

**Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2006**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Buford; Mayor Pro Tem Murray; Councilmembers Grego, Martin, Plourde; City Manager Britz; City Attorney Bacigalupi; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Narbaitz; Planning Director Smyth; Administrative Analyst Tyler; Parks and Facilities Superintendent Simonson; Secretary Woodcock; City Clerk Lima.

Mayor Buford called attention to and read the section added to the second page of the agenda labeled Conduct at Public Meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathleen Elias 19577 Park Lane, Lemoore. Ms Elias asked if the Conduct at Public Meetings also applied to the Council. Mayor Buford confirmed that it does.

DISCUSSION – COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION:

Administrative Analyst Tyler made himself available to answer questions regarding the proposed Kings River Conservation District (KRCRD) Community Choice Aggregation plan.

Council discussion focused on when proposed cost savings might be seen on the generation portion of the electric bills, potential liability facing the City if the City joins the Joint Powers Authority (JPA), the ability to exit the program after CPUC approval and joining after the plan has a proven track record.

Council inquired if all thirteen agencies had or planned to sign the JPA. Mr. Tyler reported that at this time KCRD was scheduled to present the JPA to approximately four other agencies with the remainder to be scheduled in November. Council discussed the option of being one of the last agencies to be scheduled.

Council concluded the discussion planning to submit their questions and concerns to the City Manager for responses from KRCRD. Council asked that a representative from PG&E be at the 5:30 p.m. Study Session October 17, 2006 to present PG&E's view before KCRD presents their view at the 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting.

DISCUSSION – LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT SOLUTIONS:

Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez and Parks and Facilities Superintendent Simonson reviewed Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District Zones 4, 6, 7, and 11 individually. These zones turned down an assessment increase for maintenance.

Councilmember Martin recused himself and left the room during the discussion of Zone 6.

Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Simonson reviewed several options for each zone which is running in a deficit. Council directed staff to hold community meetings review the options including the option of lower than originally proposed assessments. In Zone 11 Council directed that the responsibility of storm drain basin be transferred to the Sewer/Storm Drain Fund.

RDA MEETING: At 7:17 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore and reconvened as City Council at 7:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:22 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2006**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Buford; Mayor Pro Tem Murray; Councilmembers Grego, Martin, Plourde; City Manager Briltz; City Attorney Bacigalupi; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Narbaitz; Planning Director Smyth; Administrative Analyst Tyler; City Clerk Lima.

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PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL IMMIGRANT’S DAY:

Mayor Buford read the proclamation for National Immigrant’s Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jane Dart 370 E. Bush, Lemoore. Ms Dart was speaking for Laura Verdon who lives in the Magnolia Garden Mobile Home Park. The seniors in the mobile home park would like to participate in the grant programs to fix-up their property. But, currently the City has no programs which address mobile homes. Ms. Dart asked that the City examine programs which would include mobile homes.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approval – Minutes – September 19, 2006
- B. Approval – Warrant Register
- C. Approval – Appointments – Downtown Merchants Advisory Committee

Ayes: Plourde, Murray, Martin, Grego, Buford

PUBLIC HEARING – SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND GRANT:

Police Chief Morrell reported that the City has received a \$100,000 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund Grant for 2006-2007. Chief Morrell reported that department is recommending the following expenditures: 1) \$8,000 to replace all the department's service weapon with Sig Sauer P220s; 2) \$10,000 to replace the graphics on five of the newer vehicles; 3) \$8,000 for the purchase of rifle and shot gun mounts for patrol vehicles; 4) and the remaining \$74,000 for equipment and technology.

At 7:43 p.m. Mayor Buford opened the Public Hearing to take testimony the proposed expenditures of the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund Grant.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Plourde, seconded by Councilmember Grego, and carried that the Council authorize the expenditure of the grant monies for the purchase of Sig Sauer P220s, Graphics, Shotgun and Rifle Racks, and technology or equipment after proper study and review.

Ayes: Plourde, Grego, Martin, Murray, Buford

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – RESOLUTION 2006-44 – SUPPORT OF WEST HILLS COLLEGE MEASURE W:

Administrative Analyst Tyler introduced Dr. Gornick and Dr. Warkentin of West Hills College. Dr. Gornick spoke of the growth of the college in Lemoore since the 1970s. Dr. Warkentin spoke of the proposed campus expansion if Measure W is approved by the voters. Both gentlemen requested support of Measure W which if passed would also provide \$79.4 million in matching monies from the State.

It was moved by Councilmember Plourde, seconded by Councilmember Martin, and carried that the Council approve Resolution 2006-44 supporting the West Hills College Measure W.

Ayes: Plourde, Martin, Grego, Murray, Buford

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – CITY ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT:

City Manager Briltz reported that staff at Council direction had issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for City Attorney services. Six firms had replied to the RFP. After interviews and background reviews, Council had directed staff to negotiate an agreement with the firm of Dowling, Aaron and Keeler to represent the City effective November 1, 2006 and specifically Hilda Cantu Montoy will be Lemoore's new City Attorney should Council approve the agreement.

Ms. Montoy was introduced and spoke briefly to the Council. City Attorney Bagigalupi spoke highly of Ms. Montoy whom he has worked with and known for many years.

It was moved by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Grego, and carried that the Council approve the Representation Agreement with Dowling, Aaron & Keeler, Incorporated.

Ayes: Murray, Grego, Martin, Plourde, Buford

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Public Works Director Wlaschin reported that the recycling program has started. Mr. Wlaschin also thanked the Council and City Manager Brittz for the Employee Barbeque last Thursday.

Planning Director Smyth reported that on Monday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m. the General Plan Steering Committee will be meeting in Council Chambers. Ms. Smyth stated the next General Plan Community Meeting is planned for November 13, 2006. She stated that the General Plan Survey update was now on the web and the Map Atlas should be available in approximately one week and will also be on the web.

City Manager Brittz thanked the Council for attending the Employee Barbeque.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilmember Martin reported that KCAG is moving to downtown Lemoore.

Mayor Pro Tem Murray stated he was disappointed with litter along Highway 198; that staff had contacted Caltrans and received the information of the Adopt a Highway Program. Mr. Murray has spoken with representatives from NAS Lemoore and is still reviewing the information Caltrans provided. Mr. Murray will be attending the Solar Conference October 18, 2006.

Mayor Buford reported that at a Kings Economic Development Committee meeting a representative from PG&E and announced PG&E had applied for and received approval from the CPUC to refund customers for energy bills this past summer. Mr. Buford inquired if the City had a policy regarding standing water. Mr. Buford announced October 12, 2006 the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Candidate Forum.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:14 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding Potential Litigation. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Approved the 17th day of October, 2006.

Thomas E. Buford, Mayor

Attest:

Nanci C. O. Lima, City Clerk