



# ***Lompoc City Council Agenda Item***

***City Council Meeting Date: June 8, 2010***

***TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members***

***FROM: Laurel Barcelona, City Administrator***

***SUBJECT: Special Council Meeting – Workshop to Discuss Changes to Municipal Code Concerning Parking***

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Code Enforcement Team has met and discussed possible changes to parking regulations within the City and has recommended a special Council meeting to conduct a public workshop.

The items to be discussed are the following:

- 1) Removal of parked vehicles for random street sweeping following 24-hours' notice;
- 2) Regulation of parking of unhitched trailers;
- 3) Regulation of parking of hitched trailers during certain hours;
- 4) Regulation of parking of recreational vehicles during certain hours.

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***Laurel M. Barcelona***  
***City Administrator***

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Lompoc City Council  
Code Enforcement Workshop  
Tuesday, June 8, 2010  
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chambers**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**OPEN SESSION - 5:30 P.M. – Council Chambers**

Council Members Present: Tony Durham, Bob Lingl, Ann Ruhge, and Mayor Mike Siminski.

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Cecilia Martner.

Staff Present: City Administrator Laurel Barcelona, City Attorney Joe Pannone, and City Clerk Donna Terrones.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

**CLOSED SESSION – Utility Conference Room**

**BUSINESS ITEM:**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2 matters).

**OPEN SESSION - 6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers**

Council Members Present: Tony Durham, Bob Lingl, Ann Ruhge, and Mayor Mike Siminski.

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Cecilia Martner.

Staff Present: City Administrator Laurel Barcelona, City Attorney Joe Pannone, City Clerk Donna Terrones, Fire Captain Mark Clayton, Chief of Police Timothy Dabney, Police Captain Donald A. Deming, Public Works Director Larry Bean, and Paralegal Teri Schwab.

Others Present: Ed Key, Christy Gonzalez, Dennis Burtsfield, Joey Kitzman, Ron White, Ronald Bock, Loyd VonSandt, Sandy Mitchell, Lynn Whittemore, Bennie Campbell, Joseph McCormick, Charles McCullough, Fran Miliate, Inga McCullough, Brian Hunt, Richard Escalante, Martin Van Enoo, Ric Langely, Judy Langley, Eric Price, John Lawrence, William Schuyler, Mark Bouscaren, Gary Hammons, Kristin Zelus, and Doris Lawrence.

**REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Siminski stated there were no reportable actions taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Workshop Regarding Parking Regulations for Street Sweeping, RVs and Trailers.**

1. Staff presentation of four options previously provided to Council
2. Public input related to those options
3. Council discussion and input to staff

Note: Staff intends to return to the City Council at an upcoming regular meeting with vehicle parking regulations based on input received at this workshop.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (cont'd)

City Administrator Laurel Barcelona presented a brief PowerPoint presentation of the four options previously provided to Council. Ms. Barcelona explained the workshop process and listed the options: Removal of parked vehicles for random street sweeping following 24-hour notice; regulation of parking of unhitched trailers; regulation of parking of hitched trailers during certain hours; and regulation of parking of recreational vehicles during certain hours.

Input was provided by the public expressing concerns and giving suggestions to the four options presented. Concerns included: possible change to the 72-hour parking, 24-hour notice before street sweeping, random street sweeping, street sweeping schedules, no parking of unhitched trailers, temporary parking, citations, availability of parking, posting signs, and obstruction of view due to large RVs. Suggestions included: sweeping one side of the street at a time, one notice then send a bill, street sweeping once a month, early morning street sweeping, citing those that don't move their vehicles during street sweeping, charging an annual fee, permits, regulating number of vehicles, RV storage park, and using complaint driven procedures.

Council and Staff discussed at length the concerns and suggestions made by the public and made comments to previous efforts made by the code enforcement program, cost of posting signs, the limited ability the City has due to some streets being maintained by the State, proposed regulations and code violations, use of property owners lot, safety concerns, and State vs. City laws.

**RECESS:**

At 8:15 P.M. Mayor Siminski announced a break. At 8:25 P.M., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present (Council Member Martner ABSENT).

Mayor Siminski asked Council for their comments.

Council Member Lingl commented on other Cities' programs. He recommended Staff look at the City of Torrance's Code Enforcement program, identify problem areas in Lompoc, once a month street sweeping, first violation a "notice," second violation a "fine," third violation "tow away," two-hour parking on "G" Street, fifth wheel to be categorized as an RV, allow unhitched trailers a permit, RV storage park, grandfather those who have had RVs for a long time, permits to park in front of owner's home only, and for a out-of-town guest for owner to call Police Department to notify them of the guest.

Council Member Ruhge supported Council Member Lingl's suggestions and added time limits for parking your RV in front of your own home. She supports a permit process for unhitched trailers, signs on "G" Street to limit parking, and the idea of the old drive-in for an RV storage park. Ms. Ruhge commended the Community Service Officers for their support.

Council Member Durham commented on the street sweeping schedule. He supports annual permits to park owner's RVs in front of their homes, fifth wheels to be categorized as an RV, an RV storage park, grandfather clause and would like Staff to come back at a later date with recommendations.

Mayor Siminski encourages stronger code enforcement on all issues. He would like to see an Ordinance prepared that will add to Code Enforcement the ability to post signs in areas that are scheduled for street sweeping, to allow vehicles to be towed away if they are left in the streets that day, supports issuing a permit to park your RV on your lot but does not support the third notice of "tow away."

City Administrator Laurel Barcelona informed the Council that the Code Enforcement Team will be meeting next week and will be bringing something back to Council at a future date.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10:15 P.M. Mayor adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Joint Meeting with the Parks & Recreation Commission on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, followed by the regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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Michael A. Siminski, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

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Donna N. Terrones, CMC  
City Clerk  
Date: June 11, 2010