



MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber**

THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA HAS DETERMINED THAT IN-PERSON PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT A CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS A PROHIBITED GATHERING IN VIOLATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER 2020-12.5, EFFECTIVE JULY 14, 2020. THEREFORE:

THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, the City Council is authorized to close the City Council chamber to the public and to make meetings accessible telephonically or electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the City Council. All Brown Act provisions that require the physical presence of the public for City Council meetings are waived.

The City Council meeting will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 23 and the radio at KPEG 100.9 FM, and livestreamed on the internet at www.cityoflompoc.com (Click the "City Council" button, and then "View City Council Meeting Live Webcast").

If you wish to make a comment during oral communications or on a specific agenda item, 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.

Alternatively, you may submit comments via email to s_haddon@ci.lompoc.ca.us not later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

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, Public Works Director Michael Luther, and Planning Manager Brian Halvorson.

Others Present: Michael McCormick.

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

City Attorney Jeff Malawy stated Staff is requesting an item be added to this Agenda, an agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for the installation of a ballot drop box on City-owned property at 501 E. North Avenue, commonly known as the Lompoc Public Library. Mayor Osborne, and Council Members Cordova, Starbuck, and Vega agreed to place the additional item to this Agenda after Agenda Item No. 7.

PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:

Proclamations honoring the **100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution** and in support of the **United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women** were presented via video.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
 - August 24 - 28, 2020 - \$503,185.36
 - August 31 – September 4, 2020 - \$1,610,846.33
 - Payroll September 4, 2020 - \$1,592,332.09

Council Member Mosby remarked on the current condition of City parks, specifically the overgrown green areas. Public Works Director Michael Luther explained the Parks Division is working on repairs for all large mowers and moving to hire new personnel and he expects these concerns to be addressed soon.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Osborne stated she will be voting no on Consent Item No. 3.

Council Member Cordova expressed concern about the City's General Plan requirement for Council to appoint an Economic Development Committee and Consent Item No. 3 is eliminating the Economic Development Committee.

Council Member Mosby asked Staff to confirm the July 7, 2020 Council Meeting was a Special Meeting. City Clerk Stacey Haddon stated the July 7, 2020 Council Meeting had to be held as a Special Meeting because the Agenda for the Regular Meeting was not posted on the City's website before the 72 hour posting deadline.

Council Member Vega suggested Staff return at a future meeting to allow Council to discuss and take action on updating the City's General Plan to reflect the adoption of Resolution No., 6361(20).

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

1. **Approved the minutes** of the Lompoc City Council Special Meeting of July 7, 2020.

2. **Right of Way Contract with the California Department of Transportation – Portions of City Property Near 200 and 216 W. Ocean Avenue.**

Reviewed the Permanent Easement Deed and the Right of Way Contract; and authorized the City Manager and the Public Works Director to execute and administer the Right of Way Contract.

4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6362(20) Approving Appropriations for the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant, Toward Completion of the Caltrans Lompoc Streetscape Multi-Modal Improvement Plan.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6362(20), approving appropriations of \$292,000 to allocate funds for the completion of the Caltrans Lompoc Streetscape Multi-Modal Improvement Plan.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Mosby. By a 4-1 (Mayor Osborne voted No) vote, Council:

3. **Revisions to Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members Relating to Future Agenda Item Requests and Cancellation of Meetings, and Elimination of the Economic Development Committee (To Transition the Committee to the Chamber of Commerce); Adoption of Resolution No. 6361(20).**

Adopted Resolution No. 6361(20), revising the Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members to add procedures for requesting future agenda items and clarify the criteria for cancelling meetings, and to eliminate the Economic Development Committee (to transition the Committee to the Chamber of Commerce).

COUNCIL REQUESTS:

5. **Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Potential Amendments to Sign Standards Relating to Temporary Signs**

Planning Manager Brian Halvorson presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed this matter at length, including permit fees, size and types of signage, and the current Supreme Court of the United States ruling that signs cannot be regulated by content and must be regulated by type.

COUNCIL REQUESTS: (cont'd)

Item No. 5

Public Comment: (via phone)

1. Janet Blevins questioned if the political signs posted at the Lompoc Airport are in violation of any laws or regulations.
2. Nicholas Gonzales suggested a 90 day limit for yard signs and banners under 32 square feet.

Council continued to discuss this matter.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mosby/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council directed Staff to send this item to the Planning Commission for review regarding amendments to Lompoc Municipal Code (LMC) section 17.316.070 (Temporary Signs), which could include yard signs and banners up to 32 square feet and a 90 day limit on property lots less than one acre.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum): (via phone)

1. DeWayne Holmdahl spoke about flood control issues in Miguelito Canyon.
2. Gabriel Garcia thanked the City of Lompoc Employee Development Association for the recent donation made to the family of long time employee Jeanette Bartels who passed away suddenly in August 2020.
3. Shawndel Malcolm stated he believes the City has funding available to purchase body cameras for the Police Department and wants Council to revisit this matter as soon as possible.
4. (Name not given) expressed concern about the increase in vehicle speeding on 7th Street.
5. Nicholas Gonzales encouraged Council to identify funding to purchase body cameras for the Police Department this year.
6. Darrell Tullis spoke in favor of the City re-opening a swap meet, asked for Council to consider a community forum with the Police Department and the Mayor to help strengthen the relationship between the public and local government.
7. Aaron Dixon and (Name not given) spoke against the approval of item No. 7.

APPOINTMENTS:

6. **Council Appointment to the Beautification Commission.**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Mayor Osborne. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Julianna Ibarra to the Beautification Commission for a term ending December 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7. **Consideration of Community Benefit Agreement Proposed by Strauss Wind, LLC in connection with a 100-Megawatt Wind Energy Project to be Located on Private Land Southwest of the City.**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Michael McCormick, representative from Strauss Wind, LLC encouraged Council to approve the proposed agreement and spoke about the current money Strauss Wind has delivered to the City by using local workers as well as patronizing local restaurants and hotels and motels during the construction of this project.

Council discussed this matter.

Public Comment: (via phone)

1. Scott (Unknown Last Name), stated this agreement seems unfair to the City.
2. (Name not Given), expressed concern about the negative impact the potential numerous closures of I Street will cause to her business on South I Street.
3. Leah (Unknown Last Name) and (Name not Given), encouraged Council to help this project move forward, stating renewable energy is important to all and this is a renewable energy project.

Council continued to discuss this matter which included the long term responsibility and costs the City will have as first responders to this project for any public safety matters, estimated number of trucks commuting through the City for this project, and the size and weight of those trucks and what damage City streets will incur because of the trucks.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Mosby. By a 5-0 vote, Council considered revisions proposed by Strauss Wind, LLC, to the Community Benefit Agreement: and directed Staff to further negotiation with Strauss Wind, contact the County of Santa Barbara to confirm if any property tax from this project will be directed to the City to help fund public safety services, and to return with a Staff report and discussion item on this matter at the City Council Regular Meeting of October 6, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. **Discussion and Possible Action of Agreement Between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Lompoc for the Installation of a Ballot Drop Box at the Lompoc Public Library.**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the item.

Council briefly discussed this item.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mosby/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council approved the Ballot Drop Box Facility License/Use Agreement (Agreement) between the County of Santa Barbara and the City; and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Mosby commended Management Services Director Dean Albro for his work and accuracy on the City's financial forecasts; provided a grant funding guide to Staff for Police Department body cameras and vehicle cameras; and requested the City Attorney's Office provide an estimate on costs for required redactions to police videos. The request was seconded by Council Member Starbuck and carried by Council Member Cordova.

Council Member Cordova stated she has no opposition to the City operating a swap meet, but wants to ensure this type of activity is self-sufficient.

Mayor Osborne announced she attended several events and meetings, including local 9/11 Memorial events, Communify (previously known as Community Action Commission) Board Meeting, Mayor and City Managers Meeting, and legislative calls with the County of Santa Barbara.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:14 P.M., Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on October 6, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on December 1, 2020

Stacey Haddon
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk