

Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
March 5, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Siegel; Mayor Pro Tem Wynne; Council Members Gordon, Neal, Rodarmel; City Manager Britz; Assistant City Attorney Avedisian; Police Chief Laws; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Superintendent Greenlee; Planning Director Smyth; Project Manager Holwell; City Clerk Baley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

PRESENTATION: POLICE DEPARTMENT – 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Police Chief Laws presented the Police Department's Annual Report to the Council.

Carol Dias asked if the Lemoore numbers were compatible with other cities of the same size.

REVIEW – 2010 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEMOORE RDA AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Project Manager Judy Holwell presented the Council with the 2010 Agreement between the City of Lemoore RDA and the Chamber of Commerce.

Chief Executive Officer of the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce Maureen Azevedo answered the Council's questions concerning the Chamber of Commerce.

Dave Brown asked Maureen to clarify that the 4th of July Festivities listed on the Chamber Events Calendar are a Community event not a Chamber event.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:42 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding labor negotiations, significant exposure to litigation, public employee performance evaluations and the public employee appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Siegel stated that Council Member Neal felt ill and left at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor Siegel reported that a subcommittee was formed to evaluate the performance of the City Engineer and Capital Improvement Project procedures. Mayor Siegel and Mayor Pro Tem Wynne were appointed to the subcommittee with the consensus of the council. One staff member who is yet to be determined will assist the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:33 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:34 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Siegel; Mayor Pro Tem Wynne; Council Members Gordon, Rodarmel; City Manager Britz; Assistant City Attorney Avedisian; Police Chief Laws; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Planning Director Smyth; Project Manager Holwell; City Clerk Baley.

ABSENT:

Council Member Neal

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dustin Fuller, a member of the Lemoore Parks and Recreation Commission, expressed concerns about the City's commitment to staffing the Lemoore Recreation Department.

Cindy Lawson spoke to the Council about her efforts to assist the area's homeless population.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 3I – Approval – Street Closure/City Services – Pizza Festival was pulled for separate consideration.

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

- A. Approval – Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 19, 2013
- B. Approval – Warrant Register 12-13 – March 1, 2013
- C. Appointment – City Attorney – Laurie Avedisian
- D. Approval – 19th Avenue/Highway 198 Interchange Irrigation Facility – First Amendment to Utility Agreement – Caltrans

- E. Approval – Bid Award – 19th Avenue Park/Ponding Basin – Clark Brothers, Inc. - \$1,505,961.00
- F. Approval – Letter of Support – Kings County Enterprise Zone Program with modifications to the Program made through the Legislative Process
- G. Approval – Letter of Opposition to SB7 – Prevailing Wage required for Charter Cities
- H. Approval – Claim Rejection – Mary Huff
- J. Approval – Budget Amendment – GEM Cart Replacement

Ayes: Rodarmel, Gordon, Wynne, Siegel

Absent: Neal

APPROVAL – STREET CLOSURE/CITY SERVICES – PIZZA FESTIVAL:

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wynne and carried by the Council to approve the Chamber's request with exception of the pick up and delivery of the barricades/delineators.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Gordon, Siegel

Absent: Neal

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DESIGN PHASE HEARING FOR POTENTIAL GRANT APPLICATIONS – UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR:

Planning Director Smyth presented several types of eligible grant activities that the City could apply for this fiscal year under the State's CDBG program.

Council directed staff to proceed with the grant application and agreed to hold the second public hearing on April 9, 2013.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – AUTHORIZATION TO DESIGN AND BID – 2013 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:

Council postponed action until March 19, 2013.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – APPOINTMENTS – DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mayor Siegel appointed Manuel Nunez and Angielee Soto to the Downtown Merchants Advisory Committee with the consensus of the Council.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – APPOINTMENTS – JOINT LAND USE STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE:

Council Member Gordon and Mayor Pro Tem Wynne were appointed Principal Board Members, and Council Member Rodarmel was appointed the Alternate Board Member by the Council.

APPROVAL – WARRANT REGISTER – SUCCESSOR AGENCY PURSUANT TO ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 14, 2013:

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

Ayes: Rodarmel, Gordon, Wynne, Siegel

Absent: Neal

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson informed Council of the upcoming facility rental at the Cinnamon Municipal Complex to MMA for a 559 Cage Fight Saturday March 9th.

City Manager Britz reminded Council that the Department of Finance accepted the Cinnamon Villas loan as an Enforceable Obligations Payment.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Mayor Pro Tem Wynne reported on the February 26th meeting at the Senior Center. She said that it was a positive meeting.

Council Member Gordon suggested possible cutbacks that could save the Senior Center money on a monthly basis.

Council Member Gordon also asked Council to clarify their position concerning needs of the Recreation Department.

Mayor Siegel directed staff to present Council with the current needs of the Recreation Department, and provide recommendations for the fiscal year 13/14 budget.

Council Member Gordon suggested that staff review the Building/Public Works standards that the City uses and compare them with the State Code.

Mayor Siegel asked Council Member Gordon to address particular concerns and present them to the subcommittee recently formed to evaluate the City Engineer and Capital Improvement Project procedures.

Council Member Rodarmel expressed concern about the growing number of City staff not wearing seatbelts while driving electric vehicles.

Mayor Siegel reported that the newly formed subcommittee evaluating the City Engineer services and Capital Improvement Project procedures will distribute a questionnaire and request suggestions from staff and the public in order to increase efficiency, save money and to ultimately lower impact fees.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:35 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved the 19th day of March, 2013.

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Kristie R. Baley, City Clerk