

**JOINT MEETING OF THE LOMPOC CITY COUNCIL
AND THE LOMPOC PLANNING COMMISSION
LOMPOC CITY HALL/COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2001**

Mayor DeWees called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: DeWayne Holmdahl, Janice Keller, Will Schuyler, Mike Siminski, and Mayor Dick DeWees

Planning Commissioners Present: Ralph Harman, Jack Rodenhi, Ann Ruhge, Ron Fink, and Ed Shoemaker

Staff Present: City Administrator Frank Priore, City Attorney Sharon Stuart, and City Planner Arleen Pelster

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

DISCUSSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND RELATED ISSUES

Mayor DeWees invited Planning Commissioners to provide comment or input.

Commissioner Fink indicated he felt that the most important priority is updating the City's Zoning Ordinance to conform to the General Plan adopted in 1997. He also indicated that a General Plan update was needed during the next 18 months.

Discussion ensued between the members of the City Council and the Planning Commission regarding the status of the Zoning Ordinance revision and competing issues and projects such as the Old Town Specific Plan, the Congregate Housing Ordinance Provisions, the Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance, and the need to continue expediting Development Review projects. Staff noted that efforts to identify priorities and manage the workload began in August 1999.

Discussion continued regarding customer satisfaction and delays with Building Division processes and Plan Checks. City Administrator Frank Priore indicated that he investigates complaints and often finds that the problem is caused by applicant error and or delay. He discussed the need to continue to provide a high quality level of customer service and to expedite the development review process. The Council discussed a report prepared by staff which tracks processing times for applications and the possibility of additional Planning staff. City Administrator Frank Priore discussed the monetary restrictions that exist in the budget process and discussed the recently added Assistant Planner position in the Planning Division. Mr. Priore also discussed the steps in the City's hiring process, which differ dramatically from hiring procedures in the private sector.

Additional discussion continued regarding items that are appealed to the City Council and related issues, prioritization of the Zoning Ordinance Revision versus Development Review processing, the value of the Planners Institute and other training for Planning Commissioners, and the need to remain business-friendly as a top priority. Further discussion ensued regarding Building Division procedures and it was generally noted that the Building Division was a division of the Community Services Department separate from the Planning Division and not the subject of this meeting's discussion. Growth issues, regional fair share housing allocation, traffic congestion at Central and H Streets, and other related issues were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:28 p.m., Mayor DeWees adjourned the Council meeting to its Regular Meeting of June 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission was adjourned to the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2001 at 6:30 p.m.

Dick DeWees, Mayor
City of Lompoc

Jack Rodenhi, Chair
Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Jane C. Green
City Clerk
Dated: June 14, 2001