



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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

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

Staff Present: City Manager Dean Albro, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, Assistant City Attorney Brian Wright-Bushman, Planning Manager Brian Halvorson, Utilities Director Charles Berry, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Dierling, and Management Services Director Christie Donnelly.

Others Present: Deni Overton, Monty Hanks, David Davis, Carl Jones, Bob Holloway, Kathy Howard, and Leah Braitman.

Chaplain Greg Nelson gave the invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Mayor Osborne presented proclamations in honor of:**
 - Wreaths Across America; and
 - The City of Lompoc’s Electric Division Centennial Celebration
- **Utilities Director Charles Berry introduced Monty Hanks, Assistant General Manager of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA). Mr. Hanks provided a presentation on the present Energy Markets.**

City Council thanked Staff and Mr. Hanks for the information provided and briefly discussed the continued volatility of the energy markets and expressed concern for all rate payers and the increased pricing for utilities.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
 - January 16 – 20, 2023 - \$821,034.94
 - January 23 – 27, 2023 - \$3,250,507.23
 - Payroll January 20, 2023 - \$1,815,998.84

City Manager Dean Albro expressed his gratitude to the City’s Urban Forestry Division for their continued work to help beautify the City, especially the recent work on the medians on Ocean Avenue; thanked Fire Chief Brian Fallon for hosting U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal at Fire Station 1; stated TAP-TV is now sharing the Santa Barbara County Animal Services page for animals eligible for adoption; and announced the City Council Budget Workshop will be held on March 16, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Cordova asked Assistant City Attorney Brian Wright-Bushman if she would need to recuse herself from participating in the Consent Calendar, specifically item #2. Mr. Wright-Bushman stated there is no requirement for her to recuse.

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

1. **Adoption of Resolution 6560(23) Authorizing Destruction of Obsolete City Records.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6560(23) authorizing destruction of obsolete City records from the Community Development Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (cont'd)

2. **Lompoc Tourism Improvement District 2022 Annual Report by Visit Lompoc Inc.**

Reviewed and approved the Lompoc Tourism Improvement District 2022 Annual Report submitted by Visit Lompoc, Inc.

3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6563(23) Directing SCI Consulting Group to Prepare the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24, for the Continuation of Levying the Annual Assessments for the Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6563(23), directing SCI Consulting Group to prepare the Engineer's Report for the Park Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for the continuation of the assessments that provide important revenues to fund the Lompoc Aquatic Center, as well as other park and recreation improvements and services.

4. **Recovery of Cost for Abatement of Public Nuisances at 1128 N. A Street Via Special Assessment Process.**

Confirmed the cost report to recover the City's costs from the property owner via a special assessment.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum): None

APPOINTMENTS:

5. **Council Appointment to the City Boards/Commissions/Committees**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Ball: By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Susan Gallacher to the Beautification Commission for District 3 for a term ending December 31, 2026.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Ball: By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Elena Jones to the Human Services Commission for District 3 for a term ending December 31, 2026.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Ball: By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Patrick Wiemiller to the Utility Commission as the Mayor's at-large appointment for a term ending December 31, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING:

6. **Public Hearing to Consider Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2024-28; Adoption of Resolution No. 6562(23)**

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer, Craig Dierling presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council thanked Staff for the presentation, discussed the increases in costs of materials, the current condition of City streets, the estimated annual costs of \$75 million dollars if the City was able to bring the average condition up to an overall Pavement Condition Index up to an average of 70 from its current overall PCI of 54.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Ball: By a 5-0 vote, Council held the Public Hearing and requested public input on Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2024-28; and adopted Resolution No. 6562(23), approving the Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2024-28.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7. **Consideration of Solid Waste Rate Adjustments; Schedule and Notice a Public Hearing for April 18, 2023, for Proposed Solid Waste Rate Adjustments, in accordance with Proposition 218.**

Management Services Director, Christie Donnelly provided a brief introduction to this item and introduced David Davis of MSW Consultants. Mr. Davis presented the Solid Waste Rate Study and four (4) scenarios for a rate adjustment to the solid waste rate.

Council thanked Staff and Mr. Davis for this information presented and discussed the four (4) rate adjustments, how a rate adjustment is necessary for the landfill to cover the added costs of operation and State mandated regulations and requirements, and the impact this will have on citizens.

Public Comment:

1. Carl Jones suggested the City add an increased fee to non-residents for use of the landfill.
2. Bob Holloway, City of Lompoc Utility Commissioner, stated the Utility Commission approved scenario #2.
3. Kathy Howard suggested a payment schedule be setup based on a households income.
4. Leah Braitman, City of Lompoc Utility Commissioner, asked for Council to find individuals who can be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Utility Commission.

Mayor Osborne motioned to approved scenario 2 as the rate adjustment schedule to proposed to ratepayers and set a public hearing for the proposed Solid Waste Utility rate adjustments for April 18, 2023, in accordance with Proposition 218. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vega.

Council Member Cordova provided a substitute motion to approve scenario 4 as the rated adjustment schedule to proposed ratepayers and set a public hearing for the proposed Solid Waste Utility rate adjustment for April 18, 2023, in accordance with Proposition 218, direct Staff to return in three (3) years with a new rate study and provide a separate rate for non-residents. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ball and with a 4-1 vote (Council Member Vega voted No), the substitute motion was approved.

Council Member Starbuck announced he received notification of a family emergency and would need to step off the dais and leave the meeting immediately.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Ball requested a future discussion of the relationship between the Lompoc Mural Society and the City, reported he attended the CommUnify 211 event held at the Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center on February 11, 2023, and the Black History Celebration held at the Lompoc Library on February 19, 2023, and expressed his excitement for the progress he has noticed with the rehabilitation of the Old Lompoc Theater. The request was seconded by Mayor Osborne, and carried by Council Member Cordova.

Council Member Vega thanked everyone who participated in the meeting and encouraged all citizens to become active in local government.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS: (cont'd)

Mayor Osborne stated she attended the CommUnify 211 event held at the Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center on February 11, 2023, and reminded all about the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) which allows persons to apply for grants that would assist in paying utility bills and explained this is one of the many services you can receive information on if you dial 211; and announced she attended several other meetings and events including the Chamber of Commerce mixer for CALM, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) meeting, and the Housing Roundtable discussion held by Congressman Salud Carbajal; and announced she was appointed as a voting member of the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO); and thanked the local Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP Chapter for hosting the Black History Month event held at the Lompoc Public Library on February 19, 2023; announced the Wreaths Across America exhibit will be held on February 24, 2023 in the parking lot of the Old Lompoc Theater; the Vandenberg Space Force Base state of the base address will be on March 15, 2023; and announced the US Small Business Administration is providing disaster loans to nonprofits, homeowners, and renters for those affected by the recent storms and all of those interested should review the information at sba.gov/disaster.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:03 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on March 7, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on April 18, 2023:

 /Stacey Haddon/
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk