



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, March 16, 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 2021-12.2, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 11, 2021. THEREFORE:

THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 5:00 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

Council Member Starbuck recused himself from Business Item No. 3 due to a real property conflict of interest. Council Member Cordova announced she is a current member of the Channel Islands Young Mens Christian Association (YMCA).

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION:** Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) Name of case: Environmental Defense Center v. City of Lompoc. U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 2:21-CV-1714
2. **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: Lompoc Cemetery District and City of Lompoc. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
3. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:** Property: 201 West College Avenue, Lompoc (APN 089-110-06). Agency negotiator: City Manager Jim Throop, City Attorney Jeff Malawy. Negotiating parties: Channel Islands Young Men's Christian Association, and City of Lompoc. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
4. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** Annual Performance Review: City Manager

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, Planning Manager Brian Halvorson, Senior Administrative Analyst Erin Keller, Utilities Department Director CJ Berry, and Community Development Director Christie Alarcon.

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:

Planning Manager Brian Halvorson introduced Michael Becker with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). Mr. Becker provided a presentation of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

Council thanked Mr. Becker for the information provided and briefly discussed the presentation.

PRESENTATIONS: (cont'd)

Vandenberg Air Force Base Biologist Samantha Kaisersatt provided a presentation on the Western Snowy Plover and Surf Beach and Ocean Park, and reminded all to be aware of their surroundings when at Surf Beach, stating there is always someone watching because of the closeness to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Council thanked Ms. Kaisersatt for the information.

City Manager Jim Throop thanked Ms. Kaisersatt and expressed gratitude to her and the Air Force Base for working with the City of Lompoc to keep this beach open to public use.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
 - February 8 – 12, 2021 - \$875,319.69
 - February 15-19, 2021 - \$253,153.56
 - Payroll February 21, 2021 - \$1,476,699.52

City Manager Jim Throop introduced newly hired Senior Administrative Analyst Erin Keller; announced the financial conversion for utility billing is continuing; reminded everyone of the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for March 17, 2021 beginning at 6:30 P.M.; reported the American Rescue Plan Funding has been signed by the President and it is estimated the City will receive approximately \$13 million dollars in funding in two separate disbursements. Mr. Throop explained Staff is working on a report to bring for Council's review, discussion, and possible action on how to use the funding.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021.
2. **Acceptance of the 2020 General Plan Annual Report.**
Accepted the attached 2020 General Plan Annual Report (Annual Report) and direct Planning Staff to file the Annual Report with the Office of Planning and Research and the Department of Housing and Community Development.
3. **Authorize the City Manager to Extend the Transit Operations Contract with RATP Dev for Two Additional Years.**
Authorized the City Manager to extend the Transit Operations Contract with RATP Dev USA, Inc. (RATP) for two additional years as provided in the contract.
4. **Adopt Resolution No. 6389(21) Establishing 10-Year Energy Efficiency Savings Targets as Required by Subsection 9505(b) of the Public Utilities Code.**
Adopted Resolution No. 6389(21), approving the City's updated 10-year energy efficiency savings targets beginning in fiscal year 2022, as required by Subsection 9505(b) of the California Public Utilities Code (CPUC).

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Ann McCarty, Executive Director of the North County Rape Crisis Center, called in and spoke in favor of the continued City funding for the Victims' Advocate position inside the Lompoc Police Department.

APPOINTMENTS:

5. **Council Appointments to the Beautification & Appearance Commission, the Human Services Commission, the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission, the Public Safety Commission, and the Utility Commission for terms ending 12/2022 and 12/2024.**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Julianna Ibarra to the Beautification & Appearance Commission as Mayor Osborne's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2022.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ball/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Warren Keller to the Beautification & Appearance Commission as Council Member Ball's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Susan Gallacher to the Beautification & Appearance Commission as Council Member Starbuck's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2022.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Ball. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Pamela Kimlinger to the Human Services Commission as Mayor Osborne's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2022.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Ball. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Kenny Agbodike to the Human Services Commission as Council Member Cordova's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ball/Mayor Osborne. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Karen Ortiz to the Human Services Commission as Council Member Ball's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Dave Baker to the Parks & Recreation Commission as Mayor Osborne's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2022.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Chris Braxton to the Parks & Recreation Commission as Council Member Cordova's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ball/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Ondray Simmons to the Parks & Recreation Commission as Council Member Ball's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Ed Braxton to the Planning Commission as Council Member Cordova's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ball/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Augusto Caudillo to the Planning Commission as Council Member Ball's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ball/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Brittany Skinner to the Public Safety Commission as Council Member Ball's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Jerry Nyman to the Utility Commission as Council Member Cordova's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ball/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Leah Braitman to the Utility Commission as Council Member Ball's direct appointment, for a term ending 12/2024.

COUNCIL REQUESTS:

- 6. **Introduction of Ordinance 1678(21) Amending Chapter 8.28 (Fireworks) of Lompoc Municipal Code to Add Provisions Regarding Enforcement Against Property Owners and Tenants, and Make Other Amendments.**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed this matter.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ball/Cordova. By a 5-0 vote, Council introduced, for first reading by title only with further reading waived, Ordinance 1678(21), amending Chapter 8.28 of the Lompoc Municipal Code to add provisions regarding enforcement against property owners and tenants, and ensure the ordinance includes property owner is informed via mail if a tenant receives a citation; and making other amendments.

- 7. **Scavenging Enforcement Pilot Program Update.**

Solid Waste Superintendent Keith Quinlan provided update to Council.

Council discussed this matter at length.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Ball By a 5-0 vote, Council received an update on the scavenging educational/enforcement pilot program utilizing the Solid Waste Division’s Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer (COE); and discontinued the educational and enforcement pilot program, allowing the COE to focus on the regular functions of Solid Waste enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 8. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6390(21) Declaring the City Council’s Intention to Abandon an Unused Approximately 7.64-Acre Portion of Beattie Park for Transfer to the Lompoc Cemetery District and Setting a Public Hearing Regarding the Same.**

City Manager Jim Throop presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck By a 5-0 vote, Council adopted Resolution No. 6390(21) declaring its intent to abandon an unused approximately 7.64-acre portion of Beattie Park and setting a public hearing for May 4 , 2021, to consider the same.

- 9. **Authorization of City Manager to Execute Memorandum of Understanding with Lompoc Unified School District for Community Recreation Facilities at Lompoc High School.**

Community Development Director Christie Alarcon presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council congratulated everyone who was involved in the renovation of the athletic field at Lompoc High School.

Council Member Starbuck asked for an update on this matter after the trial period has concluded.

Public Comment:

- 1. Kathy Howard encouraged Council to approve the proposed agreement.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Ball By a 5-0 vote, Council authorized the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Lompoc Unified School District to provide Community Recreation Facilities at Lompoc High School utilizing Huyck Stadium; and return to Council in six months’ time with an update/report on this agreement.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Vega thanked everyone for a very productive meeting.

Mayor Osborne reported she attended several meetings and events including the Beattie Park ribbon cutting ceremony; the virtual State of Vandenberg Air Force Base Address, the virtual meetings of the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), the National League of Cities Conference, the ongoing County Legislative meetings, and the local Mayors and City Managers meeting; Mayor Osborne announced the City's Fix-a-Leak week is from March 15 – 21, 2021, with many programs available to help citizens conserve water; and Community Partners in Caring are in need of volunteers to help provide rides for seniors to vaccination appointments.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:53 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on April 6, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on April 30, 2021 by: Stacey Haddon
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk

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