

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
March 6, 2007**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Grego; Council Members Martin, Rodarmel; City Manager Briltz; City Attorney Cantú Montoy; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; Administrative Analyst Tyler; City Clerk Lima.

Council Member Hornsby was absent.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER – 4TH QUARTER OF 2006:

Mayor Murray presented R.T. Hensen with the Employee of the Quarter Award for the 4th Quarter of 2006.

SWEARING-IN POLICE OFFICER – MICHAEL LOMBARDO:

Police Chief Morrell administered the Oath of Office, Officer Lombardo's mother, Vicky, pinned on his badge. Mayor Murray congratulated Officer Lombardo.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Martin introduced, Isabell Espinoza, the teacher and students of the Close Up Program. The program is part of migrant education and the student are learning about government; visiting the School Board, City Council, Board of Supervisors, the State capital and in June going to Washington, D.C. for a week.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Rodarmel asked that Item 5E K-9 Officer Premium Pay be pulled for separate consideration.

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

- A. Approval – Minutes – February 20, 2007**
- B. Approval – Minutes – Joint Meeting – February 20, 2007**
- C. Approval – Minutes – Special Meeting – February 27, 2007**
- D. Approval – Warrant Register**

Ayes: Martin, Rodarmel, Grego, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

Council Member Rodarmel brought it to the Council's attention that the City previously had a K-9 unit, but this was the first time it had been included in the MOU.

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Martin, and carried that the Council approve Item 5E K-9 Officer Premium Pay.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Martin, Grego, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

PUBLIC HEARING – REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – RESOLUTION 2007-06 – MASTER USER FEES UPDATE:

Administrative Analyst Tyler reported that this is a routine annual updated based on the 2004 fee study. There are a few additions to the fee schedule and increases above the 4.1% from the *Employee Cost Index for State and Local Government Employees*. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Review fee set by resolution in 1996 was added to the schedule. Animal Control Fees have increased due to the increases included in the City-County Animal Control Services Agreement. Parking-in-Lieu fees were added to the schedule for the downtown area, and PUD Plot Plan Review fees for pre-plotted and non-pre-plotted were added to the schedule.

At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Murray opened the Public Hearing to accept testimony regarding the Master User Fee Schedule.

Jane Dart, 370 E. Bush Street. Asked how long the parking-in-lieu fees had been established. City Manager Britz responded the last time it was paid was approximately 20 years ago.

At 8:03 p.m. the Public Hearing closed.

Council discussed Animal Control and shopping carts at length. Staff was directed to bring back a discussion item for a future study session on shopping carts.

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Grego, and carried that the Council approve Resolution 2007-06 establishing the 2007 Master User Fee Schedule.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Grego, Martin, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2007-02 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL SITE PURCHASES:

Planning Director Smyth reported the ordinance, which by State law only applies to elementary schools, would ensure that developers could not purchase land and then sell it directly to the districts for elementary schools at an exorbitant profit.

It was moved by Council Member Martin, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council waive the first reading of Ordinance 2007-02

adding Section 8-7I-7 to the Dedications and Reservations section of the Lemoore Municipal Code.

Ayes: Martin, Rodarmel, Grego, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

DISCUSSION – SOLAR POWER – NEW DEVELOPMENT:

Administrative Analyst Tyler turned the item over to Council Member Grego. Council Member Grego briefly reviewed the items the Solar Ad Hoc Committee explored:

1. Local Building Code must be in agreement with State Building Codes.
2. What can proactively be done to promote solar applications?
3. Incentives.
4. Available State Funds.
5. Mandates

The committee recommended placing a cap on the permitting fees for solar applications in an effort to encourage such applications.

Council discussion and direction to staff was to look at requiring pre-wiring and pre-plumbing for solar, for new development to offer solar systems as an option, removing the permitting fee for 1-2 years, and look at possible low-interest financing for solar systems.

DISCUSSION – SCREENING OF REFUSE/RECYCLING/GREEN WASTE CONTAINERS:

Redevelopment Project Manager Howell gave a brief slide presentation showing the storage of the containers around the City. Ms. Howell reviewed the Municipal Code with the Council. Public Works Director Wlaschin assisted Ms. Howell with a demonstration of the three containers within the normal side yard setback.

Council discussion and direction to staff included requiring future development to provide a screening/space for the three containers and an educational campaign to educate the citizenry of the law requiring the containers to be out of sight.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Public Works Director Wlaschin reported that on March 17th there will be e-waste and u-waste recycling at Lemoore Elementary School and the upcoming newsletter on recycling will also include the coupon for taking spring clean-up items to Kings Waste and Recycling at no charge for one load.

Mr. Wlaschin also notified Council of possible water issues as a header pipe is being replaced at G Street this month.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Mayor Murray inquired if the City is close to resolving the issue regarding Council Member Hornsby's property. Mr. Murray closed inviting all to stop by and see his solar application.

RDA MEETING: At 9:07 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore and reconvened as City Council at 9:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:11 p.m., the Board adjourned to Closed Session regarding Labor Negotiations. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 20th day of March, 2007.

John F. Murray, Mayor

Attest:

Nanci C. O. Lima, City Clerk