

**September 16, 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.

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

City Staff and Contract Employees Present: City Manager Laws; City Attorney Avedisian; Public Works/Planning Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Finance Director Silva; Police Chief Smith; Quad Knopf Planner Brandt; City Clerk Venegas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darryl Malone had an issue with a parking violation he received from Lemoore PD in regards to parking on Commerce Avenue. Police Chief Smith stated this particular area is not a truck route and the signs that were placed there were not placed by the City. The signs will be removed.

STUDY SESSION – Section SS

SS-1 Public Benefits Assessment

Quad Knopf Planner Steve Brant presented the report stating a public benefit assessment is one option to maintain the long term financial viability of the golf course. A benefit assessment district is additional property tax put on the properties within that district. In order to pass, 50% of the ballots mailed back to the city must approve of the assessment.

Spoke:

<i>Art Arredondo</i>	<i>Warren Reef</i>
<i>Scott Goodrich</i>	<i>Maryella Leary</i>
<i>Gary Belding</i>	<i>Tim Christian</i>
<i>John Buyense</i>	<i>Randy Comer</i>
<i>Bobby Scoggins</i>	<i>Jane Dart</i>
<i>Dennis Pavek</i>	<i>Lynn Avila</i>
<i>Peggy Miller</i>	<i>Joe Simonson</i>
<i>Jennifer Miller</i>	<i>Chris Wertenburger</i>
<i>Rosie Madrigal</i>	<i>Sheila Taylor</i>

Comments/Questions:

- *Money better spent repairing all streets than spending on a pool.*
- *Many noes on the golf course, yes on the pool.*
- *Improve the bike paths and shade the walkways.*
- *Would like to keep the golf course public and it is an asset to our town.*

- Is the golf course on the same two day watering schedule as the rest of the city? No, the golf course is watered daily to keep the greens alive. If the greens were to die, it would be approximately \$40,000 per green to replace.
- If the golf course fails, the balance of the debt is still owed and the citizens of Lemoore would be required to pay. Allowing it to fail is not a smart financial option.
- It is not fair for the golf course and the high school to ignore the current watering schedule.
- Strong opposition to selling the golf course at previous study session meetings. The offer to purchase the golf course is no longer available.
- Sell the property to a developer and build homes out there.
- Sell the property and take a loss if necessary.
- Repurpose the golf course such as renting out for camping, boy scouts and community garden.
- Ask West Hills College for assistance as they utilize the golf course on a regular basis.
- What is the average the golf course losses per year? Finance Director Silva will work on getting that number. It fluctuates.
- Is astro turf an option for the greens?
- How long to pay off the remaining \$1.5 million debt if the golf course were sold at a loss of \$2 million? It would take 14 years to be paid back. Debt can be restructured at any time.
- Sell the golf course.
- What type of improvements would be considered? Possibly a solar structure to offset the electricity costs.
- Sell the back 9 and keep the original front 9 of the golf course.
- How much would each taxpayer pay for the assessment? The study would be \$22,000 and they would determine the amount. It could be roughly \$35 to \$50 per year. A need has to be identified in order to determine an amount.
- Run it like a business. If not working, sell it.
- Ask the Navy Base if they are interested in the golf course.
- 11 yes for assessment, 47 no for assessment, 6 maybe for assessment

Council Consensus that the special assessment would fail and to not proceed.

Mayor Pro Tem asked City Manager Laws to speak with Parks and Recreation Director Simonson and Rich Rhoads about watering and reassess their current daily watering schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47 p.m. Council adjourned.

September 16, 2014 Minutes
Regular Joint City Council /
★ Redevelopment Successor Agency Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

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

Emergency Item Added:

City Manager Laws requested that the following Emergency Item 2-6 be added to the Consent Calendar as information was received after the 9/16/14 agenda was posted.

2-6 Approval – Letter of Support for Fallen Pilot Nathan Poloski

Motion by Council Member Wynne, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel to add Item 2-6 to the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Wynne, Rodarmel, Madrigal, Neal, Siegel

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CEREMONIAL / PRESENTATIONS – Section 1

There was no ceremonial/presentations.

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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 – September 2, 2014
- 2-2 Approval – Warrant Register 13-14 – September 12, 2014
- 2-3 Approval – Warrant Register 14-15 – September 12, 2014
- ★ 2-4 Approval – Warrant Register 13-14 – Successor Agency Pursuant to Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule – September 12, 2014
- ★ 2-5 Approval – Successor Agency – Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for January – June 2015 (ROPS 14-15B)
- 2-6 Approval – Letter of Support for Fallen Pilot Nathan Poloski

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

Ayes: Wynne, Madrigal, Neal, Rodarmel, Siegel

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 3

3-1 Second Reading – Ordinance 2014-04 – Planning Commission Recommendation to Amend 9-5-D1 of the Lemoore Municipal Code Relating to the Rules and Regulations Applicable to Landscape Standards for New Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Development Projects to Promote Greater Water Conservation

Quad Knopf Planner Brandt presented the report and reminded Council of the prohibition of fescue in the amendment.

Public Hearing opened at 7:34 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2014-04 amending 9-5-D1 of the Lemoore Municipal Code Relating to the Rules and Regulations Applicable to Landscape Standards for New Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Development Projects to Promote Greater Water Conservation.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Madrigal, Neal

Noes: Siegel

3-2 First Reading – Continuation Request – General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for B&L Moving and Storage

Quad Knopf Planner Brandt presented the report. This item was properly noticed in the paper but the notices did not get sent out to the residents. If continued, this item does not have to be noticed again.

Public Hearing opened at 7:37 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne to continue the item to the October 7, 2014 regular session of the City Council to allow time for the required notices to be mailed.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Madrigal, Neal, Siegel

NEW BUSINESS – Section 4

4-1 Report and Recommendation – Lemoore Kings Lions Club Request to Rename 19th Avenue Park to “Kings Lions Complex”

Jeff Garcia and Tom Reed spoke.

Motion by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Wynne to support the recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission and approve the request from the Kings Lions Club to rename 19th Avenue Park to “Kings Lions Complex” and waive the Policy Guide for the Naming of Public Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Wynne, Madrigal, Neal, Siegel

Staff was directed to update the Policy Guide for the Naming of Public Parks and Recreation Facilities.

4-2 Report and Recommendation – Budget Amendment – Asset Replacement for Lemoore Police Department Patrol Unit 97

Motion by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Neal to approve the purchase of one 2014 Dodge Charger and the necessary equipment to be used on patrol to replace Unit 97.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Neal, Madrigal, Wynne, Siegel

4-3 Report and Recommendation – Salary and Benefits for Unrepresented Employees – Resolution 2014-26

Motion by Council Member Wynne, seconded by Council Member Madrigal to adopt Resolution 2014-26 Authorizing Salary and Benefits for Unrepresented Management Employees and authorize the necessary budget adjustments to accommodate its adoption.

Ayes: Wynne, Madrigal, Neal, Rodarmel, Siegel

4-4 Report and Recommendation – Reorganization of Lemoore City Council

Spoke:

*Kathleen Elias
Richard Valle, District II, Kings County Board of Supervisors
Holly Andrade Blair
Dwight Young
Jane Dart
Sheila Taylor
Myeisha Neal
Rosie Madrigal
Tom Reed
Angela Mejia*

Motion by Council Member Neal, seconded by Council Member Madrigal to approve council realignment.

Ayes: Neal, Madrigal, Rodarmel, Wynne

Noes: Siegel

City Attorney Avedisian accepted nominations for Mayor. Council Member Wynne was nominated by Council Member Madrigal. There were no other nominations.

Motion by Council Member Madrigal, seconded by Council Member Neal for appoint Wynne as Mayor.

Ayes: Madrigal, Neal, Rodarmel, Wynne

Abstain: Siegel

City Attorney Avedisian accepted nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Rodarmel was nominated by Council Member Wynn. There were no other nominations.

Motion by Council Member Wynne, seconded by Council Member Madrigal to appoint Rodarmel as Mayor Pro Tem.

*Ayes: Wynne, Madrigal, Neal, Rodarmel
Abstain: Siegel*

DEPARTMENT AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS – Section 5

5-1 Department Reports

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson informed Council that Parks and Recreation was awarded the San Joaquin Architect and Planners Aware for the reuse of the CMC building and a luncheon will be held on October 3rd for this accomplishment.

He also reminded everyone about Evening under the Stars on Saturday, September 20th from 7pm to midnight.

5-2 City Manager Reports

City Manager Laws and all department heads will not be available September 25th and 26th. They will be attending Team Building in town.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS – Section 6

6-1 City Council Reports

No Council Reports.

6-2 City Council Requests

Council Member Madrigal stated the reorganization had to be done.

Council Member Neal thanked everyone for attending. He is not happy that someone was sent in to try to belittle him but it did not happen. He does not care that he looks bad as long as he knows what he is doing is right.

Council Member Siegel stated Riley Jones who lives east of the golf course asked for annexation of properties due to a water issue as they are currently in the County.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodarmel reviewed the city water production report and he commends and thanks the citizen of the City of Lemoore for reducing water usage. Battle of the Badges is November 11th from 3-7pm at the Civic Auditorium. Stated spoke with Jerry from Ethel Reds and he said he was not only competing with other restaurants but also service organization and the Chamber.

Mayor Wynne stated she was up for the new challenge and hopes everyone supports her. She is glad that everyone is here to be supportive of the City and we all need to be a team and share ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Wlaschin asked about the placement of the letter from Gordon from the August 19th Council meeting. She stated it was difficult to find and if the items received after the agenda posted could be placed on the web in an easier manner to find.

City Manager Laws will have to research. However, the staff reports will now have the date the report was written along with the meeting date in order for the staff reports for a specific council meeting to be more easily identifiable.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:56 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary J. Venegas, City Clerk

Lois Wynne, Mayor