



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 P.M. – Council Chamber

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

Staff Present: City Manager Dean Albro, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, and Acting City Michael Huston.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:** Property: 613 S. Avalon, Lompoc, CA; APN: 093-400-009; 312 E. Chestnut, Lompoc, CA. Agency negotiator: Dean Albro, City Manager; Brad Wilkie, Utility Director; Jeff Malawy, City Attorney. Negotiating parties: Central Valley Auto Dismantlers, Inc.; City of Lompoc. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:** Property: 315 E. Chestnut, Lompoc CA; APN: 085-031-003. Agency negotiator: Dean Albro, City Manager; Brad Wilkie, Utility Director; Jeff Malawy, City Attorney. Negotiating parties: Wolf, Gary Richard Trust 6/25/04; City of Lompoc. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

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 – 6:35 P.M. – Council Chamber

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

Staff Present: City Manager Dean Albro, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, Acting City Attorney Michael Huston, Utility Director Brad Wilkie, Utility Conservation Coordinator Rodney Loehr, Water Supervisor Shaun Ryan, Recreation Supervisor Johanna Kinard, Aquatic Center Recreation Supervisor Hannah Wallace, Recreation Supervisor Chad Dawson, Recreation Supervisor Sue Slavens, and Management Services Director Christie Donnelly.

Others Present: Carl Jones, Ann McCarty, Diane Burns, Steve Bridge, Maureen Brimms, Eric Russ, Manuel Estrada, Jim Mosby, and Nicholas Gonzales.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

Acting City Attorney Michael Huston stated no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

Anita Friedman gave the invocation and Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Mayor Osborne presented:
 - A Certificate of Appreciation to former Planning Commissioner Federico Cioni
 - A Proclamation in honor of Water Professionals Appreciation Week; and
 - A Proclamation in honor of Public Power Week

Mr. Cioni thanked Council, fellow Planning Commissioners, and his family for this experience of being able to serve on the Planning Commission for the past 11 years.

PRESENTATIONS: (cont'd)

Utility Director Brad Wilkie thanked Council for the recognition to the Utility Department Staff and praised all City Staff who work in the City's water and electric divisions for their continued work which ensures citizens are provided with clean water and reliable electricity.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

• **List of City expenditures**

- August 26 – 30, 2024 - \$924,246.74
- September 2 – 6, 2024 - \$1,235,491.74
- Payroll August 30, 2024 - \$2,038,079.08

City Manager Dean Albro provided a brief report on current City happenings, including the official award of federal funding for the computer-aided dispatch and records management system CAD-RMS for the Police Department; the City's Water Division waterline and valve replacement project which will begin this month; the upcoming Holiday Light Exchange Program that will begin the first week of November; the Recreation Division is now accepting applications for the 2024 Lompoc Valley Children's Christmas Season Parade themed **Dreaming of a White Christmas**; and shared a video which provided drone surveillance footage from March 2024 and from August 2024, which shows the progress the City has made in clearing out encampments in the Santa Ynez Riverbed.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meetings of August 6, 2024, August 20, 2024, and September 3, 2024.
2. **Approval of Amended Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws for the Black Gold Cooperative Library System.**

Approved, and authorized the City Manager to execute, the Amended Joint Powers Agreement and Amended Bylaws for the Black Gold Cooperative Library System between the member libraries located in the cities of Paso Robles, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Goleta, Carpinteria, and Santa Paula, on behalf of the City of Lompoc.

3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 6707(24) to Close City Hall and Suspend Certain Field Operations on December 23, 26, and 27, 2024.**

Adopted Resolution No. 6707(24) permitting the closing of City Hall, and Library including Vandenberg Village and suspending certain City field operations on December 23, 26, and 27, 2024

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:

Parks & Recreation Staff Members, Recreation Supervisor Johanna Kinard, Aquatic Center Recreation Supervisor Hannah Wallace, Recreation Supervisor Chad Dawson, and Recreation Supervisor Sue Slavens presented a Power Point Presentation with an overview of the 2024 Summer Programs that were provided by the Parks & Recreation Division.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Carl Jones invited everyone who is available to participate in the upcoming Garden Care Day at the drought tolerant garden on Central Avenue between V Street and Western Avenue, on October 12, 2024 beginning at 9:00A.M.
2. Ann McCarty, Executive Director of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Service thanked Council, City employees, and the public for their continued support of the Center and to help the citizens of this community.
3. Diane Burns, Steve Bridge, Maureen Brimms, Eric Russ, and Manuel Estrada, spoke about the large eucalyptus trees on the City’s multi-purpose trail off of Central Avenue and A Street, asking the City to review environmental laws and requirements before any of the trees are felled.
4. (Via phone) (Name unknown), called in and stated she is a homeowner whose backyard is up against the large trees on the City’s multi-purpose trail off of Central Avenue and A Street, and expressed her concern about the age of those trees and all the leaves, branches, and bird droppings that impact her property and asked for the City to remove the problem trees.

APPOINTMENTS:

4. **Council Appointment to Utility Commission**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Starbuck/Ball. By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Ken Ryan to the Utility Commission as a representative of District 3, for a term ending December 31, 2026.

COUNCIL REQUESTS:

5. **Consideration of Electric Rate Design Report; Adoption of Resolution No. 6701(24), Modifying Existing Electric Rate Schedules.**

Christie Donnelly, Management Services Director presented the Staff report and recommendations

Council discussed the information presented at length.

Public Comment:

1. Steve Bridge questioned why this discussion was concentrated on rate schedules alone.
2. Jim Mosby suggested the electric fund will be made healthy when the State requires all home appliances to be electric and not gas powered and stated he believes there is a loan owed to the electric fund in an amount of \$3.5 million dollars that could be repaid by the General Fund.
3. (Name not provided), expressed his confusion about the kilowatt charge per hour amount presented in the separate scenarios.

Council continued to discuss the matter.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Aiello/Ball. By a 4-1 vote (Council Member Starbuck voted No), Council reviewed the updated Electric Department Rate Design report, dated 9/20/2024, with its four scenario 3 for proposed increases to electric utility rates and for implementation; and adopted Resolution No. 6701(24), identifying the selected Exhibit, establishing maximum rates and charges for electric services for Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-29, to begin effective November 1, 2024, and to adjust annually thereafter, starting July 1, 2025, through July 1, 2028; and directed Staff to return no later than September 16, 2025 with a review of the electric utility rates and the electric fund.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):

1. Nicholas Gonzales complained about the process required to turn on utilities at rental properties he owns.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Aiello expressed concern about the safety of the highway crossing at Santa Lucia Road and asked if there is a way for the City to help advocate for the County and Federal Governments to work to increase safety of this location.

Council Member Starbuck announced the upcoming **Friends of the Library** fundraiser concert to be held on October 12, 2024 at the DeWees Community Center.

Council Member Ball expressed his support for Council Member Aiello's mentioning of the safety problems at the Santa Lucia Road crossing at Highway 1 and then asked if Council could provide a formal endorsement of Measure M.

Council Member Vega thanked everyone for being a part of this meeting and encouraged more citizens to become involved and thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for their continued works and for helping him with a recent issue that

Mayor Osborne reminded everyone that the Council Handbook currently prohibits the Council from providing official comments, endorsements, or oppositions to non-City matters and suggested the ad-hoc committee made up by; and announced she participated in several meetings and events including the Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference; the FUTURE for Lompoc Youth first fundraising event held at the Lompoc Airport on September 18, 2024; the local citys managers and mayors bimonthly meeting, the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee meeting; and announced the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Lompoc-Vandenberg Chapter will be hosting a candidate forum on October 3, 2024 in the Council Chamber beginning at 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:53 P.M. Mayor Osborne adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on October 15, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on November 19, 2024:

/Stacey Haddon/
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk