

May 20, 2014 Minutes
Study Session Joint City Council /
★ Redevelopment Successor Agency Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order. At 5:31 p.m. a brief recess was called. Meeting was reconvened at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor/Chairman: SIEGEL
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: WYNNE
Council/Board Members: GORDON, NEAL, RODARMEL

City Staff and contract employees present: City Manager Laws; City Attorney Avedisian; Public Works/Planning Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Police Chief Smith; Fire Chief Gibson; Project Manager Holwell; City Clerk Venegas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STUDY SESSION – Section SS

SS-1 Request for Lemoore BMX Track

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson presented the report. Lemoore Recreation Commission has accommodated many discussions with a group requesting a new BMX track in Lemoore and requested the group provide signatures of interest, solicit funds and materials and establish a 501c3 along with locating possible sites.

Tim Hurley spoke in support of a BMX track and presented a slide show with two different plans along with startup costs, future development, concerns, mitigations and ways to ensure success.

The Framework Racing/Lemoore BMX Raceway Group has provided staff with signatures of interested parties, held a Community Bike Safety Check in March, solicited funds and sponsors, provided a Cost Projection, initiated the 501c3 Non-profit status and provided two location options for proposal. The Framework Racing Group's current intent is to develop and maintain a BMX facility and has agreed to fund \$12,000 of the initial \$37,000 startup costs. The City would fund the remaining \$25,000 of the initial cost.

City Staff, at the direction of the Lemoore Recreation Commission, is requesting that City Council discuss the possibility of a lease agreement for property to Framework Racing, Inc. for a site to be determined.

Council Member Gordon requested financial IRS information from the group to be disseminated to Council for further review.

A Water Use for Maintenance handout was also given to all Council Members.

Council requested this item be brought back on June 3rd with a lease agreement and all particulars to study session along with an action item for the same date.

SS-2 Lemoore Police and Fire Dispatch Center Update

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson introduced Marty Dietz from Darden Architects. Mr. Dietz spoke on the project and presented a slide show with proposed site plan and floor plan. A summary of opinion of probable cost was provided with the staff report. Darden Architects has concluded that it would be advisable to plan and construct the Dispatch Center as a standalone addition to the existing Public Safety building. The project also addresses some needed site improvements to safety, security and access.

Police Chief Smith answered questions about future growth and presented the dispatch personnel costs associated with constructing a new dispatch center.

Fire Chief Gibson with the Lemoore Fire Department was present to answer any questions specific to the fire department.

Council directed Parks and Recreation Director and Police Chief Smith to proceed with the project. Project will be brought back at a later date with a firm to provide architectural drawings.

Police Chief Smith stated City of Hanford has provided phenomenal service to the Lemoore Police Department. From the police perspective, they have done a phenomenal job and the Lemoore Police Department would only be enhancing services with their own dispatch center.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

1. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Government Code Section 54956.8**
Property: Lot 1 (2.03 Acres of vacant land; a Portion of APN 024-051-015
City Negotiators: City Manager Laws and City Attorney Avedisian
Negotiating Parties: Bennett & Bennett, Inc. on behalf of Gary and Maxine Bennett Trust
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
2. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Government Code Section 54956.8**
Property: Lot 6 – 0.80 ± acre of vacant land in the Lemoore Industrial Park;
APN 024-051-011
Negotiating Party: Shafiq Lakhani
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m. Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting.

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Regular Joint City Council /
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CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:32 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor/Chairman: SIEGEL
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: WYNNE
Council/Board Members: GORDON, NEAL, RODARMEL

City Staff and contract employees present: City Manager Laws; City Attorney Avedisian; Public Works/Planning Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Police Chief Smith; Project Manager Holwell; City Clerk Venegas.

ANNOUNCEMENT from Closed Session

There was no announcement.

CEREMONIAL / PRESENTATIONS – Section 1

1-1 Kings Regional Vision Plan

Kendall Flint with Flint Strategies, working with Kings County Association of Governments, presented a brief slide show on the Kings Regional Vision Plan. Terri King was also available to answer questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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All items listed under Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. For discussion of any Consent Item, it will be made a part of the Regular Agenda at the request of any member of the City Council or any person in the audience.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 2

- 2-1 Approval – Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 6, 2014**
- 2-2 Approval – Warrant Register 13-14 – May 16, 2014**
- 2-3 Approval – Notice of Rejection – Guadalupe Perico**
- 2-4 Approval – Notice of Completion – Tract No. 872 Phases 2 and 3 – Heritage Acres – Wathen Castanos Hybrid Homes, Inc.**

Motion by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Council Member Wynne to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Gordon, Wynne, Neal, Rodarmel, Siegel

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 3

There were no Public Hearings.

NEW BUSINESS – Section 4

4-1 Report and Recommendation – Lemoore Police Department Patch – New Design

Police Chief Smith presented the new patch design that a committee within the Police Department developed. He also passed around a sample of the new patch for Council to view. Police Chief Smith stated the current design of the Lemoore Police Department patch was implemented in 1989. The committee created a design that represents the City’s community values, offers historical meaning and displays a patriotic theme. The new patch would be implemented July 2014 to coincide with officer’s uniform allowance.

Motion by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne to approve the new design of the Lemoore Police Department patch.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Gordon, Neal, Siegel

DEPARTMENT AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS – Section 5

5-1 Department Reports

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson informed Council of the Senior Health and Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lemoore Recreation Center. A flyer was passed out to Council.

Police Chief Smith informed Council of the 18th annual Citizens’ Academy beginning July 16th at 6:30 p.m. This is a seven week process with class being held every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Once Citizens’ Academy is complete, recruitment for the Volunteers in Policing Academy will begin.

Police Chief Smith also thanked all who attended the Kings County Peace Officers Memorial on May 15th. He also thanked the Lemoore Fire Department for bringing out their new ladder truck and displaying the American flag. Thank you to keynote speakers Senator Vidak and Assemblyman Salas. Also, thank you to Mayor Siegel for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

5-2 City Manager Reports

The Chamber is hosting a ribbon cutting for Ramblin’ Rose on May 29th at 2pm.

Quad Knopf has moved and they will have an open house on June 12th from 4-6pm. An address will be provided at a later time.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS – Section 6

6-1 City Council Reports

No City Council Reports.

6-2 City Council Requests

Council Member Gordon requested the Budget Review Committee look into removing the palm trees at Heritage Park while they are reviewing the budget. He also said he enjoyed reading the Quarterly Sales tax reports.

Council Member Neal thanked Police Chief Smith for the graffiti removal at the park. He also thanked City Manager Laws for addressing the park issues. Council Member Neal requests more information about events happening in the city.

Council Member Rodarmel stated last Friday at the Farmer’s Market, he parked in the alley behind Plaza Park and went to the fruit stand. Went back to his car and the gate was locked. He had to walk all the way around to his car. He asked that a sign be placed on the gate to inform citizens that it will be locked during the event. City Manager Laws informed Council Member Rodarmel that the gate is locked only when alcohol is being served due to ABC requirements.

Council Member Rodarmel also stated Best Western Inn Suites received the Trip Advisor 2014 Certificate of Excellence.

Council Member Rodarmel informed Council that on June 21st the Lemoore Sportsman’s Club will host a three gun shoot. Everyone is welcome but a member to shoot. The fee is \$25 and includes lunch. Limited to the first 30 participants.

Mayor Pro Tem Wynn thanked Police Chief Smith for a great job with the Peace Officer Memorial.

Mayor Siegel informed Council he received a request from Lorenzo Neal inquiring about a green grass initiative. City Manager Laws stated he has an appointment with Mr. Neal next week to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary J. Venegas
City Clerk

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor