

Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
June 18, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 5:31 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Siegel; Mayor Pro Tem Wynne; Council Members Gordon, Rodarmel; Acting City Manager/Police Chief Laws; Public Works/Planning Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Finance Director Silva; Administrative Analyst Prichard; City Clerk Baley

ARRIVED LATE:

Council Member Neal arrived at 5:33 p.m.
City Attorney Avedisian arrived at 5:54 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Wlaschin notified Council that the audio provided on the website for the June 4, 2013 meeting has a considerable amount of background noise.

DISCUSSION – TAXI CAB ORDINANCE:

Acting City Manager Laws presented information and asked Council to consider the request of Steve Hickman, owner of Taxi Steve, LLC, to add the definition of “Designated Driver” to the current taxi cab ordinance in the Lemoore Municipal Code.

Steve Hickman voiced his opinion concerning designated driver services.

Bob Gorrell voiced his opinion concerning designated driver services.

Sarah Ormsby voiced her opinion concerning designated driver services.

Debra Bennett expressed support for those providing designated driver services and presented information concerning designated driver services and programs.

An employee of Taxi Steve, LLC voiced her opinion concerning designated drivers who may be charging for services without a business license and required insurance.

Council expressed concern for the confrontations that were said to have occurred recently, but agreed that this is a police matter and further regulation would only tie the hands of good Samaritans.

DISCUSSION – GRANT SEEKING, WRITING AND LOBBYING SERVICES:

Analyst Prichard presented staff's recommendations for the best course of action.

Council directed staff to enter into the same agreement the City has with California Consulting as long as it is not exclusive and to continue to look at other solicitations.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:24 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding potential litigation, conference with real property negotiators and a public employee performance evaluation.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:10 p.m. Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
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ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESENTATION – EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER:

Janie Venegas was named Employee of the 1st Quarter 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Wlaschin asked when Council will appoint a Planning Commissioner. Mayor Siegel stated that it is shown as a July 2nd Tentative Item on the June 18, 2013 Agenda.

Steve Pleasant voiced concern for the repeated harassment of his disabled children and friends by area youth while walking on City streets.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne, and carried that the Council approve the following Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Gordon, Neal, Siegel

APPROVAL – 2013-2014 – OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET:

Acting City Manager Laws presented the 2013-2014 Operations and Maintenance Budget for approval and noted typos.

Connie Wlaschin asked questions concerning specific items in the budget and was satisfied with the answers presented to her.

Holly Smyth voiced her opinion concerning the budget as it was presented.

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Council Member Wynne, and carried to approve Resolution 2013-16 approving the 2013-2014 Operations and Maintenance Budget as presented with typo corrections as discussed.

Ayes: Gordon, Wynne, Neal, Rodarmel, Siegel

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – FIRST READING – ORDINANCE #2013-02 – AMENDING SECTION 1-6A-5 OF THE LEMOORE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CITY MANAGER RELATIONS – CREATING A COUNCIL LIAISON:

Acting City Manager Laws presented Council with his report and requested direction by motion.

Connie Wlaschin asked for further explanation and voiced opposition.

Jane Dart voiced opposition.

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Council Member Siegel, and carried to wave the first reading of Ordinance # 2013-02 and bring it back for a second reading.

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

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION - CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT UPDATE:

Analyst Prichard reported the number of applications received and presented Council with several options to establish a screening process for qualified applicants. He requested input and direction.

Council agreed that the current pay scale and benefits package is sufficient for salary negotiations at this time and will present staff with input concerning the screening process. Prichard was directed to present an update during the July 2, 2013 Meeting.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – WARRANT REGISTER – SUCCESSOR AGENCY PURSUANT TO ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Council Member Wynne, and carried that the Council approve the warrant register.

Ayes: Gordon, Wynne, Neal, Rodarmel, Siegel

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

There were no reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Gordon reported that he received positive feedback from a member of the public concerning the current Planning staff.

Council Member Neal reported on the progress of creating a Boys and Girls Club in Lemoore. He is seeking assistance from successful athletes who originated in the area.

Council Member Rodarmel reported that he attended the Transportation, Communication, and Public Works Policy Committee Meeting in Sacramento and briefed Council on the items discussed. He asked that staff be more diligent in reporting blight that they notice to the Community Services Officer.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:36 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved the 2nd day of July, 2013.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Attest:

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor

Kristie R. Baley, City Clerk