



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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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, and Public Works Director Michael Luther.

Others Present: Deb Andrews, Leah Braitman, and DeVika Sterling.

Pastor Bernie Federmann gave the invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE:

Mayor Osborne reported she recorded a presentation of a City proclamation for Forest Stoll in honor of his 100th Birthday.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Osborne presented a proclamation to the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitor’s Bureau President DeVika Stalling in honor of **Shop Small.**

Mayor Osborne announced the broadcasting of the City Council Meeting is unavailable on KPEG radio due to technical difficulties, and requested the City Manager Report be moved to the end of the meeting.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Cordova asked Staff to confirm if Consent Calendar Item No. 6 has any impact to the funding the City has received as a reimbursement of expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Works Director Michael Luther stated these are separate funds.

Mayor Osborne asked Staff to clarify the need to eliminate library fines for overdue library materials. Library Director Sarah Bleyl explained the cost to try to recover overdue fines usually exceeds the actual fine amount and the City has found customers are more likely to return materials, even if overdue, if there is no fine associated.

Council Member Ball asked Staff to briefly speak about Consent Calendar Item No. 4. Library Director Sarah Bleyl stated this agreement includes a cost of living increase formula for funding.

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

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of November 2, 2021
2. Approved the Calendar for City Council Meetings for Calendar Year 2022.
3. **Elimination of Library Overdue Fines to Facilitate Community Access to Information.**

Approved the elimination of Library overdue fines and eliminate and waive any existing overdue fines currently owed by Library patrons.
4. **Approval of Agreement for Operation of a County-Wide Library System.**

Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement for Operation of a County-Wide Library System between the County of Santa Barbara, and the cities of Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Goleta for the Fiscal Year 2021-22, on behalf of the City of Lompoc.
5. **Adopt Resolution No. 6461(21) Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute a Third Phase Power Purchase Agreement with South Feather Water and Power Agency.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6461(21), authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a Third Phase Power Purchase Agreement with South Feather Water and Power Agency and to execute any related agreements.
6. **Approval of Agreement with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) to Allocate Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Funds from City of Lompoc Transit to SBCAG**

Approved the attached Subrecipient Agreement with SBCAG to allocate up to \$400,000 in CARES Act funds to SBCAG for use by the Clean Air Express (CAE) program.
7. **Continuation of Ballot Drop Boxes on City Property in the City Hall and Library Parking Areas; Approval of Memoranda of Understanding with County of Santa Barbara.**

Authorized the City Manager to execute the two attached Memorandums of Understanding between the City and the County of Santa Barbara to continue the use and maintenance by the County of ballot drop boxes on City-owned property.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (cont'd)

8. **Approval of a Fourth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Pale Blue Dot Ventures, Inc., for Potential Sale of Approximately 82 acres of City-owned Property, Including and Adjacent to Ken Adam Park, for Development of a Space Center.**

Approved the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pale Blue Dot Ventures Inc., which would extend the timelines established by the MOU. If the Fourth Amendment is approved, the proof of completing seed funding and the Concept & Feasibility Study and Experience Design Plan will be due on August 30, 2022, instead of December 8, 2021, and the exclusive negotiations period will end on December 31, 2022, instead of June 6, 2022.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Deb Andrews voiced her concern regarding government response to COVID-19, stating she believes mandated masks are inhumane.
2. Bill Babcock requested Council to bring forward a future agenda item regarding the maintenance and possible removal of a stone pine tree in front of his property on South H Street.
3. Sarah (Unknown last name) via phone – requested Council not provide input to the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission until the Commission has chosen a map.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6462(21) Providing Input To The Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission Regarding Drawing of County Supervisorial District Boundaries; Designate Member of the City Council or the City Manager to Provide Further Input to the Commission Consistent with Resolution No. 6462(21).**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed the information presented, including the desire to keep all of the area in the 93436 zip code in a single county supervisorial district, or allowing the area to be divided into two separate districts, and if the Council needs a single person to act as the official City representative at the upcoming County meetings regarding redistricting.

Public Comment:

1. Leah Braitman and Kathy Howard (via phone) – encouraged the Council to not take a position on this matter until after a map has been chosen by the Commission.
2. Deb Andrews spoke in favor of the Council providing its opinion to the Commission and to help encourage the adopted map keep all of the area in the 93436 zip code inside one County district.

Council continued to discuss the matter.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 4-1 vote (Council Member Ball voted No), Council adopted Resolution No. 6462(21), with revisions (the deletion of Section 3 of the resolution), providing input to the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING:

10. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 1686(21) Amending Title 16 of the Lompoc Municipal Code to Streamline Review of Lot Line Adjustments, Remove Certain Development Standards and Application Requirements for Planned Residential Developments and Residential Condominiums, Remove the Requirement for Planned Residential Developments and Residential Condominiums of 15 Units or More to be Developed Only in a Planned Development Overlay Zone, Increase the Initial Duration of Tentative Tract Maps to 24 Months and Allow Discretionary Extension of Tentative Tract Maps for Up to a Total Extension of 6 Years, and Update Outdated or Incorrect Code References (TA 21-03).**

Planning Manager Brian Halvorson presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council thanked Staff for this item and for working to help make the development process easier.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council introduced, for first reading by title only with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 1686(21) amending Lompoc Municipal Code (LMC) Sections 16.04.110 (Expiration of Tentative Map Approval), 16.08.010 (When Maps Are Not Required), 16.36.040 (Planned Residential Developments and Residential Condominiums), and other sections of Title 16 to streamline review of lot line adjustments, remove certain development standards and application processing requirements for Planned Residential Developments and Residential Condominiums, remove the requirement for Planned Residential Developments and Residential Condominiums of 15 units or more to be developed only in a Planned Development Overlay Zone, increase the initial duration of tentative tract maps to 24 months and allow discretionary extension of tentative tract maps for up to a total extension of 6 years, and update outdated or incorrect code references.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
 - October 11 – 15, 2021 - \$940,761.63
 - October 18 – 22, 2021 - \$1,503,557.23
 - Payroll October 15, 2021 - \$1,648,024.41

City Manager Jim Throop announced the upcoming Lompoc Recreation Annual Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at the River Park fitness trail beginning at 8:00 A.M.; the Recreation Division will also be hosting the Lompoc Valley Children’s Christmas Season Parade on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.; and asked Planning Manager Brian Halvorson to make an announcement. Mr. Halvorson stated the Planning Division will be at the December 18, 2021 Lompoc Outdoor Community Market from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., with a booth to receive public input for street improvements.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Cordova requested the Council Ad-hoc Committee on Homelessness and the Santa Ynez River Bed Cleanup, Mayor Osborne seconded the request and Council Member Starbuck carried the request. Ms. Cordova also requested Staff provide a report on possible digital time clocks and a report on the review and update of the Lompoc Municipal Code. City Manager Jim Throop stated the report on digital time clocks would be brought forward in February 2022, and City Attorney Jeff Malawy stated he will work on a report on the Lompoc Municipal Code and bring to a future Council Meeting as soon as possible.

Council Member Starbuck requested Staff provide an update on the City’s enterprise funds at future meeting. The request was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Council Member Cordova.

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

Council Member Vega reported he attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Lompoc; and requested Staff return with an item to allow Council to discuss and take possible action on revising the rules for appointing persons to certain City Boards, Commissions, or Committees. The request was second by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Starbuck.

Council Member Ball thanked the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau for the work on the upcoming November 27, 2021 Shop Small event; asked Staff for a list of outstanding issues and or items regarding the broadcasting of Council Meetings, City Manager Jim Throop stated he will provide information to the Council as soon as possible. Mr. Ball also asked for fellow Council Members to tour the stone pines on South H Street to see what issues the trees may be presenting to the local residents and property owners and asked if a future item can be brought forward, Council Member Starbuck stated he requested a report on trees inside the City has been scheduled to be brought to Council in the next 60 to 90 days.

Mayor Osborne reported she attended several meetings and events including special meetings with the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO); and announced the upcoming November 21, 2021 Lompoc Recreation Annual Turkey Trot, the Lompoc Valley Children's Christmas Season Parade on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., and Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 4, 2021 to be held at the DeWees Senior and Community Center; and the Lompoc Beautification and Appearance Commission annual holiday decoration contest with judging happening on December 9, 2021.

City Attorney Jeff Malawy requested Council hold an emergency Closed Session regarding a personnel matter. The request was approved by a unanimous yes vote of the entire Council.

At 8:05 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session item.

CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. **Public Employee Appointment:** Title: City Manager

At 8:27 P.M. Mayor Osborne reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Jeff Malawy announced James Throop will resign as City Manager effective January 2, 2022, and the City Council has accepted this resignation.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:28 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on December 7, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on December 2, 2021 by: _____
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk