

Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2014

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, Rodarmel; City Manager Laws; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Police Chief Smith; Project Manager Holwell; Executive Secretary/Housing Specialist Austin; City Clerk Venegas. City Attorney Avedisian arrived at 6pm.

Absent: Council Member Neal

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

DISCUSSION – Signs, Sign Ordinance and Sign Permits:

Project Manager Holwell presented the report along with a power point presentation. Project Manager Holwell requested direction from Council related to the administration of the Sign Ordinance.

Community Services Officer Soledad Perez spoke on how she is enforcing sign violations. Everything has been verbal and everyone has been receptive and complied.

Council agreed the Sign Ordinance is the law and it should be interpreted by the City Manager. If complaints, forward to City Manager and he will send to Council.

Council also agreed that the signs that need permits will receive a verbal notice and if they do not comply, they will receive written notice of enforcement.

Lemoore Gem and Mineral Show asked for permission to put up stick signs for directions to the show. The signs would be up 3/10/14 to 3/17/14. City Manager Laws will look into this.

Mayor Siegel and Council Members Gordon and Rodarmel asked that an Ordinance specific to signs on trailers be brought back to Council.

DISCUSSION – Golf Course Proposed Fee Rate Change:

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson presented the report regarding the proposal to increase golf fees. The new rates include an approximately 10-12% increase. The nine-hole rates were adjusted to a lesser percentage so as not to surpass competitor's rates.

Mr. Rich Rhoads, owner of Rhoads Golf, spoke of the effects of the increase. He estimates the golf course will see an increase of approximately \$45,000 per year.

Item is later on the agenda as an action item.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

No closed session public comment.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:12 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding labor negotiations and anticipated litigation.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:28 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Siegel; Mayor Pro Tem Wynn; Council Members Gordon and Rodarmel; City Manager Laws; City Attorney Avedisian; Public Works/Planning Director Wlaschin; Finance Director Silva; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Police Chief Smith; Project Manager Holwell; City Clerk Venegas

Absent: Council Member Neal.

FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY PROMOTED CORPORALS – BADGE PINNING CEREMONY:

Police Chief Smith announced that effective February 1, 2014 Officers Matthew Smith and Brandon Cooper were promoted to the rank of Corporal.

City Clerk Venegas administered the oath of office to Corporal Smith and Corporal Cooper.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jane Dart read a prepared written statement in regards to the Siegel recall and an incident that occurred at Savemart.

Richard Ray, Acting President of Lemoore Senior Citizens Center, provided a status update of the Senior Center. Treasurer's Report for January indicated they had a net income of \$38.98 for January.

Connie Wlaschin spoke in reference to two phone calls received from Mayor

Siegel and his request for her to resign from the Downtown Merchants Association.

William Munoz from the Office of Rudy Salazar's office invited all to the Senior Scan Stopper Seminar on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Lemoore Veterans Memorial Building from 9:30-11:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

No announcement was made.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Gordon requested Item C be pulled for separate consideration.

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne, and carried that Council approve Items A, B, D and E on the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval – Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 4, 2014
- B. Approval – Warrant Register 13-14 – February 14, 2014
- D. Approval – Resolution 2014-04 - Redesignation of the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)
- E. Approval – Notice of Rejection – Marianne Lyons-Penton

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

- C. Approval – Grand Jury Response – Lemoore City Council and Planning Commission

Council Member Gordon stated due diligence was performed and apologize if incorrect legal opinion.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Design Phase Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

Project Manager Holwell presented the report asking that the City Council open the Public Hearing to accept testimony and ideas for the Community Development Block Grant application. Following the Public Hearing, determine which activity(ies) the City should pursue and direct Kings Community Development Corporation (KCDC) to prepare the application and bring it back for an additional Public Hearing prior to submittal to the State. A sign in sheet was passed around to abide by the CDBG requirements.

Alejandro Clark with KCDC answered questions about the submittal of the grant from Council. He stated they are going to focus on the Senior Center

with construction along with two different services tracks such as someone to assist with running the organization and someone to assist with maintenance of the organization.

City Manager Laws stated Council Member Neal requested the Boys and Girls Club be an option for this grant.

Mayor Siegel opened the Public Hearing at 8:11 p.m and asked that everyone sign the sign in sheet to verify attendance.

Myeisha Neal spoke in favor of a Boys and Girls Club and stated there is a need.

Mr. Joe Engelbrecht with the Tulare Boys and Girls Club spoke of a need for a Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Engelbrecht said they had a grant writer who would be able to write the grant. He said a feasibility study was done last year and the demographics fit in with the CDBG grant.

Mr. Richard Ray with the Lemoore Senior Center stated they are looking for assistance to stay open and not necessarily just money. Anything that will keep them solvent.

Council agreed the senior project is the primary objective for the CDBG grant or if a way to include the Boys and Girls Club without jeopardizing the senior project.

Sherry Pope Joy works with Alejandro Clark and writing the grant with KCDC. Formerly worked scoring grants and very familiar with the process. Stated that Boys and Girls Club a good project but have been focusing on the Senior Center.

Public hearing was closed at 8:52 p.m. with a short recess to check sound system.

Council re-adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Council agreed with move forward with the Senior Project and possibly next year submit for the Boys and Girls Club.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – Establishing a Policy Regarding the Operation and Financing of the Golf Course, Resolution 2014-05:

City Manager Laws presented the report requested by Council Member Rodarmel at the last council meeting. Council Member Rodarmel requested a resolution to establish a policy that the City General Fund would not be used to advance monies to fund the operating shortfalls in the Golf Course enterprise fund. In the event that there was a shortfall, a set maximum amount of general

fund monies (\$100,000 per year) could be used.

Council Member Rodarmel made a motion to withdrawal the Resolution. Motion died due to lack of a second.

It was moved by Council Member Gordon and seconded by Council Member Wynne to table this item indefinitely.

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

Item failed due to lack of support.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – Lemoore Police Department Memorandum of Understanding with CrisCom for lobbying services:

Police Chief Smith presented the report. CrisCom will assist the City of Lemoore in pursuing infrastructure funding for the Lemoore Police Department. CrisCom will represent the City of Lemoore and work with members of the California Legislature, the Governor's office and local elected officials to identify viable funding sources. CrisCom will agree that the fee for services shall be \$1,500 per month. The agreement will commence on February 4, 2014.

Chuck Jelloian with CrisCom answered questions from Council as to strategy for lobbying efforts.

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with CrisCom and authorize the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with CrisCom as outlined under the attached MOU.

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

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – Contracting for Crack Sealing and Patching Services, 2014 Street Maintenance Program:

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson presented the report proposing for streets not scheduled for major maintenance. The work will take about two weeks beginning in March and is not to exceed \$49,999.

It was moved by Council Member Wynne, seconded by Council Member Gordon, and carried that Council authorize contracting the Crack Sealing and Patching Services for the 2014 Street Maintenance Projects and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement and Scope of Services not to exceed \$49,999.

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

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – Golf Course Proposed Fee Rate Change:

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson presented the report regarding the proposal to increase golf fees. The new rates include an approximately 10-12% increase. The nine-hole rates were adjusted to a lesser percentage so as not to surpass competitor's rates.

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne, and carried that Council approve the rate increase as proposed by Rich Rhoades effective March 1, 2014.

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

ADJOURN TO SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

At 9:44 p.m. Council adjourned to the Successor Agency regarding the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – SUCCESSOR AGENCY – RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY – DECEMBER 2014 (ROPS 14-15A):

Finance Director Silva presented the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July through December 2014 (ROPS 14-15A) for approval. A copy of the approved ROPS 14-15A will be sent to the California Department of Finance (DOF) by the due date of March 3, 2014. Successor Agency expenditures for the period of July –December 2014 total \$2,531,880.

It was moved by Council Member Gordon, seconded by Council Member Wynne, and carried that the Successor Agency Board direct staff to present the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July –December 2014 (ROPS 14-15A) to the Oversight Board for approval and submit it to the Department of Finance by March 3, 2014.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:49 p.m. the Successor Agency adjourned to the Regular City Council Meeting.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson invited Council to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, February 27th at 6pm at the Lemoore Senior Center.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Gordon request
He also said a member of the Downtown Merchants Association contacted him and voiced their concern about another DMA member discussing political items at a DMA meeting rather than DMA items. City Manager Laws was asked to look into this item.

Council Member Rodarmel inquired if the parking lot at the CMC was part of the solar was informed it was part. He also congratulated Arizona on their bill to nullify all federal gun laws. Council Member Rodarmel stated his son is no longer working with his business but now employed by the NRA.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:56 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved the 4th day of March 2014.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Attest:

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor

Mary J. Venegas, City Clerk