

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 5:32 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Christensen, a Volunteer in Policing with the Lemoore Police Department, requested that Council consider a street closure for the Holiday Stroll as a safety concern for pedestrians.

Mayor Siegel said that the item could be added as an urgency item at the 7:30 p.m. Regular Session.

UPDATE – Refuse Pick-up Schedule:

Analyst Apone explained the history of the change to the refuse schedule and the reasoning for the change to address budget concerns. Returning to weekly pick-up would have to be citywide and would result in a rate increase to customers.

Council determined that the program is working as designed, so there will be no further consideration of changing the schedule.

DISCUSSION – Impact Fees:

Analyst Apone stated that the discussions of impact fees and master user fees have been separated as there is no correlation between the two. She mentioned the recent passage of SB 7 and how that may affect impact fees. She proposed two options: 1) an across the board reduction in impact fees or 2) an impact fee deferral with a credit for sales tax produced, and discussed the pros and cons of each.

Connie Wlaschin spoke regarding this item.

Council directed staff to do more research into Option 2 and bring it back for discussion.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:34 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding potential litigation and public employee appointment.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
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At 7:31 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

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; Project Manager Holwell; Chief Deputy City Clerk Austin

PROCLAMATION – Support for the Community Foundation of Kings County:

Mayor Siegel read the proclamation for the Community Foundation of Kings County and asked Chief Laws to deliver it to the appropriate party.

PROCLAMATION – World Class Strength Athlete – Robert Mathew Oberst:

Mayor Siegel presented the proclamation to Mr. Oberst.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Siegel announced that an urgency item will be added to the agenda as Item 5.1, a Street Closure for Holiday Stroll.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jane Dart announced that the 13th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner will be held on November 28th at the Lemoore Senior Center. Anyone wanting to make donations may do so at www.thanksgivingcommunitydinner.org.

Members of the Island 4-H Club thanked Council for inviting them to lead the flag salute.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approval – Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 15, 2013
- B. Approval – Warrant Register 13-14 – October 31, 2013
- C. Approval – Street Closure – Lemoore Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade – December 7, 2013

Ayes: Gordon, Rodarmel, Neal, Wynne, Siegel

URGENCY ITEM – Approval - Street Closure – Holiday Stroll – November 16, 2013:

The following people spoke regarding this item:

Karen Christensen

Maureen Azevedo

Connie Wlaschin

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne, and carried that Council approve the street closure for “D” Street between Fox and Heinlen Streets on November 16, 2013 between the hours of 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Gordon, Neal, Siegel

DISCUSSION – SB 7 State Prevailing Wage Law for Locally Funded Projects:

Acting City Manager Laws informed Council about the passage of SB 7.

City Attorney Avedisian provided clarification on the two-year look back rule. It does not go into effect until January 1, 2015.

There was a discussion amongst Council Members regarding when the City became a Charter City, how many Charter Cities there are in California and the differences between minimum and prevailing wages.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – Capital Improvement Program Budget 2013-2015 – Resolution 2013-27:

Acting City Manager Laws presented the Budget to Council and addressed changes that were made since the draft was presented.

Mayor Siegel questioned moving up the well projects to this budget cycle.

Public Works Director Wlaschin explained the changes were necessary because of the Urban Water Management Plan, applying for loan and grant funds from the Department of Health and to stay on course with State requirements.

Syd Smyth spoke regarding this item.

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Gordon, and carried that Council adopt Resolution 2013-27 approving the 2013-2015 Capital Improvements Program Budget as presented.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Gordon, Neal, Wynne, Siegel

APPOINTMENTS – Downtown Merchants Advisory Committee – Term Extension:

Project Manager Holwell discussed the purpose of the Downtown Merchants Advisory Committee, the applications received and requested that the terms expire December 31st to coincide with other commissions/committees.

It was moved by Mayor Siegel with the consensus of Council to appoint Danielle Bellwood, Charlie Meyer, Grace Zavala, Connie Wlaschin, Paul Jones and Mari Jones to the Downtown Merchants Advisory Committee.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Acting City Manager Laws stated there would be a boxing match at West Hills College this weekend; November 11th will be a City holiday, so City offices will be closed; the Veteran's Day Parade will be held November 11th at 6:00 p.m.; and holiday decorations will be installed downtown after the Veteran's Parade, but prior to Holiday Stroll, which will be held Saturday, November 16th.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Gordon thanked Bill Henry posthumously for his many years of service to the community.

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 potential litigation and public employee appointment.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:13 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Siegel announced that Jeff Laws had been appointed as the City Manager by a four to one vote, with Council Member Neal casting the dissenting vote. He stated that the terms and contract will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:15 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved the 19th day of November, 2013.

Full digital audio recording is available.

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Brooke Austin, Chief Deputy City Clerk