



MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, July 1, 2025
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber**

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CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 6:05 P.M. – Council Chamber

Council Members Present: Jeremy Ball, Steve Bridge, Dirk Starbuck, Victor Vega, and Mayor James Mosby.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION – City Council Conference Room

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION:** Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) *Jeffrey Amador, et al. v. City of Lompoc, et al.*, U.S. District Court, C.D. Cal. Case No. 2:25-CV-00167-FMO-SSC
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** City Designated Representatives: Christine Donnelly, Management Services Director; Dean Albro, City Manager; Gabriel Garcia, Human Resources Director; and Jeff Malawy, City Attorney. Employee Organizations: Lompoc Police Officers Association (LPOA).

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

Council Members Present: Jeremy Ball, Steve Bridge, Dirk Starbuck, Victor Vega, and Mayor James Mosby.

Staff Present: City Manager Dean Albro, City Clerk Stacey Haddon, City Attorney Jeff Malawy, Parks & Recreation Project Coordinator Jim Mindoro, Fire Department Battalion Chief John Steffens, and Fire Department Chief Brian Fallon.

Others Present: Frank Lopez, Karen Hauenstein, Alexis Otera, Carl Jones, Jay Salzberg, and David Morgan.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jeff Malawy stated no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

Chaplain Ron Cockrell provide the invocation and Mayor James Mosby led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Mosby presented a plaque to retired Police Officer Frank Lopez in honor of his years of service to the City and its citizens; and a proclamation in honor of **Electric Lineworker Recognition Day**

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

City Manager Dean Albro provided a presentation illustrating several City recent and upcoming events, reminders, and happenings, including a reminder to stay safe during the upcoming 4th of July Holiday, and stated several City facilities will be closed to observe the Holiday; reminded everyone the Lompoc Public Library's current summer reading challenge goes through August 1, 2025, and that participants have a chance to win great prizes; stated July is Parks & Recreation Month and the City's Parks & Recreation Division is providing lots of opportunities for the public to enjoy local parks and facilities, including Movies in the Park held at Ryon Memorial Park, extended recreation swim hours at the Lompoc Aquatic Center and an upcoming free Rec Swim Day on July 11, 2025; and congratulated Mayor Mosby for receiving the 1st place prize for a full-size float in the 72nd Annual Flower Festival Parade.

Mayor Mosby asked City Manager Dean Albro if the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau has provided the requested audit report to the City as of today. Mr. Albro stated the City has not yet received the requested report.

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

Mayor Mosby pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 3 for discussion towards the end of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. **Approval of Minutes** of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 15, 2025.
2. **Approval and Ratification of expenditures for:**

Payroll of June 6, 2025 – \$2,060,266.80
Voucher Register of May 26 – 30, 2025 - \$1,812,635.85
Voucher Register of June 2 - 6, 2025 - \$1,181,204.87

Pulled for discussion by Mayor Mosby

3. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 1728(25) Amending Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Code to Update Language Related to Budget Appropriations Transfers Authority Levels.**

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:

- Parks & Recreation Project Coordinator Jim Mindoro provided an update on current Parks & Recreation Projects

Council Member Bridge thanked Staff for the information provided and requested a future presentation on the City's policies regarding rental of camping spaces at River Park. The request was seconded by Council Member Ball and carried by Council Member Vega.

Council Member Ball asked Staff about the progress of the rehabilitation at College Park. Parks & Recreation Project Coordinator Jim Mindoro stated the project is moving forward and currently still in the planning stages.

City Manager Dean Albro thanked Mr. Mindoro for all the work he has done to help ensure the City's many parks & recreation projects moved forward.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Karen Hauenstein spoke about organic sustainable farming and suggested the City explore possible policies in favor of this subject.
2. Alexis Otera expressed concerns about new housing developments not providing enough affordable options and stated she would like the City to develop the City to become a more walker friendly place.
3. Carl Jones requested Council ask Pale Blue Dot, provide an update on the proposed project at Ken Adams Park.
4. Jay Salzberg stated his concerns regarding the many palm trees throughout the City and the fire hazard those trees may pose.
5. David Morgan complained about the many illegal recreational vehicles parked in the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 1729(25) Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones.**

John Steffens, Battalion Chief – Fire Marshal presented the Staff report and recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont'd)

Council thanked Staff for the information and expressed concern about possible insurance rate hikes and how this might affect new housing construction including accessory dwelling units (ADUs) inside the City. Battalion Chief/Fire Marshall John Steffens stated plans for ADUs may need to be adjusted if the construction are within these new zones.

Public Comment:

1. (Name not provided), stated they are concerned about the combustible nature of palm trees and the fire risk they may pose.
2. (Name not provided) asked for Staff to provide a model City-wide evacuation plan in the event of a catastrophic emergency event.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Bridge/Ball. By a 5-0 vote, Council introduced, for first reading by title only with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 1729(25), designating fire hazard severity zones, as required by the California State Fire Marshal.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: (cont'd)

3. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 1728(25) Amending Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Code to Update Language Related to Budget Appropriations Transfers Authority Levels.**

City Attorney Jeff Malawy presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Council thanked Staff and briefly discussed this matter.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Bridge/Starbuck. By a 5-0 vote, Council adopt Ordinance No. 1728(25) amending the Lompoc Municipal Code related to budget appropriations transfers authority levels.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum): None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Bridge thanked all who participated in and helped make the 72nd Annual Flower Festival a success, requested a future agenda item to discuss illegal recreational vehicle parking inside the City, the request was seconded by Council Member Starbuck, and carried by Council Member Ball; and reported he had no success in setting up a joint program with any local schools for a drone program that might provide a future 4th of July presentation.

Council Member Vega requested a presentation from Staff at a future meeting regarding City policies utility accounts for multi-family properties, the request was seconded by Mayor Mosby and carried by Council Member Bridge; Council Member Vega also requested regular updates on homeless issues in the City. City Manager Dean Albro stated he can provide such updates during the City Manager reports periodically.

Council Member Ball requested Staff provide a presentation regarding the State's recent revisions to the California Environmental Quality Act and how those changes may affect the City. The request was seconded by Mayor Mosby and carried by Council Member Bridge.

Mayor Mosby thanked everyone who helped him decorate his float for the Flower Festival Parade; and asked Staff to confirm the summary of adjustments for full-time employees is returned to Council for final approval, City Manager Dean Albro answered yes, Staff is scheduled to return in August 2025 with a Staff report for Council approval. Mayor Mosby announced the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District provided grants to the Lompoc Boys and Girls Club, the Lompoc YMCA, the DeWees Community and Senior Center, and the Lompoc Unified School District.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:04 P.M. Mayor Mosby adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on July 15, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Respectfully, submitted to Council for review on September 29, 2025 by: /Stacey Haddon/

Stacey Haddon, City Clerk