

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Budget Session Agenda**  
**Thursday, June 8, 2017 5:30 P.M.**

City Hall, Council Chamber, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc

Council Members Present: Victor Vega, James Mosby, Jenelle Osborne, Dirk Starbuck, and Mayor Bob Lingl.

Staff Present: City Manager Patrick Wiemiller, Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager Teresa Gallavan, , City Clerk Stacey Haddon, Utilities Director Larry Bean, Public Works Director Kevin McCune, and Human Resources Manager Gabriel Garcia.

Others Present: Kay Casey, Mike Carroll, Joe Garcia, Wynn Clevenger, Ann Ruhge, Philip Gallanders, John Linn, Gwen Garcia, George Bedford, Justin Ruhge, and Frances Romero.

Mayor Bob Lingl led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

City Manager Patrick Wiemiller introduced Frances Romero, former Mayor of the City of Guadalupe, CA. Ms. Romero spoke about her experiences as the Mayor of the City of Guadalupe, CA, while the City of Guadalupe worked to present and pass three tax measures on the November 2014 Ballot.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):**

1. Kay Casey, Ann Ruhge, and Justin Ruhge encouraged Council to allow the citizens the opportunity to vote on any proposed tax measure.
2. Mike Carroll advocated for the City to continue funding the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce, and stated he is hopeful the Council will bring forward more business friendly policies.
3. Joe Garcia, (Unknown Speaker), (Unknown Speaker), and Gwen Garcia, spoke about the legalization of marijuana use and suggested the City would become financially stable from tax revenues on marijuana sales if the City would allow such businesses to operate inside the City.
4. Wynn Clevenger, member of the Lompoc Museum Board, encouraged Council to continue funding the Lompoc Museum.
5. Philip Gallanders encouraged Council to work towards revision towards the City's retirement program.
6. John Linn asked Council to pass a motion stating the City will not allow bankruptcy to become an option.
7. DeWayne Holmdahl stated he has concerns regarding marijuana being spoke about as a way to save the City's budgets concerns; and suggested Council needs to work towards unanimous decisions.
8. George Bedford asked there are any alternatives ideas for increasing the City's revenues if the proposed tax measures are not approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Continued Discussion and Possible Action on 2017/19 Biennial Budget.**

City Manager Patrick Wiemiller briefly discussed the reason the Lompoc Public Library became an official City Department was not for a cost savings, but was to provide enhanced professional services to the public and all Library customers, and stated the estimated annual cost of \$400,000 to \$500,000 to the City's budget was disclosed, discussed, and approved by Council action.

Mr. Wiemiller gave a Power Point Presentation illustrating proposed additional cuts to the City's General Fund budget and distributed draft personnel descriptions of proposed new personnel positions in the Draft 2017/19 Biennial Budget, as directed by Council at the June 6, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (cont'd)

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Council discussed the information provided at great length.

**BREAK:**

At 7:03 P.M. Mayor Lingl announced a break. At 7:15 P.M., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

Council continued to discuss the Draft 2017/19 Biennial Budget, the proposed additional cuts from the General Fund, and possibly approving a City Resolution authorizing the City to operate into the 2017/18 fiscal year at 2016/17 fiscal year appropriation levels.

**BREAK:**

At 8:30 P.M. Mayor Lingl announced a break. At 8:41 P.M., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

Council Member Vega motioned to approve Resolution No. 6129(17), **Authorizing the Continuance of Operations into Fiscal Year 2017/18 at Fiscal Year 2016/17 Appropriation Levels**. The motion was seconded by Council Member Osborne and approved by a unanimous vote of the entire Council.

Council continued in depth discussion and deliberation of cuts to the General Fund, Staff proposed tax measures, City costs for Council Member's stipends and benefits, and possibly obtaining a bond to pay off the City's pension obligations.

With a general consensus Council directed Staff to return at a future meeting with a discussion regarding the City acquiring a **Pension Obligation Bond**; provide detailed information regarding the Mayor and Council Member's stipend and what funds pay for those stipends; and present Council with a four, five, and six percent reduction to the numbers shown on page 138 of the Draft Fiscal Year 2017 – 2019 Biennial Budget document (General Fund – Ten Year Projections), and include the addition of funding all non-profit organizations which were previously funded in the 2015 – 2017 Biennial Budget, and remove all estimated revenues from proposed tax measures.

Mayor Lingl motioned to allow all future budget discussions to include tax measures for an increase in Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) and a Utility Use Tax. The motion was seconded by Council Member Osborne and approved by Council with a 3-2 Vote (Council Members Vega and Mosby voted No).

Council affirmed the budget deliberations would continue at the June 20, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting and scheduled June 26, 2017 for a Special City Council Budget Session.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):**

1. John Linn suggested individual Council Members could donate their stipends to a local non-profit organization, or to the Human Services Commission or the Lompoc Firefighter's Association.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:15 P.M. Mayor Lingl adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Regular Meeting on June 20, 2017 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on August 15, 2017:

/Stacey Haddon/  
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk