be allowed to keep 50% of the amount of sales that would have been earmarked for the annual City fireworks show.
8. John Linn stated he believes Safe & Sane Fireworks are a good alternative to any and all illegal fireworks.
9. (Name not given), via phone, spoke in favor of allowing fireworks inside the City.
10. (Name not given), via phone, spoke about development in the City.
11. (Name not given) spoke against the use of illegal fireworks but encouraged Council to continue to allow the Safe & Sane Fireworks.

APPOINTMENTS:

2. **Council Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission.**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Beverly Kennedy to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/2022.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):

1. Joey White asked Council to provide a grace period to him for the impact fees due on a project he is trying to complete.
2. Nicholas Gonzales expressed his concern about the current process for obtaining building permits.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Vega stated he would agree with having the Fire and Police Departments bring forward ideas and solutions for illegal fireworks.

Council Member Cordova requested Council review the entire Fireworks Ordinance, a discussion of Impact Fees, and requested Staff return at a future meeting with a matrix of Planning and Building Fees for Council to review and discuss, this request was seconded by Mayor Osborne and carried by Council Member Vega. Management Services Director Dean Albro stated the Impact Fee Study would be presented to the Planning Commission at the upcoming August 12, 2020 meeting and then will be presented to Council on August 18, 2020.

Council Member Mosby reported he attended the meetings for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District as the City’s representative.

Mayor Osborne announced she attended the North County Power Association and Transmission Agency of Northern California meetings as the City’s representative; met with members of Building BLOCK (Black, Latinx, Offering Community & Knowledge), announced the City is cancelling the Mother – Son Annual Luau; requested a future agenda item to discuss a City-sponsored swap meet or open air market, the request was seconded by Council Member Starbuck and carried by Council Member Cordova; and requested a future item be brought back where the City provides a proclamation calling out racism as a health problem and a crisis, the request was seconded by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Starbuck.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:17 P.M., Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on July 21, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on September 15, 2020:

Stacey Haddon
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk