

Minutes of the Study Session of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
May 4, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby; Council Members Plourde, Siegel; City Manager Britz; Police Chief Laws; Planning Director Smyth; Special Projects Coordinator Shaw; City Clerk Lima.

Council Member Rodarmel arrived at 5:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

PRESENTATION – ANNUAL CRIME REPORT – 2009:

Chief Laws reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Annual Crime Report with the Council.

DISCUSSION – FUNERAL PROCESSIONS:

Spoke:
Alan Dale

Council directed that the police department continue the current service with the understanding that there is no guarantee of an escort when there is a call for service. That a written policy be developed and shared with the funeral homes and churches.

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:03 p.m., the Council adjourned to closed session regarding existing litigation, and labor negotiations. There was no announcement.

City Attorney Behrens arrived at 6:17 p.m.

ADJOURN TO LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL/LEMOORE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:53 p.m., the Council adjourned to a joint Lemoore City Council/Lemoore Redevelopment Agency closed session regarding property acquisition and disposition. There was no announcement.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:15 p.m., Council/Board adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL
May 4, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Murray; Mayor Pro Tem Hornsby; Council Members Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel; City Manager Britz; City Attorney Behrens; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Simonson; Finance Director Cota; Police Chief Laws; Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell; Planning Director Smyth; Special Projects Coordinator Shaw; City Clerk Lima.

SWEARING-IN- COMMANDER STEVE ROSSI:

Chief Laws administered the oath of office to Commander Rossi, Mayor Murray congratulated Commander Rossi on his promotion.

PROCLAMATION – WATER AWARENESS MONTH:

Mayor Murray presented Lauren Apone, representing the Kings County Water Education Committee, with a proclamation declaring May as Water Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Harvey Benito requested assistance getting his trash cans from his property to the street and back. Public Works Director Wlaschin reported that the Batista's had volunteered to assist Mr. Benito.

Eddie Neal addressed the Council regarding an At Risk Program for Teens, including possibly having the teens do graffiti removal in exchange for access to a recreation program for a month; and holding multiple activity events such as a car show and a sport exhibition event.

Dave Brown spoke against allowing hookah lounges in the City of Lemoore. He asked the Council to carefully consider the regulation when brought before them.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items 5A – Approval – Minutes – April 20, 2010; 5E Approval - Authorization to Bid – Hanford-Armona Road & Fox Street Traffic Signal; and 5H Approval – Miscellaneous Overlay Project were pulled for separate consideration.

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

- B. Approval – Warrant Register 09-10 – April 30, 2010
- C. Approval – Notice of Completion – 19th Avenue and Bush Street
- D. Approval – Authorization to Bid – Street Overlays
- F. Rejection – Claim – Robert K. Fields
- G. Approval – Engineer Agreement – 19th Avenue Interchange Utility Relocation

Ayes: Plourde, Siegel, Rodarmel, Hornsby, Murray

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Plourde, and carried that the Council approve the Minutes from April 20, 2010.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Plourde, Siegel, Murray Abstain: Hornsby

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Hornsby, and carried that the Council approve the Authorization to Bid - Hanford-Armona Road and Fox Street Traffic Signal.

Ayes: Rodarmel, Hornsby, Siegel, Murray Abstain: Plourde

It was moved by Council Member Rodarmel, seconded by Council Member Plourde, and carried that the Council approve the Miscellaneous Overlay Project,

Ayes: Rodarmel, Plourde, Hornsby Abstain: Siegel, Murray

PUBLIC HEARING – REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – RESOLUTION 2010-15 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2009-2014 HOUSING ELEMENT:

John Douglas, the consultant from Conexus, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Council and read into the record the response to comments from the California Energy Commission and Leprino Foods Company.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Murray opened the public hearing to accept testimony regarding the 2009-2014 Housing Element.

Spoke:
Robert Tuttrup
Captain Jim Knapp
Craig Pedersen

Captain Knapp from the Navy presented a letter with the Navy's comments.

At 8:14 p.m., the public hearing closed.

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council adopt Resolution 2010-15 approving the 2009-2014 Housing Element and negative declaration.

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Murray Noes: Hornsby Abstain: Siegel

PUBLIC HEARING –REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 2009-02 – FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2010-02:

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Murray opened the public hearing to accept testimony regarding the consideration of amendments to Ordinance 2009-02.

Spoke:

Lynda Lahodny
Adolf Martinez
David Larr
Jorge Silva
R. T. Hensen
Michael Johnson
Jana Avila

At 8:26 p.m., the public hearing closed and reopened at 8:29 p.m.

Spoke:
Angela Quintero
Rafael Arrojo

At 8:32 p.m., the public hearing closed.

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Mayor Murray, and failed that the Council repeal Ordinance 2009-02 and begin again.

Ayes: Plourde, Murray

Noes: Siegel, Rodarmel, Hornsby

It was moved by Council Member Plourde that Section 9-3-12G be changed from twelve (12) months to twenty-four (24) months. The motion died for lack of a second.

At 8:50 p.m. Council recessed and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT FIRM SELECTION
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Spoke:
Ron Meade
Hart Schwarzenbach
Kelly Gilfry
Keith Flat
Michael Sharpe
Rich Rhoads
Jane Dart
Rick Rossiter
Nathan Olsen
Carol Campbell
Lynda Lahodny
Karen Osterland
Tammy Alaniz
JoAnn Garcia
Craig Pedersen
Lynne Nelson
Paul Jeramillo

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council direct City Manager Jeff Britz to enter into contract negotiations with Rhoads Golf for a five-year contract including a termination clause and an advisory committee.

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Hornsby, Murray

Noes: Siegel

At 10:10 p.m. Council recessed and reconvened at 10:14 p.m.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – BUDGET AMENDMENT TO BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000

This item was tabled until the May 18, 2010 meeting.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – BUDGET AMENDMENT AND CONTRACT AWARD – WATER TELEMETRY SYSTEM UPGRADE - \$170,000:

It was moved by Council Member Plourde, seconded by Council Member Rodarmel, and carried that the Council 1) Award the contract for the Water Telemetry System Upgrade in the amount of \$170,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign; and 2) authorize a budget amendment to the Water Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$170,000 to be paid from the Water Fund and any funds remaining from the ARRA grant for the Arsenic Blending Project.

Ayes: Plourde, Rodarmel, Siegel, Hornsby, Murray

DEPARTMENT/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Redevelopment Project Manager Holwell reported that Congressman Costa has included the \$3 million needed to complete the 19th Avenue interchange project in his 2011 appropriations request.

The Mircoenterprise Façade Grant program held a storefront makeover meeting April 28th, 30 people attended, 6 submitted interest cards for the program.

Hanford Sentinel is sponsoring the Kings County Business Trade Expo in Hanford May 19th.

Ms. Holwell concluded her report saying the City had mailed out over 900 new marketing pieces to business owners in a 300 mile radius of Lemoore.

City Manager Britz referred the Council to the PERS analysis of the federal health care reform requested by Council Member Siegel in their folders.

Mr. Britz reported that the Walmart meeting scheduled for May 4th had been cancelled by Walmart. He continued that department emails have been down, but are expected to be back up May 5. He concluded reporting that Lynda Lahodny has resigned as CEO of the Chamber effective May 31. The Chamber Board has appointed Maureen Azevedo as Interim CEO.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Council Member Siegel expressed his opinion that the process for Council decision making moves too quickly. He would like more time to study an item.

Council Member Rodarmel reported he had received a citizen complaint regarding water hammering when shutting down the fire hydrants.

Council Member Plourde reported that he would be attending the League's Annual Conference in September and the Transportation, Communications and Public Works policy committee meeting the day before the conference begins.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:37 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Approved the 18th day of May, 2010.

John F. Murray, Mayor

Attest:

Nanci C. O. Lima, CMC
City Clerk