



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Lompoc City Council
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 5:40 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. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** Title: City Manager; Annual Performance Evaluation pursuant to Section 5.2 of City Manager’s Employment Agreement
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Agency designated representatives: Jeff Malawy, City Attorney; Unrepresented employee: City Manager

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, Financial Services Manager Bob Cross, Management Services Director Christie Donnelly, Accounting and Revenue Manager Matt Adams, and Community Development Director Mario Guerrero Jr.

Others Present: Scott Ferguson, Dan Cox, Karin Hauenstein, Carl Jones, and LeeAnne Woolever.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION:

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

Pastor Nate Marsh gave an invocation and Mayor James Mosby the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PRESENTATIONS ELSEWHERE:

Mayor Mosby presented a proclamation in honor of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** at the Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center on January 19, 2026.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: (Information only)

City Manager Dean Albro reminded everyone of the upcoming Father Daughter Dance; thanked all of the Aquatic Center Staff for the additional rec swim hours over the past few weeks; congratulated Police Sergeant Sergio Arias for graduating from the California POST Block Supervisory Leadership Institute; announced the City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) system is providing free fares for the next couple of weeks; stated the City’s Solid Waste Division is available if you need a bulky item pickup, extra service pickup, have questions regarding trash containers, organic waste bins and or recycling containers and asked that you contact Solid Waste if you see any illegal dumping; and updated Council on the work Staff is doing to be able to provide translation services during City Council meetings, stating Staff expects final configuration and testing of the system should begin in April.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Bridge pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 5 for discussion towards the end of the meeting.

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

- 1. Approved the Minutes of the Lompoc City Council Regular Meeting of November 18, 2025.
- 2. Approved and Ratified the expenditures for:
 - Payroll of December 19, 2025 - \$2,292,638.52
 - Voucher Register of December 15 – 19, 2025 - \$2,132,173.96
 - Voucher Register of December 22 – 26, 2025 - \$2,246,690.60
- 3. **City of Lompoc Parks Maintenance and City Pool Assessment District No. 2002-01 Statement for the Period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.**

Reviewed, considered, received and filed the Parks Maintenance and City Pool Maintenance Assessment District No. 2002-01 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the Period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
- 4. **Approval of Updated City Council Meeting 2026 Calendar.**

Recommendation: Council approve the revised City Council Meeting 2026 Calendar to accommodate the change in date for the Joint Meeting with the Beautification and Appearance Commission.

Item No. 5 pulled for discussion by Council Member Bridge.

- 5. **Award of Contract for Urban Forestry Services in the amount of \$577,750 to Community Tree Service, LLC.**
- 6. **Update Regarding Lompoc Valley Transportation Needs Study.**

Received an update regarding the Lompoc Valley Transportation Needs Study.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:

Financial Services Manager Bob Cross introduced consultants to the City Scott Ferguson and Dan Cox from Jones Hall. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Cox provided a presentation of Summary of California Lease Financing and Proposed Financing of the Landfill Stormwater Mitigation Project for Council Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff.

Council thanked Staff and the consultants for the information provided and discussed the matter at length.

Public Comment: None

Council Member Ball requested this item be brought back at the February 3, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting with clarification on the possibility of a hybrid loan through a lease – leaseback financing and internal loan. The request was seconded by Council Member Starbuck and carried by Council Member Bridge.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

- 1. Karin Hauenstein expressed irritation and exasperation regarding street vendors operating inside the City without proper approvals.

APPOINTMENTS:

7. Appointment for Mayor Pro Tempore for the Calendar Year 2026.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Bridge/Ball: By a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Council Member Starbuck as Mayor Pro Tempore for the Calendar Year 2026.

8. Appointments or Affirmations of Council Member Appointments to External Agencies for Calendar Year 2026.

With a General Consensus, Council approved hold all current Council Member Appointments to external agencies for the Calendar Year 2026.

COUNCIL REQUESTS:

9. Discussion and Direction Regarding Refunds to “Safe and Sane” Fireworks Booth Operators.

Matt Adams, Accounting and Revenue Manager and Mario Guerrero Jr., Community Development Director presented a brief presentation on the City’s Safe & Sane Fireworks program, including fees and costs to local non-profit organizations which operate Safe & Sane Fireworks booths; possible ideas for future Fourth of July events as well as countering the use of illegal fireworks.

Council discussed the matter and thanked Staff for the presentation.

Public Comment:

1. Carl Jones stated a large Fourth of July Event for 2026 would be a great way to celebrate the 250 Year Anniversary of Independence Day.
2. (Name not provided) asked why the City would want just a small Fourth of July event.

Council continued to discuss this matter, including providing refunds to the non-profit organizations that had participated in operating a Safe and Sane Fireworks booth, hold an event for the 2026 Fourth of July, and the use of some funding for Public Safety to help combat the use of illegal fireworks in the City.

Council Member Bridge motioned to direct Staff to refund \$15,762.61 to the non-profits listed as here: **A)** \$5,356.52 **B)** \$2,762.74 **C)** \$2,989.61 **D)** \$2,753.31 **E)** \$1,900.43

Budget up to \$30,000 for the 2026 Fourth of July community event and return to Council after that event with a report with a review of the event which should include total attendance numbers. The motion was seconded by Council Member Starbuck.

Council Member Ball provided a substitute motion to direct Staff to use up to \$20,000 for a 2026 Fourth of July community event, hold \$5,000 in the current trust fund and refund all remaining funds to all non-profit organizations that participating in operating a Safe and Sane Fireworks booth. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vega.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Ball/Vega: By a 5-0 vote, Council directed Staff to use up to \$20,000 for a 2026 Fourth of July community event, hold \$5,000 in the current trust fund and refund all remaining funds to all non-profit organizations that participated in operating a Safe and Sane Fireworks booth.

Council Member Ball requested Staff provide a presentation at a future meeting to allow Council discussion and possible action regarding the City’s planned use of monies for addressing illegal fireworks. The request was seconded by Council Member Starbuck and carried by Council Member Bridge.

COUNCIL REQUESTS: (cont'd)

10. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 1741(26) Enacting a Special Transactions and Use Tax for the Purpose of Repair and Maintenance of City Streets.**

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

Council discussed this matter at length.

Public Comment:

1. Karin Hauenstein expressed her concern about the City's ability to fix and keep the roadways in good condition
2. LeeAnne Woolever encourage Council to move forward with this item.
3. (Name not provided), asked for the City to be cognizant of the transitions between roads and bike lanes and to ensure all modes of transportation are thought of when repair and rehabilitation of roadways are completed.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mosby/Starbuck: By a 4-1 vote (Council Member Ball voted No), Council introduced, by reading of title only with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 1741(26) to enact a special transactions and use tax for the purpose of repair and maintenance of City streets; and directed Staff to return at the February 3, 3026 Regular City Council Meeting with a City resolution calling and consolidating a Special Municipal Election on the special transactions and use tax measure with the June 2, 2026 Statewide Primary Election.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

5. **Award of Contract for Urban Forestry Services in the amount of \$577,750 to Community Tree Service, LLC.**

Council Member Bridge requested this item be moved to the February 3, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member Ball asked why a contractor is needed to complete urban forestry projects. Staff explained this contract is for very large projects, not everyday normal urban forestry work.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Bridge/Starbuck: By a 5-0 vote, Council moved this item to the February 3, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):

1. (Name not provided), accused the City of improperly enforcing code enforcement rules at a property located on South J Street.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS:

Council Member Ball reported he attended the Martin Luther King Jr., celebration event held at the DeWees Community and Senior Center; and thanked Management Services Director Christie Donnelly for all the ways she contributed to making the City of Lompoc successful and wished her all the best in her new upcoming position in South San Francisco, CA.

Council Member Vega thanked the audience for attending this meeting in person and thanked Staff and Council for their continuous work on City matters.

Mayor Mosby reported he attended the Santa Barbara County Local Area Formation Committee (LAFCO), the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), and the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) meetings; and also attended the Martin Luther King Jr., celebration event held at the DeWees Community and Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:13 P.M. Mayor Mosby adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on February 3, 2026, at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on March 17, 2026:

/Stacey Haddon/
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk