



## MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**OPEN SESSION – 5:30 P.M. – Council Chamber**

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

**Staff Present:** Acting City Manager Christie Donnelly, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, and City Attorney Jeff Malawy.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room**

**BUSINESS ITEM:**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:** Property: approximately 82 acres including and adjacent to Ken Adam Park (APN: 095-070-008). City negotiators: Acting City Manager Christie Donnelly, City Attorney Jeff Malawy. Negotiating parties: City of Lompoc and Pale Blue Dot Ventures, Inc. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION:** Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Name of case: *City of Lompoc v. Eduardo Chavez Hernandez, et al.* Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 22CV04770

The general Oral Communications periods are reserved for persons desiring to address the Lompoc City Council on any subject within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Closed Session and Consent Calendar Oral Communications periods are limited to the subjects of the closed session/consent calendar agenda items.

**OPEN SESSION – 6:30 PM – Council Chamber**

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

**Staff Present:** Acting City Manager Christie Donnelly, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, Utility Director Brad Wilkie, and Utility Conservation Representative Juan Esqueda.

**Others Present:** Carl Jones and Elena Jones.

**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:**

Mayor Osborne presented proclamations in honor of:

- **Extra Mile Day** to Carl and Elena Jones; and
- **Law Enforcement Records Support Staff Day 2023**

Members of the Lompoc Valley Flower Association gave a brief presentation on past and upcoming events.

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

- **List of City expenditures**

- September 25 – 29, 2023 - \$3,034,438.03
- October 2 – 6, 2023 - \$1,520,925.40
- October 9 – 13, 2023 - \$1,607,894.45
- Payroll September 29, 2023 - \$1,714,718.18
- Payroll October 13, 2023 - \$1,817,119.75

Acting City Manager Christie Donnelly reported City Hall, the Lompoc Public Library, and Recreation facilities will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023 in honor of Veteran’s Day; the Lompoc Library’s Tiny Art Show is accepting submissions through November 30, 2023; the Parks & Recreation annual Turkey Trot will be held at River Park on November 19, 2023; the Lompoc Hospital District Foundation and Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization are hosting a free caregiver information session on November 29, 2023 at the DeWees Community and Senior Center; Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 2, 2023, 8:30AM and 10:00AM, at the DeWees Community and Senior Center; and the deadline for submitting nominations for the Lompoc 2023 Holiday Decoration Contest is December 6, 2023.

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

1. (Name not Provided), spoke about Consent Calendar Item No. 6, and suggested the financial reports and feasibility studies be provided to the public.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Mayor Osborne announced Consent Calendar Item No. 4 has been pulled by Staff.

Council Member Ball asked Staff to clarify the vehicle replacement schedule as it pertains to Consent Calendar Item No. 5. Utility Director Brad Wilkie stated the average age of solid waste collection vehicles is eight (8) years, the current vehicles will be three (3) years past that time when the new vehicles are delivered.

Council Member Cordova pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 6 from the Consent Calendar, to be discussed towards the end of the meeting.

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

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of July 18, 2023
2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6612(23), to Implement State Mandated Minimum Wage Increase Effective January 1, 2024 and Approve Appropriations for the Increase.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6612(23), which will amend the City’s Compensation Plan to revise the salary rates for various part-time, at-will, temporary positions affected by the State-mandated minimum wage increase; and approved the appropriations to fund the salary rate adjustments for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6613(23) Accepting Bequests from the Lena Kaye aka W. Lena Kappler Trust to the Lompoc Parks & Recreation Youth Programs and the Lompoc Parks & Recreation Senior Adult Programs.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6613(23), accepting the bequests to the Lompoc Parks & Recreation Youth Programs and the Lompoc Parks & Recreation Senior Adult Programs from the Lena Kaye aka W. Lena Kappler Trust and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents related thereto.

Item No. 4 was pulled from this Agenda

- 4. **Award of a Sole Source Construction Contract for Council Chamber Audio/Presentation/Voting System upgrades in the amount of \$279,256.42 to Triton Technology Solutions**
  
- 5. **Award of a Contract Purchase Order for Ten Solid Waste Collection Vehicles for a Total Amount not to Exceed \$5,000,000; Adoption of Resolution No. 6615(23), Approving Supplemental Appropriations for the Procurement of Eight Solid Waste Collection Vehicles.**

Approved the award of a contract to purchase ten 2023 Autocar ACX64 Side Loader Collection vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to Velocity Truck Centers of Oxnard, California; authorize and direct the Fleet Division to initiate the requisition process and authorized the Purchasing Manager to issue a contract purchase order immediately upon completion of the requisition process in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000; and adopted Resolution No. 6615(23), approving supplemental appropriations and estimated revenues for the acquisition of eight Solid Waste collection vehicles in addition to the two Solid Waste collection vehicles included in the Biennial Budget Fiscal Years 2023-25.

This was pulled from the Consent Calendar to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

- 6. **Receive and File Report on Financial Feasibility of Pale Blue Dot’s Proposed Development of a Space Center Project on Approximately 82 Acres Including and Adjacent to Ken Adam Park (APN 095-070-008)**

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:**

Utility Conservation Representative Juan Esqueda provided an overview on the City’s Holiday Light Exchange Program. Utility Director Brad Wilkie stated the City’s highest peak of electricity use is Christmas Eve, and this program could help lessen that peak usage.

Council thanked Staff for the information provided.

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

- 1. (Name not provided), suggested Council complete a traffic study on North O Street near Chestnut Avenue and on East Barton Avenue and North L Street.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 7. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6614(23), Approving Amendments to the Electric Rate Assistance Program.**

Juan Esqueda, Utility Conservation Representative presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council Member Ball asked Staff if there will be an effort to provide this information to the public. Utility Conservation Representative Juan Esqueda answered yes, Staff will continue to provide outreach to the public.

**Public Comment:**

- 1. (Name not provided), suggested the City warn all persons who use oxygen at home, not to use space heaters, as the combination could prove harmful and dangerous.

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

Item No. 7 - Action

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Cordova/Ball. By a 5-0 vote, Council adopted Resolution No. 6614(23), which will implement the following amendments to the Electric Rate Assistance (ERA) program:

- a. Increase the maximum monthly billing credit towards electricity charges for program participants from \$9 to \$18;
- b. Extend the applicant recertification period from one year (12 billing cycles) to two years (24 billing cycles);
- c. Remove the quarterly electric history usage verification requirement for mobile home residents; and
- d. Require submission of an affidavit from program applicants with no source of income.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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

6. **Receive and File Report on Financial Feasibility of Pale Blue Dot's Proposed Development of a Space Center Project on Approximately 82 Acres Including and Adjacent to Ken Adam Park (APN 095-070-008)**

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

Council discussed this matter briefly.

**Public Comment:**

1. Carl Jones requested a presentation of the consultants reports at a public meeting be provided at a future date.
2. (Name not provided), spoke about the proposed entry fee of this proposed center and expressed concern about local citizens being able to afford to take part in a project such as this one.

Council continued to discuss this matter.

**ACTION:** Motion/Second: Mayor Osborne/Cordova. By a 5-0 vote, set a special meeting for Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM, for a formal presentation on the financial feasibility analysis prepared by the City's consultant, Pro Forma Advisors LLC, regarding the proposed Pale Blue Dot Space Center Project.

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

1. (Name not provided), spoke about the war in Israel, asked for everyone to pray for those affected by the terrors of war.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:**

Council Member Starbuck asked if Staff is scheduled to present a proposal for use of the funds received from the nationwide opioid litigation settlement. Staff stated this is setup to be brought forward by the Police Chief.

Council Member Ball announced the State has provided \$2.285 million to the Lompoc Theater Project for the rehabilitation of the Old Lompoc Theater building.

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

Mayor Osborne reported she attended several meetings and events, including the Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization (LVCHO) transportation kickoff meeting, the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (APCD), the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), League of California Cities Santa Barbara city managers & mayors meeting, the Vandenberg Space Force Base 76<sup>th</sup> Gala, the Santa Barbara Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting, the US Conference of Mayors of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties meeting, Project Opioid presentation from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on fentanyl use, the United Way real cost measure presentation, the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) regular meeting, the Route One fundraising event, the City of Lompoc Make a Difference Day, and City Trick or Treat event held at City Hall, the Parks & Recreation Center, the South G Street Fire Station, the Lompoc Library, and the Police Station; and then announced a community Veteran's Day Celebration will be held on November 11, 2023, at 11AM at the Lompoc Veteran's Memorial Building on South H Street, City Hall and several other City facilities will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10, 2023, and congratulated Brad Wilkie being appointed as the Utility Director, and commended Lompoc Police Officer Kevin Kromer being receiving the Lompoc Elks Outstanding Performance Award and Lompoc Fire Captain John Steffens being named the Lompoc Elks 2023 Firefighter of the Year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:08 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on November 21, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on January 10, 2024 by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk