

# **MINUTES**

## **CITY OF LOMPOC SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **BUDGET SESSION**

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, Administrative Analyst Laura Dubbles, and Management Services Director Brad Wilkie.

Others Present: Tanya (unknown last name), Gary Bower, Mark Smith, Will Schuyler, Karen Powers, DeWayne Holmdahl, Marta Padilla, Anthony Hudley, Deb Andrews, Carrie Topliffe, and Jan Glick.

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 Minutes Maximum):** None

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of Renewal of Agreement with County of Santa Barbara for Animal Control Services for August 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**

Administrative Analyst Laura Dubbles presented the Staff report and recommendations.

Mayor Lingl asked if Staff will continue research other options for animal control services for the City. Administrative Analyst Laura Dubbles stated Staff is continuing to research all available options to the City for animal control services. City Manager Patrick Wiemiller stated the City will also continue to remain in discussions and negotiations with the County for animal control services.

Carrie Topliffe, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Director and Jan Glick, Santa Barbara County Animal Services Director gave a brief presentation on the County's budget, costs, and revenues for the Animal Services Department.

Mayor Lingl asked if the County was looking to local veterinarian professionals to help verify animal licenses during annual vaccination visits. Santa Barbara County Animal Services Director Jan Glick thanked the Mayor for the suggestion and stated the County would be exploring that possibility in the future.

Council Member Mosby asked if the County had a count of the total number of dogs inside the City Limits of Lompoc. Ms. Glick explained the County uses a widely accepted formula to estimate the number of dogs or cats inside any City and stated the County will be reviewing this as well as several other items during its negotiations with the City of Lompoc.

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

Item No. 1

Public Comment:

1. Lee Heller expressed her concerns about the City of Lompoc being able to fulfill the State mandated requirements to provide adequate animal services without contracting with the County of Santa Barbara.

ACTION: Motion/Second: Mayor Lingl/Mosby. By a 5-0 vote Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Sixth Amendment to Agreement for Animal Control Services for the period of August 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, with the County of Santa Barbara in the total amount of \$296,857.

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

City Manager Patrick Wiemiller and Management Services Director Brad Wilkie presented information regarding the City's outstanding unfunded liability to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), the City's payment options for the unfunded liability, and the potential savings to the City if the unfunded liability is paid with a 15 year schedule versus a 30 year payment schedule. Mr. Wiemiller also gave a brief presentation illustrating a comparison of the salaries of City of Lompoc full time employees and other neighboring agencies, and listed his recommendations to fulfill Council's request to cut an additional \$2,835,136 from the Draft 2017/19 Biennial Budget document.

Council thanked Staff for the information presented and discussed the given suggestions and provided other suggestions on how to achieve a balanced budget for the 2017-2019 fiscal years.

Public Comment:

1. Deb Andrews suggested the Council use a zero based budget and privatize City services.
2. Anthony Hudley, President of the International Association of Firefighters Union Local #1906, spoke against the reduction of Fire Department services.
3. Marta Padilla and Tanya (last name unknown), expressed concern about the possible loss of crossing guards and spoke in favor of the Council continuing funding for Lompoc Unified School District crossing guards.
4. (Name not Given), asked everyone to work together and spoke in favor of continuing funding of crossing guards.
5. DeWayne Holmdahl stated he would like to see the Staff suggested tax measures placed on the November 2018 Ballot and allow the citizens to decide.

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

Item No. 2 – Public Comment

6. Karen Powers, representative of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Services Center, thanked Staff for the presentation, asked Council to continue to provide the general fund donation to the City's Human Services Commission and stated she believes the Staff suggested tax measures should be placed on the November 2018 Ballot.
7. (Name not Given), Santa Barbara County Fire Department employee spoke against any reductions to the City's Fire services and stated the City needs to increase the Fire Department's personnel.
8. Will Schuyler stated he would like the City to be run in the same manner a business would be run.
9. Mark Smith, member of the Vandenberg Air Force Base Fire Department encouraged Council to make no reductions to the City's Fire services, stating the Fire Department is an essential part of the entire City's safety.
10. Gary Bower encouraged Council to make cuts to the Draft 2017/19 Biennial Budget document to help ensure the City's financial health.

**BREAK:**

At 8:20 P.M. Mayor Lingl announced a break. At 8:30 P.M., the meeting reconvened with all Council Members present.

Council resumed its discussions and requested Staff return with the pay impacts of the five added positions listed in the Draft 2017/19 Biennial Budget document, at the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for July 18, 2017.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:04 P.M. Mayor Lingl adjourned the Lompoc City Council to a Special City Council Meeting on July 18, 2017 at 6:30 P.M., in City of Lompoc Council Chamber.

Approved by Council action on October 3, 2017:

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**/Stacey Haddon/**

Stacey Haddon, City Clerk