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Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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

Staff Present: City Manager Dean Albro, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, and Library Director Sarah Bleyl.

Pastor Keith McLellen gave an invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ELSEWHERE: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Osborne presented proclamations in honor of:

- Constitution Week; and
- National Library Card Sign-up Month

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
 - August 14 – 18, 2023 - \$1,089,432.01
 - August 21 – 25, 2023 - \$6,608,775.21
 - Payroll August 18, 2023 - \$2,116,361.80

City Manager Dean Albro announced the Lompoc landfill will be closed on October 1, 2023 for necessary scale updates; the Parks & Recreation Division will be hosting a **Dunkin’ for Pumpkins** event on October 22, 2023 at the Lompoc Aquatic Center; and thanked Explore Lompoc for coordinating a welcome reception for Colonel Shoemaker held at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Lompoc.

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

1. (Name not provided), thanked the Council for presenting a proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution honoring Constitution Week, and expressed concern about the Public Safety Commission not being able to meet because a lack of membership and encouraged the Council to make an appointment soon.
2. Via Phone (Name not provided), thanked the City for the wonderful ADA City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) system, and spoke about recent excellent service.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of June 6, 2023
2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6603(23) Attesting to the Veracity of the 2022 Power Source Disclosure Report and 2022 Power Content Label**

Adopted Resolution No. 6603(23) to attest the veracity of the 2022 Power Source Disclosure Report and the 2022 Power Content Label.
3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6604(23) Appointing an Interim Utility Director and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Employment Agreement with Bradford Wilkie as Interim Utility Director.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6604(23), which will: determine an interim assignment to the vacant position of Utility Director is a necessity for the secure ongoing operations of the Utility Department and that the position requires specialized skills; appoint Mr. Bradford Wilkie as Interim Utility Director on a limited-term basis with the appointment to end no later than June 30, 2024, as in the best interest of the City and the Utility Department; and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an employment agreement with Mr. Bradford Wilkie as Interim Utility Director.
4. **Approve Request from the Lompoc Community Benefit Foundation for Seed Money to Open Bank Account.**

transferred \$2,500 to the Lompoc Community Benefit Foundation as seed money so that they may open a bank account.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Steve Bridge requested the Council allow the Flower Festival Association give a brief presentation at a future meeting.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

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

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Mackenzie Clarke to the Airport Commission for an at-large term ending January 31, 2026; and Margreta Vaughn to the Airport Commission for an at-large term ending January 31, 2027.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Starbuck. By a 3-2 vote (Council Member Cordova and Mayor Osborne voted No), Council appointed Steve Bridge as an out of district appointment for District 2 with a term ending December 31, 2024, or sooner if an in-district application is received before the December 31, 2024 date.

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

6. **Council Appointment of Council Member(s) to Serve on the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau Economic Development Committee.**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Ball. By a 5-0 vote, appointed Council Member Ball and Mayor Osborne to serve on the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau Economic Development Committee.

7. **Council Appointment of Alternate Commissioner(s) to Electric Utility Joint Power Agency's (JPA's) Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC).**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Cordova. By a 5-0 vote, Council removed Charles Berry and appointed Brad Wilkie and Christie Donnelly as alternate commissioners to the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and removed all Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) alternate commissioners.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

Due to a real property conflict of interest, Council Member Starbuck recused himself from Agenda Item No. 8, asked for Council to allow the Flower Festival Association to bring forward a presentation at a future Council meeting; the request was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Mayor Osborne. Council Member Starbuck then exited the Chamber and the building.

8. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6605(23), Reaffirming the Lompoc Mural Project and Approving Mural Installation Sites.**

Jeff Malawy, City Attorney presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Public Comment:

1. Carl Jones and unnamed person, spoke in favor of the City providing support to the Lompoc Mural Society stating the murals are an asset for the City.
2. Nancy Thompson stated she is unclear of what this item is requesting from the City.

COUNCIL REQUEST: (cont'd)

Item No. 8

Mayor Osborne stated the Lompoc Mural Project currently receives donations directly from donors or through a donation option available through the City's utility billing system and there is a proposal to add a QR Code to each mural site that would allow for visitors to receive specific information regarding a mural and or donate directly from their phone or other electronic device; and this request would need to return to Council for further discussion and action at a later date.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Cordova/Ball. By a 5-0 vote, Council adopted Resolution No. 6605(23), which will reaffirm the Lompoc Mural Project as a City Project and approve 18 mural installation sites not previously approved by the City Council; and return at a later date to allow Council to discuss and take possible action on providing funding of \$25,000 to the Lompoc Mural Project either singularly, annually, or during each biennial budget period.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):

1. Carl Jones, member of the Lompoc Botanical Society, spoke about the needed repairs at the Lompoc drought tolerant garden on Central Avenue and asked Council to consider installing an informational plaque at the garden.
2. Nick Nickelenko suggested the reason for empty buildings inside the City is because crime has increased in the area.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Ball thanked Library Director Sarah Bleyl for all the events, and public engagements hosted by the Lompoc Public Library; thanked Explore Lompoc for the wonderful welcome reception hosted for Colonel Shoemaker; and requested Staff provide an informational presentation at a future meeting on the City's code enforcement process after a violation notice has been provided to a citizen. The request was seconded by Mayor Osborne and carried by Council Member Cordova.

Mayor Osborne reported she attended several meetings and events, including the county-wide monthly Opioid Project meeting, the City's Planning Commission meeting, the regular Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) meeting, the regular Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) meeting, and a monthly meeting with the City Manager and Santa Barbara County Supervisor Joan Hartmann; and thanked the Lompoc Fire and Police Departments for the 9/11 memorial service; announced the City will be providing a survey beginning on September 20, 2023 regarding animal services inside the City; the City is requesting input from the public on the local road safety plan with a survey on the City's website; swim instructor training is being provided at the Lompoc Aquatic Center; and requested the entire Council ride on a single float at the upcoming Lompoc Valley Childrens Christmas Season Parade; the request was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Council Member Cordova

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:48 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on October 3, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on November 29, 2023 by: *Stacey Haddon*
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk