



MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, 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, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, Police Chief Joe Mariani, and Police Sergeant Kevin Martin.

Others Present: Steve Franck, Bob Allen, David Exline, Kelly Pounds, Deb Andrews, Erin Nagel, Sue Coupland, and Ralph Harman.

Pastor Bernie Federmann gave the invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PRESENTATIONS:

Joseph Mariani was Officially sworn into the Office of the Police Chief for the City of Lompoc.

Mayor Osborne presented a Proclamation in Honor of March 2019 being named National Women's History Month.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

- **List of City expenditures**
 - January 28 – February 1, 2019 - \$691,175.95
 - February 4 – 8, 2019 - \$3,059,274.18
 - Payroll February 8, 2019 - \$1,419,826.97

City Manager Jim Throop introduced Steve Franck of Pale Blue Dot Ventures, Inc. Mr. Franck, Bob Allen, David Exline, and Kelly Pounds gave a presentation proposing a Space Center Project on City Property near Allan Hancock College and asked Council to consider an exclusive negotiating agreement with Pale Blue Dot Ventures, Inc. Council thanked the presenters and directed Staff to return at a later date with a Staff report allowing Council to discuss and possibly take action regarding a potential project on City-owned property adjacent to and including Ken Adam Park.

City Manager Jim Throop asked Management Services Director Dean Albro to the podium to provide a brief summary of the City's completed Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Mr. Albro thanked Council for the time and commended all City Financial Employees who worked tirelessly to complete the CAFR and work with the financial auditing company Glenn Burdett; and introduced Erin Nagel from Glenn Burdett. Ms. Nagel spoke about the financial audit review process, thanked City Staff for their work to provide the information needed by Glenn Burdett to complete the audit; and briefly discussed the new reporting requirements, the final audit results, and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded to the City for the completed CAFR.

Council Member Mosby asked Ms. Nagel if the City's upgrade in its financial management system helped the audit process. Ms. Nagel answered yes.

City Manager Jim Throop congratulated the Finance Department on completing this difficult and time consuming yet extremely important process.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Mosby asked Staff if the City should consider the possible reactivation of additional ponds for the City's Water Treatment Plant, to avoid excessive sludge buildup and the need for additional hauling services. Utilities Director Brad Wilkie explained the reason for the request for additional funds in Consent Calendar Item No. 3, is due to the temporary malfunction of the de-watering system and does not anticipate this issue to arise in the future.

Council Member Starbuck asked Staff if any funds have been received from any State or County agencies to help pay for the clean-up of the Santa Ynez Riverbed. Council Member Vega expressed disappointment in the lack of help the City has received from the County and the State with this matter. City Manager Jim Throop explained he continues to work with the County and the right State offices to help the City receive any and all funds it could be entitled to receive to help pay for this expense.

Council Member Cordova asked if the City will continue to monitor and patrol the Riverbed, stating the City should continue to maintain its efforts to keep the Riverbed clean and safe. City Manager Jim Throop answered yes, and stated a budget request will be brought forward during the upcoming Biennial Budget discussions.

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

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Special Meeting of November 26, 2018
2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6241(19) Terminating the Local Emergency Proclaimed by the City Council on October 2, 2018, Relating to the Clean-up of the Santa Ynez Riverbed.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6241(19), terminating the local emergency proclaimed by the City Council on October 2, 2018, relating to the clean-up of the Santa Ynez riverbed.

3. **Approval of Onetime Change Order Limit Increase for Citywide Water Division Sludge Hauling Services with Johnson Excavation, for the Fiscal Year 2018-19; Adoption of Resolution No. 6242(19).**

Approved a onetime Change Order for Purchase Order No. C00400046 from \$148,000 to \$325,000 for Fiscal Year 2018-19; and adopt Resolution No. 6242(19), appropriating the funds required for the onetime Change Order

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Deb Andrews asked Council to direct Staff to place all videos of previous Council Meetings be placed back onto the City's website and spoke against the use of cannabis.
2. Sue Coupland asked Council to speak with Eva Blaisdell from Rocket Lady Foundation, before moving forward with Pale Blue Dot Ventures, Inc., for the use of City property as a location for a space center site.
3. Ralph Harman, President of the Lompoc Fire Fighters Foundation, invited the public, and the Council to the upcoming fundraising dance event to be held on March 23, 2019, to be held at the Anderson Recreation Center at 125 W. Walnut, Lompoc.
4. Lupe Montero and Mike Ross asked Council to help re-open a swap meet inside the City of Lompoc.
5. Anthony Hudley, President of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1906, expressed concern about some information provided on the City's interactive budget tool.

APPOINTMENTS:

- 4. Council Appointment to the Economic Development Committee.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Elaine Webber to an associate position on the Economic Development Committee for a term ending February 2020.

COUNCIL REQUESTS:

- 5. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 1666(19) to Prohibit Overnight Parking on Cordoba Avenue and Aviation Drive, Provide for the Creation of Parking Permit Programs for Restricted Parking Zones, and to Create an Exception to the Safe Parking Ordinance to Comply with *Martin v. City of Boise*; Adoption of Resolution No. 6243(19) to Create a Permit Parking Program on Aviation Drive and Cordoba Avenue.** (Requested by Council Member Vega and Council Member Cordova)

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council Member Vega expressed concern of the proposed restricted parking zones, asked Staff if any communication or complaints had been received from the Chumash Casino or any of its employees regarding this area and the parking issues; he also asked if the Police Department has been out at this location to help alleviate any problems; if this area has a known criminal element; are unregistered vehicles allowed to remain on City streets; and will a prohibition of overnight parking affect drivers of large carrier trucks, who need or want to sleep in their vehicle. Police Sergeant Kevin Martin stated he was unaware of any complaints from any person(s) connected to the Chumash Casino; explained he believes the approval of this ordinance and resolution will allow the City and the Police Department to help remove the criminal element that does live there now; he clarified the State of California does not allow for the towing of a vehicle for the lack of valid registration until the registration is out of date for at least 6 months; and pointed out Aviation and Cordoba are not on the trucking route.

Council Member Mosby asked if this is the first step for the City to help remove the problem of people from sleeping in vehicles on City-owned streets; and suggested the City not charge a fee for a parking permit. City Manager Jim Throop explained the Safe Parking Program has been placed on hold due to Staff vacancies and will be returned to Council as soon as possible.

Public Comment:

- 1. Deb Andrews asked where the people will go if they have no other place to sleep.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mosby/Vega. By a 5-0 vote, Council introduced, for first reading by title only with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 1666(19), which prohibits overnight parking on Cordoba Avenue and Aviation Drive, provides for the creation of parking permit programs for restricted parking zones, and creates an exception to the Safe Parking Ordinance (Lompoc Municipal Code [LMC] Chapter 10.30) to comply with *Martin v. City of Boise*; with the removal of the following from Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1666(19): *The issuance of a parking permit shall be contingent upon payment of a fee established by a resolution of the City Council.*; and adopt Resolution No. 6243(19), which creates a parking permit program for Aviation Drive and Cordoba Avenue; Section 2 of Resolution No. 6243(19) will be revised as shown: *Any business operating, or owning property, immediately adjacent to Cordoba Avenue or Aviation Drive may request and shall receive from the City, upon payment of the fee set by the City Council, as many parking permits as may be reasonably necessary for its business needs.*

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Mosby reported he attended a Santa Barbara County Association of Governments meeting; and asked Staff to return at a future meeting with a Staff presentation on all the appeals processes available to the public on any matter and provide information on what other agencies do regarding appeals. The request was seconded by Council Member Starbuck and carried by Council Member Vega.

Council Member Starbuck thanked Urban Forest Supervisor Sean O'Neil and the Beautification Commission for all their work completed this past year and announced he has an open vacancy to the Beautification Commission and asked for any interested parties to reach out to him or to the City Clerk's Office.

Council Member Vega requested Staff return at a future meeting to provide Council the opportunity to review, discuss, and take possible action on the City's current code enforcement policy. The request was seconded by Council Member Starbuck and carried by Council Member Mosby.

Council Member Cordova reported she traveled to Randolph Air Force Base in Randolph, TX to attend the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Command Civic Leaders Meeting and will be representing the Vandenberg Air Force 381st Training Squadron as a Civic Leader.

Mayor Osborne stated she attended several meetings and events, including the Countywide Selection Committee Membership Meeting, the Lompoc Youth Commission TOTAL Conference, the Girls Softball Opening Ceremony, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Community Health Center facility on West Ocean Avenue; announced the U.S. Bureau of Census is beginning to recruit for jobs related to the upcoming 2020 Census; stated she has begun to plan for a Mayor's Forum to discuss public safety concerns in the community and will announce the date, time, and location as soon as that information is available; and invited the community to attend the upcoming Saturday, March 9, 2019 City Council Goal Setting Workshop to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall and beginning at 8:30 A.M. with a meet and greet session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:24 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on March 19, 2019 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on April 2, 2019:

Stacey Haddon
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk