

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING/LOMPOC CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, June 5, 2001  
Council Chambers/100 Civic Center Plaza  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Frank Priore, City Attorney Sharon Stuart, City Clerk Jane Green, Community Services Director Marlene Demery, Management Services Director John Walk and Aviation/Transportation Administrator Richard Fernbaugh.

Other Participants: Friedner D. Wittman, George Rauh, Ray Garrett, Ralph Harman, Fran Houston, Suzanne Schwark, Anne Les, Wickie Rodenhi, Bess Christensen, and Irwin Rosenberg.

INVOCATION: Given by Terry Smith

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Mayor DeWees

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor DeWees announced that the meeting would be adjourned to Saturday, June 9, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. for a Budget Workshop; the Council had received changes to Consent Calendar Items 2 and 8; the Consent Calendar Item 3 recommendation should include adoption of Resolution 4932(01); and that Staff had requested Consent Calendar Item 17 be dropped from the agenda.

A. Mayor DeWees made the following presentations:

Proclamation for Safety Month – June, 2001 to Rob Hoffman, City Safety Officer

Management Week in America – June 3-9, 2001 to the Vandenberg Chapter #335 of the National Management Association.

The first Annual Jim Darrah Award to Molly Blaschke. Ms. Blaschke thanked the Mayor, Council, and community for the award and highlighted the many services provided by the Lompoc Library.

B. **Overview of Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs in Lompoc.**

Friedner D. Wittman, Ph.D., Project Director, Community Prevention Planning Program Institute for the Study of Social Change, Berkeley, California, summarized the results of the Alcohol/Drug Sensitive Information Planning System in a Geographic Information System (ASIPS/GIS) study. Dr. Wittman highlighted several overhead slides that depicted data collected from the Lompoc Police Department during 2000.

The study focused on data collection of alcohol and drug incidents in Lompoc for use by the Police Department for prevention and enforcement activities in problem areas. The data included locations, time of day, frequency of events and/or arrests, problem groups, and types of incidents.

**STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S STATUS REPORT:** Distributed as an informational report.

## **COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor DeWees:

- a. stated he would not participate in Item 15 (Flower Festival Parade Street Closure) and noted the Flower Festival will be held June 20 through June 24, 2001;
- b. announced the Lompoc Pops Orchestra will perform June 18; and
- c. reported that the next regular meeting will be on June 26, 2001 due to a lack of quorum on June 19, 2001.

Councilmember Schuyler said he would not participate in Consent Calendar Item 1.

Councilmember Siminski:

- a. congratulated and thanked the City employees who assisted with Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. He specifically recognized the team captains Karen Niemi, Marlene Demery, and Donna Terrones, and Sally Bass, Hospitality Tent, for their contributions.
- b. encouraged the public to participate in the School District's Leader Readers program, which serves at-risk students; and
- c. stated his support for the DARE program and a recent related letter from Chief of Police Bill Brown.

Councilmember Holmdahl commended the Police Department for the Police Beat TV program.

Councilmember Keller noted that minor errors on Ordinances 1461(01) and 1462(01) (Consent Calendar Items 4 and 5) had been corrected. Councilmember Keller announced she would be leaving at 9:00 P.M. to start her vacation that will include a visit to the City's Sister City Inca de Majorca and would not be available for the Budget meetings. She requested that when the Budget is considered for adoption that her letter be read into the record.

### **Response from County Agricultural Commission on City's request for the County to coordinate Department of Pesticide Regulation grant application.**

Community Services Director Marlene Demery reported that following a presentation by Dr. Paul Gosselin in March 2001, Council directed a letter be sent to the County Agricultural Office requesting to partner with the County in applying for a Reduced Risk Pest Management Grant. Subsequently, the County responded, however, the letters did not provide sufficient information describing reduced risk programs offered by the County.

Staff recommended that the City Council review the letters and provide direction to Staff, if any, to develop a response letter.

### **Public Comment:**

George Rauh discussed increases in pesticide usage in the Lompoc Valley and asked the Council to pursue with the County Agricultural Department obtaining funds to reduce pesticides.

**ACTION:** Discussion followed in which Council directed a letter be sent to the County Agricultural Commission requesting a detailed explanation of what they are doing in the Lompoc Valley to reduce pesticide risks.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

(1) Ray Garrett expressed concern about lack of funding for the Lompoc Valley United Way, which supports 21 local non-profit agencies, and urged all Lompoc citizens (including commuters) to mark their payroll pledge cards for the Lompoc United Way.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** (Cont'd)

(2) Jan Meyer, President Lompoc Valley United Way, requested volunteers to serve as Board Members of the United Way.

(3) Ralph Harman read a letter from Carol Harman to the City Council concerning an individual's comments that a large number of prisoners at the local penitentiary were Lompoc natives. Ms. Harman asked the Council to investigate this and provide information before the Environmental Impact Statement is released.

(4) Fran Houston, President of the Friends of the Library, spoke in support of Library services, urged the Council to fund the Library's request, and consider extra funding to allow the library to be open additional hours.

(5) Suzanne Schwark, member of the District Libraries Foundation, stated the Foundation helps to augment the library services funded by the City. Ms. Schwark urged the Council to increase the City's support and to agree to continued support, which would assist the Foundation in encouraging private donations.

(6) Anne Les, Library Board Member, compared per capita support for libraries in other jurisdictions to Lompoc's rate of \$7.46 and requested additional funding for the Library heating system, more operating hours, and fair and competitive salaries. Ms. Les also reported that the Board of Library Trustees requested the administrative fee for Buellton and Vandenberg Village branches be delayed until the second fiscal year. In conclusion, Ms. Les noted that in 1965 the Lompoc Library was open 66 hours and served the City's population of 24,000 and is now open 50 hours to serve 42,000 City residents.

Councilmember Siminski stated the Prison's Final Environmental Impact Statement would provide answers to many of the questions raised in the community regarding the prison expansion project.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Items listed under the Consent Calendar were considered routine and upon motion by Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Holmdahl, were approved by a unanimous vote except as noted under Items 1 and 15.

1. Approved expenditures for:

Payroll of 05/25/01: \$849,286.07

Payroll of 05/11/01: \$799,702.31

Voucher Register of 05/25/01: \$337,513.32

Voucher Register of 05/18/01: \$663,073.74\*

Voucher Register of 05/11/01: \$547,344.91

Manual Checks 04/01/01 to 04/30/01: \$660.00

*\*(Councilmember Schuyler did not participate on this item.)*

2. Approved Five Year Lease Agreements between Lompoc Youth Sports Groups and the City for the use of Concession Stands at City Parks effective June 5, 2001 through June 5, 2006 for: Lompoc Girl's Softball Association – Thompson Park, Lompoc Little League - Johns Manville, Lompoc Babe Ruth - Pioneer Park, and Lompoc Youth Football and Lompoc Little League - Ryon Park.

3. Adopted Resolution No. 4932(01) 2000 Annual Report to the California Energy Commission: Power Source Disclosure and Customer Credit Programs and authorized the City Administrator to execute the Attestation Form for the City.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** (Cont'd)

4. Adopted Ordinance No. 1461(01), enacting Title 2, Chapter 2, Article 9A of Chapter 50 of the Lompoc City Code pertaining to Uses Permitted within the Old Town Commercial District.
5. Adopted Ordinance No. 1462(01), Amending Article 1 of Chapter 2, of Title 3 of Chapter 50 of the Lompoc City Code pertaining to Architectural Review.
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 1463(01), Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between the City Council of the City of Lompoc and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 4929(01) Approving the Categorical Exemptions for Lompoc's Annual Maintenance Plan for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 and authorized staff to submit the Notices of Exemption to the Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 4931(01) Denying an Appeal by Rick Austin, Hyundai of Santa Maria, of the Planning Commission Action of April 9, 2001 denying a Development Plan to establish an automobile sales facility (DR 00-23).
9. Approved the City's response to the Grand Jury's 2000-2001 report on "Emergency Power."
10. Approved the May 22, 2001 letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requesting assistance for the development of a Floodplain Maintenance Plan for the Santa Ynez River and approved the City's approximate 28% financial contribution (estimated at \$125,000) to the Maintenance Plan.
11. Ratified the 2001-2002 Santa Barbara Water Purveyors Agency Budget, approved Lompoc's share of the Agency Budget in the amount of \$468.09, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Purveyors' budget approval form.
12. Accepted Project No. FY-96-S-2, "Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge along west side of State Bridge 51-97 at Santa Ynez River and State Highway 1" as complete and instructed the City Clerk to file the required Notice of Completion regarding this project.
13. Ratified Change Orders LPD-042501-3, LPD 05-14-01-1-a, and 51801-1 to the Agreement between the City and CYRUN Corporation, which was executed on March 21, 2001.
14. Continued to the Adjourned Regular Meeting of June 26, 2001 the reconsideration of Zone Change ZC 01-01 (Ordinance No. 1460(01))– A request from Francis H. Beattie that the properties located at 230, 233, 234, and 239 North H Street be removed from the area to be rezoned Old Town Commercial District OTC and that the existing zoning of Central Business District C-2 be retained. A Negative Declaration was prepared for ZC 01-01 in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
15. Adopted Resolution No. 4934(01) to Close Portions of "H" Street and Ocean Avenue for the 2001 Flower Festival Parade, authorized the Street Superintendent to apply to Cal Trans for the necessary encroachment permits for the Parade and to secure the assistance of VAFB, and authorized the Mayor to execute an Indemnity/Harmless Agreement with VAFB. (*Mayor DeWees did not participate.*)

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**16. Parks and Recreation Commission**

*ACTION:* It was moved by Councilmember Siminski, seconded by Councilmember Holmdahl, to appoint Jeff Kougl as Mayor DeWees' nominee for the unexpired term ending December 2002. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4929(01)** **See Under Consent Calendar**  
**Annual Maintenance Plan for FY**  
**2001-2002**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4931(01)** **See Under Consent Calendar**  
**Denying an Appeal by Rick**  
**Austin, Hyundai of Santa Maria,**  
**Of Planning Commission's Decision**  
**of April 9, 2001**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4932(01)** **See Under Consent Calendar**  
**Annual Report to the California**  
**Energy Commission: Power Source**  
**Disclosure and Customer Credit**  
**Program**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4933(01)** **See Under New Business**  
**Adopting the Fiscal Year**  
**2001-2003 Budget**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4934(01)** **See Under Consent Calendar**  
**Closing Portions of H Street**  
**And Ocean Avenue for the**  
**Flower Festival Parade**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1460(01)** **See Under Consent Calendar**  
**Approving a Zone Change to**  
**Old Town Commercial District**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1461(01)** **See Under Consent Calendar**  
**Amending Title 2, Chapter 2,**  
**Article 9A of Chapter 50 of the**  
**City Code Pertaining to Uses**  
**Permitted within the Old town**  
**Commercial District**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1462(01)** **See Under Consent Calendar**  
**Amending Article 1 of Chapter 2**  
**Of Title 3 of Chapter 50 of the**  
**City Code Pertaining to Architectural**  
**Review.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1463(01)** **See Under Consent Calendar**  
**Authorizing an Amendment to the**  
**Contract between the City Council**  
**Of the City of Lompoc and the Board**

**Of Administration of the California  
Public Employees' Retirement System**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

17. Award of a Contract for Roof Repair at the City Corporate Yard for \$58,674.00.  
(*This item was removed from the agenda at the request of Staff.*)

**RECESS:**

At 8:20 P.M. Mayor DeWees announced a break. The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**18. Presentation and Overview of the City of Lompoc 2001-2003 Proposed Budget.**

City Administrator Frank Priore reported that on December 1 and 2, 2000 Department Heads met with the City Council to identify major issues the Departments anticipated would be addressed in the upcoming budget. Council prioritized issues which they deemed the most important, given the City's resources. The Proposed FY 2001-2003 Budget represents Staff's efforts to address Council's goals as established last December.

Mr. Priore summarized critical areas addressed in the FY 2001-2003 Budget pertaining to:

- (1) Changing some part-time, temporary employees to full-time status,
- (2) Loss of grant-funded Police positions,
- (3) Maintenance of City facilities,
- (4) Largest single increase in electric purchase power,
- (5) Unfunded Aquatic Center,
- (6) Promotion of community development activities, and
- (7) Improvements and space allocations in City Hall.

Staff recommended that the City Council:

- a. Review the recommendations of the City Administrator for the 2001-2003 Biennial Budget; and
- b. Adopt Resolution 4933(01), Adopting the Fiscal Year 2001-2003 Budget; or Set a time and date for a budget workshop.

Management Services Director John Walk reviewed several overhead slides, which included:

- (1) A breakdown of the three largest line items (68%) of the new budget (\$11.680 million for NCPA purchased power; \$4.5 million for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements; and \$6 million for an Aquatic Center);
- (2) Various charts depicting the projected General Fund Revenue and Expenditure sources and type including the following:

2001-2003 Budgeted Expenditures:

General Fund	\$44,274,800
Water	14,214,097
Electric	36,211,320
Wastewater	18,008,919
Solid Waste	8,861,571
Road Funds	5,536,763

Transit	2,529,039
Airport	483,303
Library (Lompoc Branch)	1,601,496
Other Funds	<u>3,349,018</u>

\$135,070,326

(3) Recommended Staffing Increases and Decreases for General and Other Funds;

*(At 9:00 P.M. Councilmember Keller left the meeting.)*

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- (4) Highlighted significant line items in the following budgets: Economic Development, Building and Facilities, Civic Center, Non-Departmental, Management Services, Police, Fire, Street, Recreation, Parks, CDBG/ADA Improvements, Gas Tax, Transit System, Water, Electric, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Lompoc Valley Community Center, Equipment Services, and Library.

In summary, Mr. Priore noted that while the funding source for \$6 million Aquatic Center has not been included in the budget, Staff anticipates that with partnerships with the Lompoc Unified School District and the YMCA, and other City funds, the amount to be requested in a Bond issue could be reduced to \$2.5 or \$3 million. With respect to the proposed expansion of City Hall, \$430,000 had been identified through the Electric Division's Public Benefits Program; however, this would not have an impact on electric rates.

Mayor DeWees asked the Council to disclose affiliations with organizations that may be affected by the City's budget.

Mayor DeWees stated that he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Library, District Libraries Foundation, and Lompoc Museum.

Councilmember Schuyler reported that he is a member of the District Libraries Foundation Board and Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Siminski stated he is a Chamber of Commerce member. Councilmember Siminski also advised he would not be able to attend the June 9 workshop due to a previous commitment and that he would review the comments before the next Budget meeting.

Councilmember Holmdahl said he was a former member of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Public Comment**

(1) Wicki Rodenhi, Member of the Library Board and District Library Foundation, asked the Council to consider increasing the contribution to the Library for technology, improving service levels by increasing the library hours by 6 hours per week at a cost of approximately \$30,000, and completion of the financing of the card catalog upgrade.

(2) Bess Christensen asked the City to make information available on the Budget prior to the Workshop. Ms. Christensen read a letter from Councilmember Keller (attached) into the record, which included comments on grant-funded positions, reclassifications, part-time employee's salaries, increased funding for the Library, support for the Lompoc Museum and Lompoc Valley Community Center, training firefighters to become paramedics/EMTs, renovation of the existing pool, hiring a consultant to study feasibility of a pool bond measure, opposing red light cameras for intersections, supporting long term

planning for capital expenditures, opposing increasing the Chamber of Commerce contract and supporting bidding for these services.

(3) Ralph Harman objected to the contract with the Chamber of Commerce and their publications and recommended the Council pursue bids for this service. He supported adding EMT positions to the Fire Department and that reductions be made in other budgets to fund this proposal.

Councilmember Holmdahl indicated that if the Council agreed with the suggested changes to the budget that adjustments would have to be made elsewhere in the budget.

Councilmember Siminski highlighted the total cost of the overall two-year budget as compared to the General Fund. In addition, he supported retention of the Economic Revenue Reserve in light of the instability of the State's budget; noted that the Police Department grant positions would be lost through attrition; commented on the State's action and impact on the City's largest increase in electric

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power purchased (\$11 million); agreed with Councilmember Keller that part-time employees should become full time; and wages should not be less than minimum wage. He spoke in support of the Budget as presented and noted that any increases have to be offset by decreases elsewhere.

Mayor DeWees stated while he supported increasing the Library's budget to \$10.00 per capita that would represent an increase of more than \$100,000, which would be cost-prohibitive. He did support the City's funding the final two payments on the upgrade to the Black Gold Automation system.

**ACTION:** Following brief discussion regarding schedules, it was moved by Councilmember Holmdahl, seconded by Mayor DeWees, to hold the Budget Workshop on Saturday, June 9, 2001. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote (Councilmember Keller **ABSENT**).

### **19. Award of RFP 01-2114 for Transit Systems Operations Services.**

Aviation/Transportation Administrator Richard Fernbaugh summarized the Staff report noting that the contract for the current transit contractor, Laidlaw Transit Services, will expire June 30, 2001. Sealed proposals were solicited from 13 vendors and three proposals were received from AmericanStar Tours, Laidlaw Transit Services, and ATC. An evaluation panel rated the proposals and determined that American Star Tours received the highest score.

Staff recommended awarding RFP 01-2114 to AmericanStar Tours, Inc. for \$1,774,821.00 as the proposal to best meet the needs of the City of Lompoc for transit services, authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract, and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to approve contract amendments, including the extension of the term for two additional one-year periods.

### **Public Comment**

Irwin Rosenberg, Area Vice President, Laidlaw Transit Services, stated Laidlaw had two years remaining with their labor contracts and that the increase in their proposal would allow for increased salaries for bus drivers in the third year. Mr. Rosenberg spoke in support of Laidlaw and asked the Council to direct Staff to review the proposals or consider awarding the contract to Laidlaw.

Council briefly discussed the feasibility of bus service to Vandenberg AFB. Community Services Director Marlene Demery responded to Mr. Rosenberg's concerns and noted that Laidlaw had reduced the drivers' wages that caused turmoil. AmericanStar had proposed to increase the wages in order to retain employees.



In addition, AmericanStar as provider of the local Amtrak service had good references.

**ACTION:** Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Siminski, seconded by Councilmember Holmdahl, to approve Staff's recommendations. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote (Councilmember Keller **ABSENT**).

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10:20 P.M., Mayor DeWees adjourned the meeting to the Adjourned Regular Meeting of Saturday, June 9, 2001, 9:00 A.M. for a Budget Workshop.

Dick DeWees, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Jane C. Green  
City Clerk  
Dated: June 11, 2001