



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Budget Session Agenda
Monday, June 26, 2017 6:30 P.M.
City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Council Chamber

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, City Attorney Joseph Pannone, and Management Services Director Brad Wilkie.

Others Present: Brian Jaramillo, Jill Anderson, Erin Granger, Carlos Abitia, Pari Goetz, Crace Handlen, Whitney Wollert, Chris Darling, Cody (last name unknown), Carrie Topliffe, and Jan Glick.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):

1. Carrie Topliffe and Jan Glick, representatives from the Santa Barbara County Animal Services, spoke about the legal requirements a city has to provide animal services to its citizens.

Council Member Starbuck asked Ms. Glick to speak about the cost of services and how the County compile the totals to charge any city or agency for animal services. Ms. Glick stated the Council uses a per capita formula to produce the amounts to be charged to any city or agency, and distributed a letter from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department of the services provided to the City of Lompoc from the Santa Barbara County Animal Services Division.

2. Dr. Lee Heller, Jill Anderson, Erin Granger, Carlos Abitia, Pari Goetz, Grace Handlen, Whitney Wollert, and Cody (last name not given), spoke in favor of the City continuing its contract with Santa Barbara County for animal services.
3. Brian Jaramillo expressed concern about the City ending its funding to the Lompoc Unified School District for crossing guards.
4. Chris Darling spoke about California cities that have filed bankruptcy, and suggested the City Council institute hiring freezes and consolidate City departments and divisions all to balance the City's Budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Lingl asked Staff if the agreement with Santa Barbara County for Animal Services could be reconsidered at this meeting. City Attorney Joseph Pannone explained the agreement could be reconsidered as part of the entire budget.

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

City Manager Patrick Wiemiller presented information regarding which local municipalities currently have a local sales tax, a utility user tax, and the amount of neighboring municipalities' transient occupancy tax.

Mayor Lingl made a motion to adopt the draft 2017/19 Biennial Budget with the restoration of funding to outside agencies, deleting the funding to the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau for advertising; direct Staff to place all three proposed tax measures, an increase in the City's transient occupancy tax, an increase in the City's sales tax, and a utility user tax, on the 2018 General Municipal Election; and direct Staff to prepare alternate City of Lompoc 2017/19 Biennial Budgets if any of the proposed tax measures are not approved by the electorate. The motion died for a lack of a second.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (cont'd)

Item No. 1

After extensive discussion, City Manager Patrick Wiemiller stated he will bring forward information on Council Member Mosby's suggestions for possible funding reduction in the following areas of the 2017/19 Biennial Budget:

- City Administration
- Public Works/Engineering
- Community Development/Planning
- Economic Development
- Building Inspection
- Geographic Information Systems
- Fire Department
- Fire Marshall
- Flat 4% Reduction to the General Fund

Mr. Wiemiller also stated Staff will review and bring forward information on Council Member Osborne's suggestions to fund the Victim Advocate position and the agreement with the Lompoc Museum, offer a one year funding agreement with all other outside agencies, place the three proposed tax measures on the ballot for the upcoming 2018 General Municipal Election; and consider hiring freezes with the acknowledgment those hiring freezes will not be issued to the Police Department, however reductions to non-personnel costs for that department should be identified and brought forward for review by Council.

Discussion continued with this matter and with a general consensus, Council directed Staff to bring back the Draft Budget with a total 4% reduction to the General Fund for the 2017/19 Fiscal Years from internal sources, employing the suggestions from Council Members Osborne and Mosby, and the clarification of not reducing or eliminating any funding to the Lompoc Museum, and the Victim's Advocate position inside the Lompoc Police Department, funding C3H for two years at the current level of funding; and funding the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau with the elimination of funding for advertising.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:48 P.M. Mayor Lingl adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Special Meeting on July 13, 2017 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on September 19, 2017:

Stacey Haddon
Stacey Haddon, City Clerk