

**Minutes of the Study Session of the  
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL  
March 7, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Mayor Buford; Mayor Pro Tem Murray; Councilmembers Grego, Martin, Plourde; City Manager Briltz; Assistant City Attorney Neufeld; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Narbaitz; Chief Planner Smyth; Administrative Analyst Prichard; Public Works Superintendent Giron; Assistant Planner Mendiola; City Clerk Lima.**

**(1.0016)**

**PRESENTATION – 3<sup>RD</sup> CAN RECYCLING:**

**Administrative Analyst Prichard reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> can recycling program with the Council highlighting a few of the possible changes: 1) all three cans to be picked-up on the same day; 2) the elimination of alley service; 3) grandfathering in existing 60 gallon can customers while eliminating that service. Mr. Prichard emphasized that customer education before and during implementation is crucial.**

**Council directed staff to continue forward with the program as presented.**

**(1.1093)**

**PRESENTATION – UPDATE LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT:**

**City Engineer Tow reviewed the proposed Charter-City Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD). The proposed districts would fund not only landscaping but, also sidewalks and streetlight repairs and street maintenance including curb and gutter. Depending on the amenities in a subdivision it would also fund maintenance for small parks and tot lots. Costs would be increased as needed to cover inflation in accordance with the Government Employment Cost Index.**

**Mr. Tow explained that if the districts maintenance coverage was not expanded the City could not afford to approve future residential development with the associated cost of public streets and facilities. He presented slides showing the dramatic cost of asphalt from September 1998 to September 2005 and a timeline for street maintenance.**

**Council discussed not only the difference in cost from current LLMDs in the City but also the different items covered. Would it be possible to include the current LLMDs into the new district? Staff responded only if the property owners in the current districts voted to join the new district. Council verified that they would still have final control over the design of a development.**

A representative from the developer Flatley Homes stated that they were surprised by the assessment amount.

**AGENDA CHANGE**

Mayor Buford announced items 4-8 from the Study Session would be moved to the 7:30 p.m. meeting becoming items 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, and 8E.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 6:44 p.m. the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding Property Disposition. There was no announcement.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:25 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL  
March 7, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Buford; Mayor Pro Tem Murray; Councilmembers Grego, Martin, Plourde; City Manager Brittz; Assistant City Attorney Neufeld; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Narbaitz; Chief Planner Smyth; City Clerk Lima.

(1.2978)

**STATEMENT BY POLICE CHIEF:**

Police Chief Morrell read the following statement:

“I would like to publicly express my sympathy and heart felt condolences to the family and friends of the victims.

On March 6, 2006, at 3:26 p.m. the Lemoore Police department was dispatched to a call at 990 Fox Avenue Apt. 129, which was reported as a possible murder/suicide. Upon the officers arrival they discovered two decedents in the apartment. During our investigation, we discovered that the initial report was in error. During our investigation, we discovered both decedents were victims of a homicide. After further investigation, we arrested and booked a 14 year old juvenile at the Kings Count Juvenile center for two counts of homicide. Not all of the relatives of the victims have been notified, and the release of their information will be made available when all the notifications have been made.”

There will be another press conference after the autopsy is completed.

(1.3003)

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Plourde, and carried that the Council approve the following Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval – Minutes – February 21, 2006**
- B. Approval – Warrant Register**
- C. Approval – Resolution 2006-08 – Conflict of Interest Code**
- D. Approval – Street Closure – Sixth Annual Central Valley Pizza Festival**
- E. Approval – League Letter to California Congressional Delegation regarding Federal Telecommunications Reform**

**Ayes: Martin, Plourde, Grego, Murray, Buford**

**(1.3109)**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2006-01 – LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT:**

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Murray, that the Council waive the first reading of Ordinance 2006-01 and pass to a second reading.

**Ayes: Martin, Murray, Plourde, Grego, Buford**

**(1.3161)**

**PUBLIC HEARING – VACATION OF A PORTION OF 19 ½ AVENUE, BUSH STREET AND WATER EASEMENT – RESOLUTION 2006-09:**

Chief Planner Smyth report the Planning Commission has determined the proposed vacation is in compliance with the Lemoore General Plan. Ms. Smyth stated the portions of the streets and water easement to be vacated have been posted and all notifications have been made about the public hearing.

At 7:43 p.m. Mayor Buford opened the Public Hearing to accept testimony concerning the vacation of portions of rights-of-way of 19 ½ Avenue and Bush Street and the water easement.

At 7:44 p.m. the Public Hearing closed.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Plourde, and carried that the Council approve Resolution 2006-09 vacating portions of rights-of-way of 19 ½ Avenue, Bush Street and the water easement.

**Ayes: Martin, Plourde, Grego, Murray, Buford**

**(1.3568)**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – FINAL PARCEL MAP – BRAIN CASTADIO:**

Chief Planner Smyth reviewed the Final Parcel Map with the Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Martin, and carried that the Council approve the Final Parcel Map and accept the public dedication shown on the map, authorize the City Clerk to sign the Clerk's Statement on the map and have the Planning Department record with the Kings

county Recorder concurrently with the City Council's vacating resolution affecting portions of Bush Street, 19 1/2 Avenue and a water easement.

**Ayes: Murray, Martin, Plourde, Grego, Buford**

**(1.3640)**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – ACCEPTANCE – CITY/GOLF COURSE AUDIT AND REPORT TO MANAGEMENT:**

Finance Director Cota introduced Justin Morales of M. Green and Company. Mr. Morales apologized for the delay in completing the audit, which was due to his company's staffing problems.

Mr. Morales stated all of the audits had an unqualified opinion. He reviewed the Letter to Management with the Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Plourde, seconded by Councilmember Grego, and carried that the Council accept the City Financial Statement, the Single Audit, the Lemoore Golf Course Financial Statement and the Letter to Management.

**Ayes: Plourde, Grego, Martin, Murray, Buford**

**(2.0097)**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – GENERAL PLAN UPDATE:**

Chief Planner Smyth reported since the RFP deadline two firms have expressed interest in submitting proposals for the General Plan update. Council has one proposal and a copy of an email expressing interest from another company. Staff recommends re-releasing a modified General Plan RFP that would specifically delineate City staff tasks and does not delineate the budget amount for the project. Consultants would be given 30 days to submit a proposal.

Council consensus was to re-release a modified General Plan RFP.

Staff inquired if anyone on the Council wished to sit on the rating and ranking review panel. Councilmembers Murray and Martin volunteered.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Murray, and carried that the Council appoint Councilmembers Martin and Murray to sit on the General Plan rating and ranking review panel.

**Ayes: Martin, Murray, Plourde, Buford**

**Noes: Grego**

**(2.0442)**

**REVIEW OF PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES:**

Chief Planner Smyth reported the packet given to Council provides Councilmembers with copies of Chapter 15 of the Zoning Section of the Municipal Code, Livable Neighborhood Development: Implementation Guideline to the Landscape of Choice and Planned Unit Development Design Guidelines provided to develop-

ers. These are the documents the Planning Department and Commission use when reviewing residential development projects.

Councilmember Murray inquired regarding density levels, currently the City uses housing units per acre; have we considered population per acre. Staff replied that we do not at this time; the General Plan dictates how density is allocated.

**RDA MEETING:** At 8:26 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore and reconvened as City Council at 8:35 p.m.

**(2.1579)**

**DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

Redevelopment Project Manager Narbaitz reported Garold Brown has accepted the offer on his property from the RDA and opened escrow today, scheduled to close June 30, 2006.

Public Works Director Wlaschin reported the E/U Waste collection last Saturday was very successful. He reminded Council of the Spring Cleanup schedule for March 31 thru April 9, 2006.

City Manager Britz reported he would be out of town March 8 thru March 10 at a Redevelopment Workshop.

**(2.1686)**

**COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:**

Councilmember Grego reported the Indian Gaming Local Benefit Committee has approximately \$643,000.00 in SB621 Grant monies; applications are due by May 1, 2006.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.