



## MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council  
Tuesday, February 2, 2021  
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 ORDER 2021-12.1, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 26, 2021. 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.cityoflompop.com](http://www.cityoflompop.com) (Click the "City Council" button, and then "View City Council Meeting Videos").

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](mailto:s_haddon@ci.lompoc.ca.us) not later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

**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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Jenelle Osborne

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
  - January 4 – 8, 2021 - \$287,730.09
  - Payroll January 8, 2021- \$1,585,328.53

City Manager Jim Throop announced the City has published a survey which gives the public the opportunity to provide input to the City Council for goals and priorities for the City and encouraged all citizens to complete the survey by February 9, 2021; and reported the County of Santa Barbara has set up a mobile COVID-19 testing site at Ryon Park, Lompoc and will be providing a mobile vaccination location in the City of Lompoc soon, appointments can be made with the help of 211 services.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Council Member Starbuck pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 2 for discussion.

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

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021.

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

Pulled for Discussion

- 2. **Revisions to Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members Relating to Appointment of Commissioners and AB 992 Social Media Use; Adoption of Resolution No. 6381(21).**

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:**

- Community Development Program Manager Chanel Ovalle presented a Brief Presentation Regarding Public Resources, information available from the City of Lompoc and from 211 Services.

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

**COUNCIL REQUESTS:**

- 3. **Discussion of Fireworks Enforcement and Introduction of Ordinance No. 1678(21) Amending Chapter 8.28 (Fireworks) of Lompoc Municipal Code Related to Enforcement of Fireworks Regulations.**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council thanked Staff for the information provided and discussed the matter at great length.

**Public Comment:**

- 1. (Name unknown), asked the Council to ensure public safety does not lose any funding.
- 2. Will Schuyler expressed concern about the amount of fees the non-profits are responsible to pay to the City for selling Safe & Sane fireworks and how that could become a deterrent for some organizations.
- 3. (Name unknown), spoke in support of a “social host” regulation being added to the City’s municipal code.
- 4. Kathy Howard spoke in opposition of the use of volunteers to enforce City rules and laws.

Council continued to discuss the matter and provided Staff with direction to return at a future meeting with a revised ordinance which will include the proposed clarification that fireworks violations are misdemeanors; and current fines for violations remain as is but will include the City’s ability to collect court and attorney fees. Council also directed Staff to return with an analysis from the City Attorney’s Office on providing notification to property owners if a tenant is cited for an illegal fireworks violation, an evaluation of the complete process of a violation from issuance to receipt of payment, a review of the agreement between the City and the Safe & Sane Fireworks wholesalers, an expansion of the enforcement/task force period, and the possible inclusion of volunteers on the City’s task force.

**BREAK:**

At 9:00 P.M. Mayor Osborne announced a break. At 9:07 P.M., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4. Discussion of Riverbed Clean-up Suggestions.**

City Manager James Throop provided a brief presentation and the Staff report.

Council thanked Staff for the presentation and discussed the matter at great length.

**Public Comment:**

1. Bob Holloway, City of Lompoc Utilities Commission Chair, expressed concern about the use of monies from the water utility funds to complete the proposed cleanup and maintenance of the Santa Ynez Riverbed.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Cordova. By a 5-0 vote, Council approved a Council Ad-hoc Committee to reach out to the County of Santa Barbara and engage in discussions on homelessness issues in the City of Lompoc; and directed Staff to bring forward detailed plans for the continued clean-up of the Santa Ynez Riverbed during the upcoming 2021/2023 biennial budget discussions.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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

2. **Revisions to Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members Relating to Appointment of Commissioners and AB 992 Social Media Use; Adoption of Resolution No. 6381(21).**

Council Member Starbuck expressed concern about the added language that allows a Mayor to appoint a person to certain City commissions if no person is nominated for six consecutive regular or adjourned City Council Meetings.

Council Member Cordova expressed concern over the Council's ability to remove any member of any City board, commission, or committee with a majority vote and no listed reasons for the removal.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Ball. By a 3-2 vote (Council Members Starbuck and Cordova voted No), Council adopted Resolution No. 6381(21), revising the Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members (Handbook) to reflect changes amending commissioner appointment processes made on December 15, 2020.

At 10:48 P.M. Mayor Osborne motioned to extend the meeting to 11:15 P.M. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

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

1. (Name not Given) suggested Council provide a public review of a fiscal report from the State of California.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:**

Council Member Cordova reported she attended the League of California Cities virtual conference for New Mayors and Council Members January 21, 22, 28, & 29, 2021.

Council Member Ball stated he attended the League of California Cities virtual conference for New Mayors and Council Members as well which included a roundtable on homelessness.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:** (cont'd)

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; the Lompoc Fire Department Pinning Ceremony and congratulated Battalion Chief Steve Terrones, Battalion Chief Scott Nunez, Fire Captain Louis Farah, Fire Captain John Steffans, Engineer Dan Sadecki, and welcomed Firefighters Shane Greene, Richard West, and Nicholas Wimmer; stated the video of the February 1, 2021 Virtual Community Forum on Crime is posted to YouTube; expressed best wishes to all 2020 recipients of the Lompoc Valley Peace Prize, Anthony Vickery, Kongie Richardson, Raelyn Person, Keith Joseph, and Jason Bryson; and reminded everyone to part-take in the Lompoc Goals and Priorities Survey which is available until Tuesday, February 09, 2021 at 5pm on the City of Lompoc website.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 11:04 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on February 16, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on February 11, 2021 by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk