

*City of*  
**LOMPOC**  
**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council  
Tuesday, December 7, 2021  
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber**

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## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **OPEN SESSION – 5:15 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, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, Management Services Director Dean Albro, and Human Resources Manager Gabriel Garcia.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

### **CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room**

#### **BUSINESS ITEM:**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** City Designated Representatives: Dean Albro, Jim Throop, Gabriel Garcia, Jeff Malawy. Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 (IBEW)
2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT:** Titles: City Manager, Acting / Interim City Manager
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Agency designated representatives: Jeff Malawy, City Attorney; Unrepresented employee: City Manager & Interim 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, Management Services Director Dean Albro, Financial Services Manager Christie Donnelly, Parks and Recreation Manager Mario Guerrero Jr., and Human Resources Manager Gabriel Garcia.

**Others Present:** Margie Kern, Bill Simmons, Deb Andrews, Alfonso Almodovar, Dave Baker, Yasmin Dawson, and Brittnay Skinner.

**REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy reported Council discussed all Closed Session items, took no action on Item No. 1, and with a vote of 4-1 (Council Member Cordova voted No), the Council approved a tentative agreement with Management Services Director Dean Albro to be appointed the permanent City Manager as of January 3, 2022. Mr. Albro thanked Council and Staff for this opportunity. Council Member Cordova stated she is in complete support of the appointment. Council Member Ball also expressed his support of this appointment.

Pastor Joy Price provided the invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Executive Director Marjie Kirn and Bill Simmons the collaborative developer for the Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast, spoke about the need for a regional strategic plan for broadband deployment with updated infrastructure in the tri-counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo; and invited the Council to participate in developing a strategic plan. Mayor Osborne requested Staff work to provide a future agenda item to allow Council to discuss and take possible action on joining the Consortium. The request was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Council Member Cordova.

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

- **List of City expenditures**
  - October 25 – 29, 2021 -\$2,786,902.95
  - November 1 – 5, 2021 - \$705,647.47
  - November 8 – 12, 2021 - \$226,689.74
  - Payroll October 29, 2021 - \$1,528,359.03
  - Payroll November 12, 2021 - \$1,618,752.34

City Manager Jim Throop announced the City is currently offering a Holiday Light exchange program, where the City will provide new LED holiday lights when Lompoc Utility customers bring in their old holiday lights; and stated the Vandenberg Space Force Base is actively seeking residential property owners with current vacancies to reach out to their housing office as the Base is in need of housing locations for their military families.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (Max of 3 Minutes):**

1. Deb Andrews suggested the Council not enroll in the California Air Resources Board program and vote no on Consent Calendar Item No. 4

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021
2. **Annual Compliance Report for Development Impact Fees per Government Code Subdivision 66006(b)(1)**  
  
Received this report prepared to satisfy Government Code subdivision 66006(b)(1).
3. **Approve Submittal of Applications, and Designate Agents to Apply For, Obtain, and Administer CalRecycle Grant Program Funds; Adoption of Resolution No. 6463(21).**  
  
Adopted Resolution No. 6463(21) to facilitate the submittal of grant applications, securing of grant funds and carrying out the objectives specified in grant applications and grant agreements with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle):

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

Item No. 3 – Action

- a. Authorizing the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute all necessary applications, application amendments, payment requests, and related documents; and
- b. Authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute all contracts, agreements, amendments, and related documents.

4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6464(21) Approving Submittal of Registration Documents to the California Air Resources Board to Enroll the City of Lompoc in the Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program**

Adopted Resolution No. 6464(21), authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and submit all necessary documents to enroll the City of Lompoc (City) in the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) program administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB); and approved use of funds generated through the LCFS program to be used towards transportation electrification related programs and/or projects.

5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6465(21) Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Tax Records by City's Contractor HdL**

Adopted Resolution No. 6465(21) authorizing Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) to examine the City's sales or transactions and use tax records pursuant to City's contract with HdL to manage those records.

6. **Adoption 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).**

Adopted 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.

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:**

- Parks and Recreation Manager Mario Guerrero Jr provided a status report on the Lompoc Outdoor Community Market.

Council thanked Mr. Guerrero and all Parks and Recreation Staff for working to make this a success for the community and suggested the program be marketed and advertised as much as possible.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):**

1. Deb Andrews expressed her concern regarding the State and Federal Governments mandates for masks and other COVID-19 related health orders and encouraged the Council to not follow these rules and regulations.
2. (Name not provided) via phone – thanked Council for discussing the broadband infrastructure matter.

**COUNCIL REQUESTS:**

7. **Discussion of Potential Revisions to the Appointment Method for City Commissions.** (Council Member Vega)

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed this matter at length.

Public Comment: None

Council continued to discuss the matter.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Cordova. By a 4-1 vote (Council Member Starbuck voted No), Council directed Staff to return at a future date with resolution amending the Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members which will allow a Council Member to nominate from any district for a temporary commissioner term of 12 months, when no eligible candidate files an application within 90 calendar days after a vacancy, if an eligible candidate does file an application, that candidate will be given priority over any applicant from outside the Council Members' district; any temporary commissioner will be ineligible to be reappointed to that seat after the temporary term expires.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

8. **Preliminary Update for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2021-23 Reserves and Possible Future Commitments.**

Management Services Director Dean Albro and Financial Services Manager Christie Donnelly presented the Staff report and recommendations, which included moving 50% of current surplus to General Fund Reserves.

Council discussed the information provided.

Public Comment:

1. Alfonso Almodovar gave an inspirational quote.
2. Dave Baker, Chair of the Lompoc Parks & Recreation Commission requested Council use some of these funds to rehabilitate some local recreation facilities and suggested they allow the Commission to hold public meetings to help receive public input.
3. Ashley Costa (via phone), suggested Council put aside \$4million dollars to provide grants to the community.
4. Leah (Last Name Not Given) (via phone) – stated she agrees with providing grants to the community, and suggested a new gray water filtration system, funds to the Lompoc Museum and new Christmas decorations for the City.
5. Lillian Street, member of the Lompoc Public Safety Commission stated beautification of the City is an important step to help public safety, encouraged Council to purchase new Christmas decorations and other items that would help beautify the City and possibly installing owls at Beattie Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (cont'd)

Item No. 8 - Public Comment

6. Yasmin Dawson, founding member of the Lompoc CAHOOTS Project requested funding to help CAHOOTS provide unarmed crisis professionals to respond to mental health related emergency calls.
7. Brittany Skinner, Chair of the Lompoc Public Safety Commission, suggested funding be provided to programs which provide direct positive impact to families and children in the City.

Council continued to discuss this matter and the following lists are what each Member provided as direction to Staff

Council Member Starbuck –

All PD listed items  
Radios/Equipment Upgrade  
Body Cameras One-time Cost (ongoing \$400,000)  
Police Vehicles (currently 9 vehicles replaced)  
Computer Aided Dispatch System

Parks & Rec Commission recommendations – per the November 16, 2021 letter from the Commission

Fleet Replacements  
Type 1 Fire Engine  
Generator for DeWees Center  
And at least \$4million in reserves

Council Member Vega –

\$4million in reserves  
Type 1 Fire Engine

All PD listed items  
Radios/Equipment Upgrade  
Body Cameras One-time Cost (ongoing \$400,000)  
Police Vehicles (currently 9 vehicles replaced)  
Computer Aided Dispatch System

Parks Rehabilitation  
Budget to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Council Member Ball -

Body and Vehicle Cameras  
Library Youth Bathrooms  
New Front Entrance Lighting & Signage at Library  
Secure basement access on exterior stairs at Library  
Parks Master Plan  
Parks ADA upgrade  
Some upgrade to Westvale Park  
Fleet replacements  
Radios  
Type 1 Fire Engine  
Some reserves

Council Member Ball also requested new Community Development and or Parks & Recreation programs; \$10k to certain City Boards, Commissions, or Committees; and Dump fees waived.

Council Member Cordova –

Police and Fire  
Master Plan  
Support reserves – maybe less than the recommended 50%

**NEW BUSINESS:** (cont'd)

Item No. 8

**Mayor Osborne –**

- Support the 50% in reserves
- Radios and body cameras for PD
- PD Dispatch upgrade
- Type 1 Fire Engine
- FD Aerial Ladder Truck
- Radios for all City Departments/Divisions, which need and or use them
- Smaller items – BBQ pits – play ground equipment – bathrooms at the Library

Council Member Starbuck motioned to direct Staff to return at a later date with a Staff report to allow Council to move forward with the purchase of the Type 1 Fire Engine. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordova and approved by a unanimous vote of the entire Council.

All Council Members spoke in support of future workshops to receive input from the community and encouraged the public to reach out to Council with ideas and suggestions.

Management Services Director Dean Albro stated he will return as soon as possible with a Staff report and place a workshop on a future agenda to allow more discussion and possible action on these surplus funds.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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

1. Maria Garcia asked how public comment will be received for the use of City surplus funds.

Mayor Osborne encouraged all members of the community to attend City Council meetings, call, or email any Council Member.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:**

Council Member requested Staff to confirm a report will be provided to Council at an upcoming Council meeting regarding the status of the City's enterprise funds. Financial Services Manager Christie Donnelly stated Staff will bring that information forward at a future meeting.

Council Member Vega requested a report be brought forward to Council which will allow Council to discuss and take possible action on the installation of an Assistant City Manager. The request was seconded by Council Member Cordova and carried by Council Member Ball.

Council Member Ball thanked all who were involved in the amazing 2020 Lompoc Valley Children's Christmas Season Parade, stating he had a wonderful time participating.

Mayor Osborne reiterated Council Member Ball's sentiments regarding the 2020 Lompoc Valley Children's Christmas Season Parade and reported she attended several meetings and events including the City's Public Safety Commission November meeting, the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) monthly meeting, the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD), the ribbon cutting event for the Santa Barbara County Northern Branch Jail, and the Governor's External Affairs phone call meeting; and announced Child Abuse Listening Mediation, Inc. (CALM) is requesting monetary support during the holidays, Excel Personnel Services is inviting the public to participate in their holiday giving to local seniors who live at Fountain Square, and reminded everyone of the City's streetscape survey is currently open and Planning personnel will be at the Lompoc Outdoor Market on Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 9am – 12pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:28 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on December 21, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on December 16, 2021 by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk