

Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
April 2, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Siegel; Mayor Pro Tem Wynne; Council Members Gordon, Neal; Acting City Manager/Police Chief Laws; City Attorney Avedisian; Finance Director Silva; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Planning Director Smyth; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Project Manager Holwell; Executive Secretary Austin; Administrative Analyst Apone; Administrative Analyst Prichard; City Clerk Baley

ABSENT:

Council Member Rodarmel

ANNOUNCEMENT:

It was moved by Council Member Gordon and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wynne and carried to add an emergency item to the Closed Session concerning Possible Litigation Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Ayes: Gordon, Wynne, Neal, Siegel Absent: Rodarmel

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandra Dawson, Chairman of the Kings County Homecoming Committee invited the public to attend the Kings County Homecoming May 13-18, 2013. Dr. James and Sharon Gordon have been selected to serve as the Homecoming King and Queen representing Lemoore.

PRESENTATION – CHEVRON ENERGY SOLUTIONS – PROPOSAL – SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FOR WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES:

- A. All sites excluding Well #12
- B. Well #12 Site

Analyst Apone introduced the revisions to the Chevron proposal for Lemoore and reminded Council that the presentation would be broken up into two parts because Mayor Pro Tem Wynne lives adjacent to Well Site #12. Wynne recused herself prior to that project.

Apone presented the financing currently proposed for the project and said that she and the Finance Director are researching alternative financing that will be presented to the Council April 16, 2013. She provided Council with solar panel warranty information and expressed that the amount of rebate wattage available is decreasing.

Apone requested Council direct Acting City Manager Laws to sign the California Solar Initiative Rebate Application with the understanding that there is no out of pocket cost to the City for doing so.

Ashu Jain provided Council with the additional information requested during the April 2nd presentation including the reduction in amount of wattage at Well #6 and #7; watertight carports at Cinnamon Municipal Complex (CMC); the reduction in price to accommodate the City; considerable increase in size of Well #10; more panels at various sites to offset the usage allocated elsewhere; adding panels to the roof at the Police Department; return on investment and financing information; and warranty on inverters.

Council directed Acting City Manager Laws to sign the application and Mayor Siegel requested Jain work with staff to provide Council with alternate financing information.

Jain explained that although the consumption at Well #12 has decreased the cost of electricity has increased, creating an attractive project with substantial savings.

In addition, a Public Hearing will be scheduled for April 16th to consider approval of an Energy Service Contract and/or a Facility Financing Contract.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Siegel announced the Closed Session Items to be discussed.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:26 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding labor negotiations, public employee appointment, real property negotiations and possible litigation. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:27 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
April 2, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Siegel; Mayor Pro Tem Wynne; Council Members Gordon, Neal; Acting City Manager/Police Chief Laws; City Attorney Avedisian; Finance Director Silva; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Planning Director Smyth; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Project Manager Holwell; Executive Secretary Austin; Administrative Analyst Apone; Administrative Analyst Prichard; City Clerk Baley

ABSENT:

Council Member Rodarmel

PRESENTATION – EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER:

On behalf of the City of Lemoore, Mayor Siegel expressed gratitude to Animal Control Officer Ray Fratus for his service and presented him with an Employee of the Quarter proclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Siegel announced changes to Consent Calendar Item 5C – Warrant Register – Addition of “City Manager Severance in the amount of \$179,137.36” and 5F – Approval of “Acting” City Manager.

PRESENTATION – LEMOORE RECREATION – CHEERS SQUADS:

Recreation Specialist Taylor introduced Cheer Instructor Jennifer Melindez who presented the Lemoore Cheer Squads and their accomplishments, including that of the All Star Cheer Team.

EMERGENCY ITEM – ITEM 5C – CITY MANAGER SEVERANCE \$179,137.36:

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wynne and carried by Council to amend to Consent Calendar Item 5C Warrant Register, adding City Manager Severance in the amount of \$179,137.36 as previously announced by Mayor Siegel.

