Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 5:00 P.M. – Council Chamber

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

Staff Present: City Manager Jim Throop, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, and City Attorney Jeff Malawy.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: City Manager

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: Government Code Section 54957.6
   Agency designated representative: Jeff Malawy, City Attorney
   Unrepresented employee: City Manager

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

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

Staff Present: City Manager Jim Throop, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, and City Attorney Jeff Malawy.

Others Present: Michael McCormick, Thomas Brandenberg, Lucy Thoms-Harrington, and Gary Hulsey.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Jeff Malawy reported the Council discussed both items listed on the Closed Session Agenda, but no reportable action was taken.

Pastor Jane Quandt gave the invocation Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- List of City expenditures
  - December 30, 2019 – January 3, 2020 - $873,884.18
  - January 6 – 10, 2020 - $466,237.52
  - Payroll January 10, 2020 - $1,529,055.83

City Manager Jim Throop stated there was nothing to be reported.

Council Member Mosby asked for Staff to confirm the City is not in danger of turning off or closing its water plant even if Measure I2020 is not passed by the voters on March 3, 2020. City Manager Jim Throop stated City Staff has provided educational pamphlets and presentations for Measure I2020 and assured everyone the City is not closing its electric or water services.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (Max of 3 Minutes): None

Council Member Mosby recused himself from participating in the vote for Consent Item No. 3, stating he owns real property within 500 feet of the subject property.

Council Member Vega asked for confirmation of the Council’s previous action regarding the requested changes to the meeting dates for the Public Safety Commission. Mayor Osborne explained the Council approved to move forward with the Public Safety Commission’s request for additional meetings and directed that Commission to return to Council at a later date with suggestions on reducing costs to City for holding monthly meetings of the Public Safety Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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


2. Revisions to Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members; Revising the Meeting Dates for the Public Safety Commission and Disbanding the Senior Commission; Adoption of Resolution No. 6303(20).

   Adopted Resolution No. 6303(20), revising the Handbook for Commission, Committee, and Board Members to reflect changes to meeting dates for the Public Safety Commission and disbanding the Senior Commission.

3. Waiver of Fees for plan check of B2019-1046, Owner – Hulsey (204 N C Street, Lompoc).

   ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Mayor. By a 4-0-1 vote, Council Member Mosby abstained, Council granted a waiver of plan check fees in the amount of $1,677.69 and apply that credit to Building Permit No. B2019-1046.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Michael McCormick, a representative from Baywa Strauss Wind requested the City allow this project to use a truck route outside the City’s current and approved truck route, while transporting all items needed for the installation of the Strauss Wind Energy Project in Miguelito Canyon.

2. Thomas Bandenberg announced an upcoming free event on April 11, 2020 that will include a Bar-B-Que and a job fair for teens.

3. Lucy Thoms-Harrington, a representative from the local American Association of University Women (AAUW), thanked the City for their assistance with the AAUW 3rd Annual Speech Trek, a speech competition for local high school students.

4. (Name not Given), thanked Council for their help with this local construction project.

APPOINTMENTS:

4. Council Appointment to the Youth Commission.

   ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor/Cordova By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Diana Garcia to an Adult Position on the Youth Commission with a term ending January 2021.

   ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Cordova By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Beverly Kennedy to an Adult Position on the Youth Commission with a term ending January 2022.
NEW BUSINESS:

5. Adoption of Resolution No. 6304(20); Policy on the Procedure for the Discontinuance of Residential Water Service for Delinquent Accounts or Other Circumstances.

Financial Services Manager Melinda Wall presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council discussed the information.

Mayor Osborne asked Staff to confirm the required notices, if printed in English, will contain a note or sentence in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean about where more information can be found. Financial Services Manager Melinda Wall answered yes.

Public Comment:

1. Gary Hulsey expressed concern regarding the future costs this State mandate will force onto the City.

Council Member Mosby asked Staff to confirm this matter is a State mandate and if the City does not implement a policy, it could face up to a $1,000/day fine. City Attorney Jeff Malawy answered yes.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Vega/Mosby By a 5-0 vote, Council adopted Resolution No. 6304(20) Policy on the Discontinuance of Residential Water Service implementing Senate Bill 998.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Vega stated he has a nominee for the Beautification Commission.

Council Member Cordova reported she attended the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau Board of Directors Meeting and announced the Chamber will be holding a community informational meeting regarding the sales tax Measure I2020, on February 20, 2020; and stated she attended the City of Lompoc Youth Commission January Meeting.

Council Member Mosby asked Staff if a future Agenda item should be scheduled to allow Council to discuss the Baywa Strauss Wind Energy Project. City Manager Jim Throop stated he would setup meetings with individual Council Members to discuss this matter. Council Member Mosby requested all persons who are discussing the upcoming Measure I2020 to be conscientious about their rhetoric and not use scare tactics to influence votes.

Mayor Osborne reported she participated in the Point in Time Count; was invited to attend the Installation of Officers Ceremony for the Lompoc International Order of Odd Fellows; attended the retirement party for City of Lompoc Fire Battalion Chiefs Mark Bray and Chuck Ruda and the Lompoc Peace Prize event where Yasmine Dawson was awarded the Peace Prize; congratulated all participants and winners of the American Association University of Women’s Speech Trek; and announced she was appointed to the League of California Cities Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Policy Committee

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:18 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on February 18, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on March 3, 2020:

/ Stacey Haddon/
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk