

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby; Council Members Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel; City Manager Brittz; City Attorney Neufeld; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Finance Director Cota; Fire Chief Gibson; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Administrative Analyst Apone; City Clerk Lima.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

PRESENTATION – FIRE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT:

Fire Chief Gibson presented the Fire Department’s Annual report to Council, there were 1,120 medical calls and 263 fire calls for a total of 1,383 calls.

DISCUSSION – UTILITY ACCOUNT OPTIONS:

Administrative Analyst Apone reviewed the current practice of granting water-only utility service to vacationers, military personnel on deployment and real estate companies, banks and other landlords that have a vacant home. Ms. Apone reviewed the issues surrounding these accounts and staff’s recommendations.

Council directed the staff to 1) discontinue the past practice of waiving the utility account set-up fee for real estate companies and banks; 2) allow water-only accounts for properties only if they are vacant for 30 days or more; 3) begin the process to institute a “water-only account set-up fee” which will allow for City staff to remove the refuse cans from a residence with a water-only account; and 4) examine removing the refuse cans from a vacant house 21 days after service ends.

ADJOURN TO JOINT LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL/LEMOORE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

At 6:05 p.m. Council adjourned a Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting.

DISCUSSION – GUTHRIE/CASTADIO CHEVRON – OVERSIZING AGREEMENTS:

Public Works Director Wlaschin reviewed with the Council/Board the oversizing agreements entered into for the Guthrie/Castadio Chevron development on 19 ½ Avenue. Mr. Wlaschin introduced Mr. Roger Guthrie. Mr. Guthrie reported that their understanding was that they would be reimbursed for the entire infrastructure installed, not just the oversizing part of the infrastructure. To date Guthrie/Castadio has received approximately \$160,000 in reimbursement from the RDA; the balance of approximately \$82,000 still to be reimbursed by the City will be paid as the area develops and developers pay their impact fees, per the agreement over a ten year period. Mr. Guthrie asked for immediate relief.

The Council/Board directed staff to extend the contract from ten years to twenty years to allow a better opportunity for repayment.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:52 p.m., the Council/Board adjourned to Closed Session regarding property negotiations. There was no announcement.

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
March 3, 2009**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby; Council Members Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel; City Manager Brittz; City Attorney Neufeld; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Facilities Superintendent Greenlee; Finance Director Cota; Police Commander Laws; City Engineer Tow; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Office Assistant Taylor; City Clerk Lima.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

URGENCY ITEM:

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Plourde, and carried that the Council add Urgency Item 17.5 Closed Session, Existing Litigation, Bray et. al. v City of Lemoore et. al., U.S. District Court Case # CV00328 per Government Code 54956.9(a) the Council finds the need to take action is immediate and notice to the City came after the posting of the agenda.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Plourde, Siegel, Hornsby, Murray

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approval – Minutes – February 17, 2009**
- B. Approval – Warrant Register – February 27, 2009**
- C. Approval – Resolution 2009-06 – Enterprise Zone Application Modification**
- D. Approval – Second Reading – Ordinance 2009-03 – Amending Section 6-4-10 of the Lemoore Municipal Code regarding Parking Restriction for Peddlers and Vendors**

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel, Rodarmel Hornsby, Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – CIP BUDGET AMENDMENT – TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS – BUSH STREET – BELLHAVEN DRIVE TO WEST HILLS COLLEGE:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$60,000 from Streets and Thoroughfares for improvements at West Bush Street; additionally Council authorizes staff to go to bid and the City Manager to approve the bid for work.

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel, Hornsby, Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ENGINEER:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Hornsby, and carried that the Council appoint David Jacobs with Quad-Knopf Engineering as Assistant City Engineer for the City of Lemoore.

Ayes: Plourde, Hornsby, Siegel, Rodarmel, Murray

ADJOURN TO A JOINT LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL/LEMOORE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

At 7:50 p.m., the Council adjourned to a Joint Lemoore City Council/Lemoore Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – KaBOOM – PLAYGROUND LOCATION – CIMARRON PARK – BUDGET AMENDMENT:

**Spoke:
Rita Haight
Jill Colvin
Allen Ragsdale
Ernest Fonseca
Craig Pedersen**

It was moved by Council/Board Member Plourde, seconded by Council/Board Member Siegel, and carried that the Council approve the site location, on land to be donated by the Pedersen Family, in Cimarron Park for the KaBOOM playground equipment project; and revoke the previous Budget Amendment from February 3, 2009. The Lemoore Redevelopment Agency Board approve \$26,000 from Redevelopment Capital Projects Fund to build the KaBOOM playground at Cimarron Park finding the playground will be a benefit to the project area, payment will assist in the reduction of blight and there are no other means to fund the project; and that the playground be named Pedersen Park.

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel Rodarmel, Hornsby, Murray

ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

At 8:20 p.m., the Council/Board adjourned to a Lemoore City Council Meeting.

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Public Works Director Wlaschin reported that a water line had been ruptured at Bush Street and Fox Street during work done by PG&E. The water line has been repaired and street repairs should be complete by the end of the week. Mr. Wlaschin reported that the bi-weekly recycling appears to be working and tonnage is as expect. He distributed the request form for a second green waste or blue recycling can to Council. Mr. Wlaschin also reported that KWRA is ceasing their e-waste and battery recycling program; the City will take over the battery recycling collection and is negotiating with another company for e-waste.

City Manager Briltz reminded the Council of the City/County Coordinating Meeting March 11th in Hanford.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Siegel requested an update on the two infill houses. It was reported the larger house is in escrow and information on the smaller house will be given at the next meeting.

Council Member Rodarmel requested that local suppliers be given an opportunity when purchasing equipment. City Manager Briltz reported that the Municipal Code already requires that local suppliers be included. Mr. Rodarmel asked if the City regulates taxi flag drop price and per mile price.

Council Member Plourde inquired as to the performance of the LLMD/PFMD landscape maintenance contractors. Parks and Facilities Superintendent Greenlee reported that their performance was very good. Mr. Plourde also asked when the lighted crosswalks for schools would be complete. City Manager Briltz reported that ADA compliant curb cuts were required for the remaining crossing walks, the City had applied for a grant to assist in the cost and had not been awarded; but the City is reapplying.

Council Member Hornsby asked if there was a gang problem at the skate park, she had received a complaint from a citizen.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:38 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore and reconvened as a Joint Lemoore City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8:39 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL:

At 8:40 p.m., the Council/Board adjourned to the City Council Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:41 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding existing litigation. There was no announcement.

ADJOURN TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

At 8:51 p.m., the Council/Board adjourned to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:52 p.m., the Board adjourned to Closed Session regarding property negotiations. There was no announcement.

ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL:

At 9:02 p.m., the Council/Board adjourned to the City Council Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:03 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding existing litigation. There was no announcement.

ADJOURN:

At 9:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 17th day of March, 2009.

John F. Murray, Mayor

Attest:

Nanci C. O. Lima, CMC
City Clerk