AYES: Gordon, Wynne, Neal, Siegel Absent: Rodarmel

PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Munoz informed the Council that Assembly Member Rudy Salas opened a new office at 113 Court Street in Hanford and invited the public to “Rudy Salas’s Coffee” event Saturday, at 10 a.m. on April 6th at the Lemoore Veterans Hall located at 411 “D” Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wynne and carried by Council to approve the Consent Calendar with amendments to Item 5C and 5F.

- A. Approval – Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 19, 2013
- B. Approval – Minutes – Special Meeting – March 28, 2013
- C. Approval – Warrant Register 12-13 – March 28, 2013
- D. Approval – City Investment Policy – Resolution 2013-03
- E. Approval – Letter of Support – Homebasing the F-35C at Naval Air Station Lemoore
- F. Approval – Appointment of Interim City Manager
- G. Approval – Resolution 2013-04 – Bank Signature Cards

Ayes: Gordon, Wynne, Neal, Siegel Absent: Rodarmel

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG GRANT 08-EDEF-5881 – FINAL GRANTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT – MICROENTERPRISE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CLOSEOUT:

Clerk Baley presented a brief summary of the Program Close Out Report approved in 2012 and recommended that Council open public comment concerning the Final Grantee Performance Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wynne to approve the Final Grantee Performance report.

AYES: Gordon, Wynne, Neal, Siegel Absent: Rodarmel

PUBLIC HEARING – DECLARING PUBLIC NUISANCES – ORDERING WEED ABATEMENT:

Acting City Manager/Police Chief Laws informed Council of the abatement process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chriss Dickman expressed concern for those who are elderly or disabled and asked if the City has an assistance program. She also stated that while she commends the Code Enforcement Officer for her diligence, some of the property owners do not comply in a timely manner.

Vernon Sandall expressed concern about blight and hazards caused by foreclosure properties that are not maintained by the bank or realty company.

Council instructed staff to continue abatement efforts.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYMENT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – RESOLUTION 2013-05:

Analyst Prichard presented Council with information concerning liability exposure and recommended that Council adopt Resolution 2013-05 with an SIR amount of \$25,000:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wynne, seconded by Council Member Gordon and carried to adopt Resolution 2013-05 with an SIR amount of \$25,000.

Ayes: Wynne, Gordon, Neal, Siegel Absent: Rodarmel

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – REPLACEMENT OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIO EQUIPMENT:

Executive Secretary Austin presented Council with an update concerning the status of the current audio equipment as explained by a repairman and the options that were presented by an audio company to replace the microphones.

Austin recommended Council wait to make a decision, because the audio processor is said to be the problem and is now unhooked from system.

Council agreed to table the item and directed staff to continue to monitor the system.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Planning Director Smyth informed Council she has requested estimates for the CDBG Grant Application, but they are not yet available and will be presented to Council for review at the Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting April 9th. She also stated the Planning Department is expected to approve the completion of a new pocket park at Cedar Lane and Acacia very soon.

Public Works Director Wlaschin informed Council Caltrans has scheduled a 19th Avenue Interchange groundbreaking for April 19th at 11 a.m. and Clerk Baley is taking names of those who would like to speak. Work is progressing. Granite Construction has begun some of the work and the City is working with its contractor on the grading of the park and the ponding basin.

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson informed Council that Cross Fit moved into the Corporation Yard. At this time, with the staff available, the scheduled classes are at full capacity.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Mayor Siegel informed the public of Council's forced resignation of City Manager Britz. He stated it was not any one thing that caused Council's request, but the Council wanted to move in a different direction than Britz was prepared to move. He directed staff to direct questions concerning their duties to Acting City Manager/Police Chief Laws.

Council Member Gordon stated requesting the resignation of the City Manager was not a knee jerk decision. It was an hour and a half deliberation during the Closed Session – Evaluation – City Manager proceedings on March 28, 2013.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:27 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding labor negotiations, public employee appointment and real property negotiations. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved the 16th day of April, 2013.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Attest:

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor

Kristie R. Baley, City Clerk