



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

DUE TO THE REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER ISSUED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 5, 2020,

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.

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 for your comment.

Alternatively, you may submit comments via email to s_haddon@ci.lompoc.ca.us not later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 6:15 P.M. – Council Chamber

Council Members Present: Victor Vega, Dirk Starbuck, Gilda Cordova, Jeremy Ball, 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

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:** Property: Southwesterly approximately 7.64-acre portion of Beattie Park. Agency negotiator: City Manager Jim Throop, Public Works Director Michael Luther and City Attorney Jeff Malawy. Negotiating parties: Mark Powers, District Superintendent, Lompoc Cemetery District. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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

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

Staff Present: City Manager Jim Throop, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, Community Development Director Christie Alarcon, Recreation Manager Mario Guerrero, Interim Fire Department Chief Brian Federmann, and Management Services Director Dean Albro.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

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

Mayor Jenelle Osborne asked for everyone to observe a moment of silence in honor of lives lost and impacted by COVID-19 and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Osborne read a proclamation in honor of **Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month**. Interim Fire Chief Brian Federmann thanked Council for the proclamation and the awareness this will bring to this issue.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

City Manager Jim Throop provided an update on current status of California Regional Stay at Home Health Order and County of Santa Barbara Health Officer Orders, stating the orders have been extended to January 19, 2021 with another extension possible after that date. Mr. Throop congratulated Fire Captain Jeff Edman on his retirement from the Lompoc Fire Department as of December 29, 2020; announced the Lompoc Firefighters Foundation donated a skip mount pump to the Lompoc Fire Department; introduced Charles (CJ) Berry, the City’s new Utility Director; and asked Council to confirm it wants a future agenda item to discuss Council priorities and goals. With a general consensus Council asked Staff return at a future meeting with the current list of Council priorities to allow Council to review and take possible action on revising or affirming those goals.

Council Member Cordova asked if there has been any response from the Governor’s Office regarding the letter the City sent which was in support of the request from the counties of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura asking for the removal of these three counties from the Southern California Region as it pertains to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Throop stated there has been no response.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Ball. By a 4-1 (Council Member Vega voted No) vote, Council:

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of December 15, 2020
2. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 1677(21), Changing the Appointment Method and Structure of City Commissions to Require that Commissioners Be Appointed by District.**

Adopted Ordinance No. 1677(21) Changing the Appointment Method and Structure of City Commissions to Require that Commissioners Be Appointed by District.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:

- Recreation Manager Mario Guerrero presented an update on Prop. 68 Funding Grant Per Capita Program, which included the work being performed at Beattie Park and the proposed work to be done at JM Park, Pioneer Park, and College Park.

Council thanked Staff for this presentation and the work on this grant program that has allowed for a new play structure to be installed at Beattie Park.

- Management Services Director Dean Albro provided brief presentation on the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the Financial System Update, and the upcoming 2021/2023 Biennial Budget.

Council Member Starbuck thanked Staff for all the work on these items and especially the financial system update and asked if the updated financial system will allow for online payments for utility accounts. Mr. Albro answered yes.

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

1. Allison Wales, Associate Director of the North County Rape Crisis & Child Protection Center, spoke about January 2021 being proclaimed **Human Trafficking Awareness Month**.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Consideration of City Council's List of Requested Future Agenda Items and Potential Amendment, Addition, or Removal of Items.

City Manager Jim Throop presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed the matter at great length.

City Council Requests

Community Development/Planning Division

▪ **Short-term**

Council Member Cordova moved to remove Item No. 2. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Mayor Osborne.

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 4. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Ball.

1. Discussion of Sign Ordinance – Temporary Signs
- ~~2. Zoning Amendment – Business Park~~
3. Discussion of Zoning Code Amendment – PCD Distribution
- ~~4. Discussion – Allowing Cannabis Events~~
5. Discussion and timeline and costs for General Plan Revisions
6. Informational report on 211 services

▪ **Long-term**

1. Council Workshop to review 2030 General Plan
2. General Plan Amendment – EDC wording deletion

Administration/City Attorney

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 3. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Ball.

1. Discussion of Possible Non-Profit Organization and Structure
2. Report on implementation of digital time clocks
- ~~3. Evaluation of extending City Hall hours~~
4. Review of fireworks ordinance
5. Discussion of Animal Shelter temporary closure
6. Continuing discussion on syringe exchange program policies
7. Riverbed Cleanup discussion

Finance

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Council Member Cordova.

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 2. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Ball.

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 3. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Starbuck.

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 4. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Vega.

- ~~1. AB1600 Capital Improvement Projects – Park Fees~~
- ~~2. Discussion of Cannabis License Application Deposits~~
- ~~3. Review of Solid Waste Rate Increase~~
- ~~4. Discussion of Housing Assistance Program (HAP) for Public Safety~~

NEW BUSINESS: (cont'd)

Item No. 3

Utilities

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vega and carried by Council Member Cordova.

- ~~1. Discussion of Wastewater Ordinances and LMC—Administrative Fines for sewer systems violations (after completion of Administrative Consent Order is complete)~~
- 2. Discussion of Solid Waste Pilot Program regarding scavenging (March 2021)

Council

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Council Member Vega.

Mayor Osborne moved to remove Item No. 2. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vega and carried by Council Member Ball.

- ~~1. Report from Ad hoc committee on Enterprise Reimbursement Study~~
- ~~2. Discussion of all Council/Commission handbooks and updates~~

4. Overview and Discussion of Policies, Procedures, and Rules in City Council Handbook; Discussion of Potential Revisions or Amendments to Handbook.

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented an overview of the current City Council Handbook.

Mayor Osborne suggested the Council approve an ad-hoc committee be convened to review the current City Council handbook and to also incorporate a code of ethics to the handbook. The suggestion was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Council Member Vega. Council Member Ball and Mayor Osborne were appointed to the ad-hoc committee by the same general consensus.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Cordova requested Staff begin to provide a review of the current Lompoc Municipal Code to Council for discussion and possible action at future meetings. The request was seconded by Council Member Vega and carried by Council Member Ball.

Council Member Ball stated he would like Council to begin discussions on code enforcement/compliance as well as homelessness inside the City Limits. Mayor Osborne reminded everyone these items will be brought forward during the upcoming City Council goal setting discussion and the 2019-2021 biennial budget meetings.

Mayor Osborne announced she attended the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), the Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC), Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (SB APCD) monthly meetings as well as the on-going County Legislative meetings and the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) cabinet meeting; and requested a future agenda item allowing Council to review and discuss the current ordinances and resolutions governing commercial cannabis. The request was seconded by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Ball.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:37 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on January 15, 2021 by: _____
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk