

**Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
February 3, 2009**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Council Members Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel; City Manager Briltz; City Attorney Neufeld; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Public Works Superintendent Pereira; Finance Director Cota; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; Administrative Analysts Apone and Prichard; City Clerk Lima.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

PRESENTATION – MID-YEAR REVIEW OF GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS:

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson introduced Jeff Christenson and Rich Rhoads of Sierra Golf Management. Mr. Christenson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Council. Mr. Christenson stated with the new competition from the golf course in Dinuba and the economic downturn he is projecting an overall 6% decrease in rounds.

UPDATE – SOLAR GRANT PROGRAM:

Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell updated the Council on the Solar Grant Program. The City and the Redevelopment Agency have been able to assist ten households since the program's inception.

DISCUSSION – FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND PLAN CHECKS FOR SOLAR PV SYSTEMS:

Administrative Analyst Apone reported that since the Council waived the fee on solar PV systems 39 systems have been installed. If the fee were reinstated, staff has determined that instead of a fee based on the value of the system; the permit fee and plan check would be \$120 per system. Staff asked for Council direction.

Absent Council direction the fee will be placed on the Master User Fee schedule for consideration.

UPDATE – WATER METER READING:

Public Works Director Wlaschin updated the Council on the goal set to have the water meter reading periods between 27 and 33 days. Since July the goal has been missed twice; once for staffing problems and once for holidays. Staff has made adjustments to resolve the issues.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment:

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At 6:16 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding existing litigation and labor negotiations. There was no announcement.

Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby arrived at 6:30 p.m.

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
February 3, 2009**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Council Members Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel; City Manager Britz; City Attorney Neufeld; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Parks and Facilities Superintendent Greenlee; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; City Clerk Lima.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER – 4TH QUARTER 2008:

Mayor Murray presented Nancy Blum with the Employee of the Quarter Award for the 4th Quarter of 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Costa complimented Nancy Blum on the outstanding job she has done cleaning up Lemoore.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approval – Minutes – January 20, 2009**
- B. Approval – Warrant Register – January 30, 2009**
- C. Approval – City Quarterly Investment Report**
- D. Denial – Claim – Bray, Bray and Martin**
- E. Denial – Claim – Cervantez**

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2009-02 – MOBILE FOOD VENDING REGULATIONS:

At 7:45 p.m. Mayor Murray opened the public hearing to accept testimony regarding the proposed ordinance on mobile food vending regulations.

At 7:46 p.m. the public hearing closed.

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council waive the first reading and pass to a second reading Ordinance 2009-02 adding semi-permanent mobile food vending as a permitted use in specified zone district and stating the site, operational and other requirements for such use; with the changes of extending the time from 10 minutes to 20 minutes and removing the restriction on generators.

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LLMD AND PFMD LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE:

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Plourde, and carried that the Council award the contract for Bid Packet 1 to Shinen Landscape, award the contract for Bid Packet 2 and 3 to Elite Maintenance & Tree Service, Inc.

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – NEW PLAYGROUND OPPORTUNITY – BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM PARKS IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000:

Leah Forte of the Lemoore Youth Sports Foundation spoke.

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Plourde, and carried that the Council approve the matching funds of \$10,000 and upon acceptance of our application from KaBOOM! Allow the Recreation Department to go forth with the organization of a new community playground at 19th Avenue Park.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Plourde, Siegel, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

RECESS:

Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION - MID- YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND REVISIONS:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Siegel, and carried that the Council approve the General Fund revenue budget adjustment for this fiscal year decrease by \$50,000, the General Fund expenditures decrease by \$92,132; the General Fund salaries decrease by \$12,692 for a net increase to the General Fund fund balance of \$57,024. Council further approved a hiring freeze on all non-grant funded full-time positions.

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel, Rodarmel, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Siegel, and carried that the Council accept the Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Lemoore.

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel, Rodarmel, Murray

Absent: Hornsby

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Public Works Director Wlaschin reported that the alternating recycling program appears to working well.

City Manager Britz reported that he would be attending the League of California Cities City Manager's Department meeting February 4-6.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Plourde reported he had attended the League of California Cities New Mayor and Council Member Academy in Sacramento. While there Mr. Plourde attended the Transportation, Communication & Public Works Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Plourde attended the KCAG and Transit Authority meetings as the City's alternate and January 29th attend the City Selection Committee meeting for the Air Quality District.

Council Member Siegel reported he also attended the League of California Cities New Mayor and Council Member Academy in Sacramento, and the Lemoore Rotary meeting. Council Member Siegel requested a report on the funding of youth programs in the City. City Manager Britz said he would ask the Parks and Recreation Commission research the issue and report to the Council.

Mayor Murray reported that he had attended the Housing, Community & Economic Development Policy Committee meeting in Sacramento.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:15 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 17th day of February, 2009.

Attest:

John F. Murray, Mayor

Nanci C. O. Lima, CMC
City Clerk