

**August 20, 2019 Minutes
Lemoore City Council
Study Session**

CALL TO ORDER:

At 5:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor: NEAL,
Council Members: BROWN, LYONS, SCHALDE

City Staff and contract employees present: City Manager Olson; City Attorney Van Bindsbergen; Public Works Director Rivera; Community Development Director Holwell; Police Chief Smith; City Clerk Avalos; Finance Manager Beyersdorf.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

SS-1 Applicants for Cannabis Retail (Olson)

City Manager Olson introduced seven dispensary candidates. Candidates have up to 10 minutes to provide information regarding their company and answer any questions Council may request. The candidates who presented to Council were:

- *Element 7*
- *Humanity*
- *NHC*
- *Valley Pure*
- *Weisonna*
- *Kings County Cannabis*
- *Fox and Goose*

Spoke: Jeff Garcia
Tom Reed
Ray Madrigal

Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session

**August 20, 2019 Minutes
Lemoore City Council
Regular City Council Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:49 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor: NEAL
Council Members: BROWN, LYONS, SCHALDE

City Staff and contract employees present: City Manager Olson; City Attorney Van Bindsbergen; Public Works Director Rivera; Community Services Director Holwell; Parks and Recreation Director Glick; Police Chief Smith; City Clerk Avalos; Finance Manager Beyersdorf; Management Analyst Champion.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, AND/OR DELETIONS

Motion by Council Member Brown, Seconded by Council Member Schalde to move Consent Calendar item 3-4 to New Business Item 5-6.

Ayes: *Brown, Schalde, Lyons, Neal*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Martin, partnership specialist with the U.S Census Bureau. The census is coming in 2020. She stated she lives in Lemoore and was hired due to the undercount in the Central Valley 10 years ago. She is looking for partners to get to those "hard to count" communities and is proud to represent Kings County.

Connie Washchin stated she would like explanation on Item 3-3 on the Consent Calendar. She would like to know what the status is on the Vorhees property at the Industrial Park and who is purchasing the property on 19th Ave. She stated that the Study Sessions are not on YouTube and the Phone System is terrible.

Ray Etchegoin suggested that the City should go above and beyond in regards to public noticing.

Kristin Curcio has an issue with transparency with City in regards to the consent item being moved to new business.

CEREMONIAL / PRESENTATION – Section 1

No Ceremonial / Presentation

DEPARTMENT AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS – Section 2

2-1 Department & City Manager Reports

Public Works Director Rivera provided an update on the slurry and overlay projects. The 5 PFMD's slurry work has been complete. Striping on Hanford-Armona road should be complete by the end of the week. QK along with City staff will go through both projects and do a quality control inspection. Overlay project on Fox street is currently having a 12 inch storm drain installed. All projects are on schedule.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3

- 3-1 Approval – Minutes – Regular Meeting – August 6, 2019
- 3-2 Approval – San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Grant for GEM Carts
- 3-3 Approval – Agreement with The CrisCom Company for Governmental Affairs Consulting Services Including Lobbying, Grant Services, and Governmental Outreach with State of California and Federal Agencies
- 3-5 Approval – Chamber of Commerce Holiday Stroll Agreement
- 3-6 Approval – Establishment of Lemoore Police Department Professional Services Bargaining Unit and Recognition of Lemoore Police Officers Association as Exclusive Representative for said Bargaining Unit – Resolution 2019-36

Items 3-1 and 3-3 were pulled for separate consideration.

Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve Consent Calendar as presented, except items 3-1 and 3-3.

Ayes: Brown, Lyons, Neal, Schalde

- 3-1 Approval – Minutes – Regular Meeting – August 6, 2019

Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Council Member Schalde, to approve the August 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes as amended.

Ayes: Lyons, Schalde, Brown, Neal

- 3-3 Approval – Agreement with The CrisCom Company for Governmental Affairs Consulting Services Including Lobbying, Grant Services, and Governmental Outreach with State of California and Federal Agencies

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to approve the Agreement with The CrisCom Company for Governmental Affairs Consulting Services Including Lobbying, Grant Services, and Governmental Outreach with State of California and Federal Agencies.

Ayes: Brown, Lyons, Schalde, Neal

*Spoke: Connie Wlashchin
Mary Hornsby
Jason Siegen*

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

- 4-1 Public Hearing – Abatement of Public Nuisances (Rivera)

*Public Hearing opened at 8:16 p.m. No one spoke.
Public Hearing closed at 8:17 p.m.*

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to approve the Abatement of Public Nuisances.

Ayes: Brown, Lyons, Neal, Schalde

NEW BUSINESS – Section 5

5-1 Report and Recommendation – Appointment of City Council Applicant for District E

City Clerk Avalos accepted nominations for District E.

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to appoint John Plourde as Council Member for District E.

Ayes: Schalde, Brown, Lyons

Noes: Neal

Motion passed.

Spoke: Willard Rodarmel

Tom Reed

5-2 Administration of Oath of Office – Newly Appointed Council Member

City Clerk Avalos administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Plourde.

5-3 Report and Recommendation – City Council Reorganization – Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem (Avalos)

Motion by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Lyons to table election for Mayor until the election.

Ayes: Plourde, Lyons, Brown, Schalde. Neal

City Clerk Avalos accepted nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Lyons nominated Council Member Brown.

Mayor Neal nominated Council Member Plourde.

Council Member Brown did not want to be considered for Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Mayor Neal, seconded by Council Member Lyons to appoint Council Member Plourde as Mayor Pro Tem.

Ayes: Neal, Lyons, Plourde, Schalde, Brown

Spoke: Tom Reed

Lorenzo Neal

Brian Neves

Rosemary Rodriguez

Willard Rodarmel

Dr. Gail Crums

Shelly Reese

Eugene Neal

Dr. Crystal Jackson

Richard Valle

Tracy Landrus

Myeisha Neal

Kristin Curcio

5-4 Report and Recommendation – Voting Delegates for League of California Cities (Avalos)

Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Council Member Neal, to appoint Council Member Schalde as the Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Ayes: Lyons, Neal, Schalde, Brown, Plourde

5-5 Report and Recommendation – Cannabis Retailer Selection (Olson)

Consensus was received to allow the City Manager to send a letter to Valley Pure and Natural Healing Center stating that negotiations will be continued.

Ayes: Brown, Lyons, Neal, Schalde

*Spoke: Mariela Childress
Lorenzo Neal
Ray Madrigal
Ed Rogers
Pamela Hanson
Patricia Matthews
Bruce German
Aaron Rossiter*

5-6 Report and Recommendation – Train Depot Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Lemoore and Valley Pure Lemoore, LLC

Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the Train Depot Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Lemoore and Valley Pure Lemoore, LLC. .

*Spoke: Jeff Garcia
Ray Madrigal*

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS – Section 6

6-1 City Council Reports / Requests

Council Member Lyons congratulated Mr. Plourde on his third appointment. Thanked the applicants for District E for being in attendance and applying for the position. Stated he likes the new Council and feels that the Council will work well together.

Council Member Schalde welcomed Mr. Plourde. Suggested the Council review Boards and Commissions again. Would like to hold a town hall meeting in the near future.

Council Member Brown thanked the applicants for applying for District E. Stated that there are things that have been said that are inaccurate. He is not a Police Officer. He resigned from his position as Volunteer in Policing when he became a Council Member.

Mayor Pro Tem Plourde thinks Council can work as a team and get a lot of things done. He stated that he wants to do what is best for the City of Lemoore and not have personalities involved.

Mayor Neal thanked all of his constituents. He works from the heart and is sorry if he offended anyone. He appreciated everyone who spoke on his behalf.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:11 p.m., Council adjourned.

Approved the 3rd day of September 2019.

APPROVED:

Edward Neal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marisa Avalos, City Clerk