

**Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
February 17, 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 Recreation Director Simonson; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; Administrative Analyst Prichard; Code Enforcement Officer Blum; Assistant Planner Hobbs; Police Officer Duvall; City Clerk Lima.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

AJOURN TO JOINT LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

At 5:31 p.m. the Council adjourned to a Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting.

UPDATE – KINGS COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION – OPERATION OF GENERATIONS:

David Droker, Executive Director, of Kings Community Action Organization reviewed the programs at Generations. Per the agreement with the City/Agency 30 children from low to very-low income households are being served as well as 8 adults. Kings Community Action Organization has secured grant funding to service 48 more children. Mr. Droker was asked to report back with additional information on average adult attendance in the near future.

UPDATE – CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell passed out copies of a Code Enforcement notice noting the improvements made to the notices. Ms. Holwell reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of Code Enforcement activities. Since Code Enforcement is funded through the Redevelopment Agency emphasis is placed on public nuisances, property maintenance and abandoned and inoperable vehicles.

UPDATE – RETAIL ATTRACTION STUDY AND THE ADAPTIVE REUSE STUDY:

Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell updated the Council/Board on the progress of the retail attraction study and adaptive reuse study. The retail attraction study by Buxton is due in March; this study will identify retailers that match our profile. City Manager Brittz and Redevelopment Project Manager are planning to attend the International Council of Shopping Centers in May and meet with potential developers/retailers. Ms. Holwell invited Council/Board Members to also attend; Council/Board Member Siegel volunteered. The adaptive reuse study by Rosenow Spevacek Group Inc., also due in March, is focusing on Pio-

near Square, Lincoln Square, and Lemoore Town Center to determine the best use for each site including possible recommendations for an alternative use.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

At 6:26 p.m. the Council/Board adjourned to a Lemoore City Council meeting.

DISCUSSION – SIGN COMPLIANCE AND APPLICATION FEES:

Planning Director Smyth reported that this item was before Council in an effort to assist businesses to become compliant. At times the fee is half or more than the cost of a sign.

Council directed that a one-year sign feewaiver be included in the Master User Fee Schedule for formal consideration.

UPDATE – COMMISSION ON GANG AWARENESS:

Police Chief Morrell and Gang Task Force Officer Duvall updated the Council on the progress made regarding the four recommendations of the Commission on Gang Awareness.

Officer Duvall gave background on the gangs in Lemoore and Kings County.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

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At 7:10 p.m., the Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding property negotiations and labor negotiations. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:34 p.m., Council adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
February 17, 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 Recreation Director Simonson; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; Administrative Analyst Apone; City Clerk Lima.

SWEARING-IN – POLICE OFFICER BRANDON COOPER:

Police Chief Morrell administered the oath of office to Police Officer Brandon Cooper. Mayor Murray congratulated Office Cooper and welcomed him to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment.

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 – Minute – February 3, 2009**
- B. Approval – Warrant Register - February 13, 2009**
- C. Approval – Second Reading – Ordinance 2009-02 – Mobile Food Vending Regulations**
- D. Denial – Claim – Alvaro Varela**
- E. Denial – Claim – Vanessa Varela**
- F. Denial – Claim – Veronica Velasquez**

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel, Hornsby, Murray

PROPOSITION 218 HEARING – RESOLUTION 2009-04 – COMMERCIAL REFUSE RATES:

At 7:47 p.m. Mayor Murray opened the Proposition 218 Hearing to accept written protest and public testimony regarding the proposed commercial refuse rate changes.

**Spoke:
Ron Allvin**

At 8:08 p.m. the hearing closed.

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Hornsby, and carried that the Council approve Resolution 2009-04 providing for an increase of commercial refuse rates by 25% effective February 26, 2009.

Ayes: Plourde, Hornsby, Murray

Noes: Siegel, Rodarmel

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – CALIFORNIA CONSULTING CONTRACT CONTINUATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Hornsby, and carried that the Council approve the contract for services with California Consulting, LLC and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Ayes: Plourde, Hornsby, Siegel, Rodarmel, Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – FIRST READING – ORDINANCE 2009-03 – AMENDING SECTION 6-4-10 OF THE LEMOORE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR PEDDLERS AND VENDORS:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Siegel, and carried that the Council waive the first reading and pass to a second reading Ordinance 2009-03 amending Section 6-4-10A section of the Lemoore Municipal

Code related to Peddlers and Vendors Parking Restriction by changing “10 minutes” to “20 minutes”.

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel, Rodarmel, Hornsby, Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND BID AWARD STORM DRAIN LIFT STATION “D” STREET AND DAPHNE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$267,150.25:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Siegel, and carried that the Council approve and adopt the mitigated negative declaration as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel, Rodarmel, Hornsby, Murray

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Siegel and carried that the Council award the bid for the East “D” Street Storm Lift Station and Improvement to the low bidder Mattos Underground Construction in the amount of \$267,150.25 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel, Rodarmel, Hornsby, Murray

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – RESOLUTION 2009-05 – CITY OF LEMOORE’S INVESTMENT POLICY:

It was moved by Council Member Hornsby, seconded by Council Member Plourde, and carried that the Council adopt Resolution 2009-05 accepting the Investment Policy for the City of Lemoore.

Ayes: Hornsby, Plourde, Siegel, Rodarmel, Murray

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Police Chief Morrell invited the Council to the Volunteers in Policing Appreciation Dinner February 18.

Parks and Recreation Director Simonson reported that the Recreation Commission had taken up the issue of youth activities funding as requested and will participate in a summit organized by the high school.

Mr. Simonson also reported there was a small glitch in the KABOOM playground project. The median household income in the neighborhoods surrounding 19th Avenue Park is too high. We are looking at alternative sites.

Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell reported that the Kings County Office of Education Board rejected the façade agreement saying the use of meeting rooms by local organizations was too open ended. Staff is working with KCOE on limits for evening and daytime meetings.

City Manger Briltz reported on his attendance at the League of California 2009 City Managers Department Meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Siegel reported that he had attended an Introduction to Redevelopment seminar in Concord.

Council Member Rodarmel reported the KWRA is cutting back 25% on services and expenses. Mr. Rodarmel also reported that the Kings River Clean-up is scheduled for March 4, and the group is in need of assistance with the tipping fees.

Council Member Hornsby reported that she had attended the KCAG meeting and CalTRANS is reporting that the Highway 198 project is delayed due to the State budget.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

At 9:01 p.m., Council adjourned to sit as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore and reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:06 p.m. Council adjourned to Closed Session regarding property negotiations. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:15 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 3rd day of March, 2009.

Attest:

John F. Murray, Mayor

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