

**Minutes of the Study Session of the  
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL  
August 21, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Grego; Council Members Hornsby, Martin, Rodarmel; City Manager Brittz; City Attorney Cantú Montoy; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Police Chief Morrell; Fire Chief Gibson; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; City Clerk Lima.**

**DISCUSSION – ARSENIC COMPLIANCE PLAN:**

**Public Works Director Wlaschin introduced City Engineer Harry Tow. Mr. Tow reported that the Cities of Hanford, Corcoran, and Lemoore have arsenic in their water at levels higher the Federal compliance level of 10ppb. Each city has a different solution to meet 10ppb. Corcoran is treating the water, Hanford is drilling deeper wells, and Lemoore will blend the water.**

**The north well field is the principle supply of water of the City; water tested from there is in the 15-25ppb range. The southwest wells have lower levels of arsenic; when water from these wells is blended with the water from the north well field the arsenic range should be below the 10ppb.**

**The proposed arsenic mitigation program includes; 1) construction of an additional well west of State Route 41; 2) construct a major transmission line from the southwest to northeast and connect all in-town wells and storage tanks; 3) operate the interconnected system for quality uniformity; and 4) construct taste and odor facilities as financially feasible. The estimated costs are from \$3.9 million to \$4.7 million. Construction of the well and transmission lines would have to begin no later than January 2008 to meet the Federal compliance deadline of February 2009.**

**Council discussion included the possibility of the State lowering the arsenic level lower and the funding of the mitigation program. At a September, meeting water rates will be discussed.**

**DISCUSSION – PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – HANFORD-ARMONA ROAD NEAR LIBERTY DRIVE:**

**Police Chief Morrell reported that in the last year two letters had been received from concerned citizens regarding the children crossing Hanford-Armona Road at Liberty Drive to attend Liberty Middle School. Mrs. Alvin and Ms. Perkins expressed their concern for the children attempting to cross Hanford-Armona Road.**

**John Plourde, of Lemoore, inquired if a traffic signal could be installed that changed when the pedestrian pushes the button at a crosswalk.**

**Chief Morrell reported that she had spoken with Dr. Meade, the Superintendent of Lemoore Elementary School District, the district and the police department is against placing a crosswalk at the location without a traffic signal. At this time the traffic and City build-out do not warrant a traffic signal. A traffic study to address possible speed limit issues on Hanford-Armona Road is not scheduled for two years.**

**Mrs. Alvin and Ms. Perkins agreed it would be dangerous to place a crosswalk at that location without a traffic signal.**

**CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**There was no comment.**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**At 6:19 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding Anticipated Litigation. There was no announcement.**

**CLOSED SESSION JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:**

**At 7:05 p.m. the Council adjourned to Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Closed Session regarding Property Disposition and Acquisition. 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  
August 21, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Grego; Council Members Hornsby, 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; Housing Specialist Austin; City Clerk Lima.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**There was no comment.**

**PROCLAMATION – CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK:**

**Mayor Murray briefly reviewed the proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Week saying the proclamation would be mailed.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Council Member Rodarmel requested that Item 4A Minutes- August 7, 2007 be pulled from the Consent Calendar 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:

- B. Approval – Warrant Register 06/07 and 07/08
- C. Denial – Claim Zebadiah Richter
- D. Approval – Lemoore Chamber of Commerce – Street Closure – Cars in the Park
- E. Report and Recommendation – Resolution 2007-35 – Setting a Public Hearing for the Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1, Zone 4 – Running Springs

Ayes: Martin, Rodarmel, Hornsby, Grego, Murray

It was moved by Council Member Martin, seconded by Council Member Grego and carried that the Council approve Item 4A Approval - Minutes – August 7, 2007.

Ayes: Martin, Grego, Hornsby, Murray

Abstain: Rodarmel

**PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL REPORT:**

Planning Director Smyth reported that the Annual Grantee Performance Reports (GPR) covered grants related to Teen Center and Senior Center activities, ADA compliant curb cuts, the Child/Senior Daycare, and program income.

At 7:39 p.m. Mayor Murray opened the Public Hearing to accept testimony regarding the Community Development Block Grant Annual Grantee Performance Report and Annual Program Income Reports.

At 7:40 p.m. the Public Hearing closed.

It was moved by Council Member Martin, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council accept the Annual GPR(s) and authorizes the City Manager to sign and forward them to the State of California Housing and Community Development Department.

Ayes: Martin, Rodarmel, Hornsby, Grego, Murray

**PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – FUTURE PROJECTS DESIGN HEARING:**

Housing Specialist Austin reported that annually the City is eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds. Currently, Notices of Funding Available have been announced for activities under the Economic Development and General Planning and Technical Assistance components. Staff has identified the following activities: 1) a Housing Survey/Study to identify items needed for the Housing Element update and to determine the best use of funds to reach Target Income Group (TIG) persons, 2) a Highest and Best Use Study for Pioneer Square or other sites, 3) an Infrastructure grant for the Tammy Lane extension, and 4) a Housing Rehabilitation grant for the Ochoa Market building. Staff rec-

ommends that the Public Hearing be opened to discuss these activities and any other activities suggested.

At 7:44 p.m. Mayor Murray opened the Public Hearing to accept testimony regarding the Community Development Block Grant Future Projects Design.

Jane Dart, representing the Lemoore Senior Center. The Senior Center would like to start a cooling center for anyone that can't handle the 100° temperatures. The Senior Center would need assistance procuring a generator.

John Plourde, of Lemoore, asked if a survey regarding the traffic pattern downtown would fall under the CDBG. Planning Director Smyth responded it would not.

At 7:49 p.m. the Public Hearing closed.

Council directed staff to proceed with all activities working with the City's consultant.

#### **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – SECOND COUNCIL MEMBER SERVING ON COMMISSION ON GANG AWARENESS:**

Council Member Martin stated the first meeting for the Commission on Gang Awareness is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Police Department. There is still an open position for another Council Member on the Commission. Council Member Hornsby volunteered to serve.

#### **DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

Planning Director Smyth reported that the Cross Valley Railroad Advisory Committee is meeting the end of this month and a Board Meeting is expected for next month.

City Manager Britz referred Council to the updated financial records of the Chamber of Commerce in their notebooks.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:**

Council Member Rodarmel brought up several issues regarding the street grinding and re-paving. Council Member Rodarmel suggested that Lemoore take the lead in complying with AB 1020s requirement to divert 75% from the landfill. Mr. Rodarmel suggested that the City start the recycling program at commercial locations and multi-family housing facilities.

Mayor Murray asked way the kiosks weren't up around the City. City Manager Britz replied that the Public Building crew was behind schedule because of the adult/child daycare facilities. He has an appointment August 22<sup>nd</sup> to set the location at the movie theater.

**RDA MEETING:** At 8:00 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore and reconvened as a Joint Meeting of the Lemoore City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting at 8:02 p.m.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION - \$1,000 PER KW RESIDENTIAL SOLAR GRANT PROGRAM:**

Housing Specialist Austin reviewed the program outline with the Council/Board.

It was moved by Council/Board Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council/Board Member Hornsby, and carried that the City Council/Agency Board approve the Residential Solar Grant Program.

**Ayes:** Rodarmel, Hornsby, Martin, Grego, Murray

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – PROPOSAL INFILL AFFORDABLE HOUSE ON CURRENT STUB STREET – LODGE WAY:**

Council/Board Member Hornsby recused herself, she owns property on Fireside Way that is within 500 ft. of the subject site.

Housing Specialist Austin reviewed the progress to date on the proposed infill affordable house and the next steps in the process. Ms. Austin reported that the neighbors had been noticed in October and a few had attended that October meeting on the project. Neighbors had also been noticed of this meeting.

It was moved by Council/Board Member Martin, seconded by Council/Board Member Grego, and carried that the City Council/Agency Board direct staff to proceed with the process and with the vacation of Lodge Way right-of-way for conversion to a residential home for a low-moderate income household.

**Ayes:** Martin, Grego, Rodarmel    **Noes:** Murray    **Abstain:** Hornsby

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL AND LEMOORE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:**

At 8:22 p.m., the Council/Agency Board adjourned to sit as the Lemoore City Council.

**CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no comment.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:24 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding Labor Negotiations. There was no announcement.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Full digital audio recording is available.

**Approved the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.**

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**John F. Murray, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Nanci C. O. Lima, City Clerk**