



# CITY OF LEMON GROVE

## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**Item No. 1.C**

**Meeting Date:** August 6, 2019  
**Submitted to:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**Department:** City Manager's Office  
**Staff Contact:** Shelley Chapel, City Clerk  
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**Item Title:** **Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes**

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**Recommended Action: Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.**

**Environmental Review:**

- Not subject to review Negative                       Declaration  
 Categorical Exemption, Section                       Mitigated Negative Declaration

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Public Notification:** None.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019**

*The City Council also sits as the Lemon Grove Housing Authority,  
Lemon Grove Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and  
Lemon Grove Successor Agency.*

**Call To Order:**

Mayor Vasquez called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Racquel Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem David Arambula (*left meeting at 6:16 p.m.*), Councilmember Jerry Jones, Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza, and Councilmember Matt Mendoza.

Absent: None.

**Staff Members Present:**

Lydia Romero, City Manager, Kristen Steinke, City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Noah Alvey, Community Development Manager, Shelley Chapel, City Clerk, Steven Swaney, Fire Chief, Lieutenant M. Rand, San Diego County Sheriff's Office - Lemon Grove Substation, Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director, and Mike Viglione, Assistant Planner.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem Arambula.

**Public Comments:**

Appeared to comment were: Shirley A. Hopkins and John L. Wood

**City Council Oral Comments & Reports on Meetings Attended At City Expense: (G.C. 53232.3(d))**

**Councilmember J. Mendoza** attended the following meetings and event:

- League of California Cities Joint Meeting

**Councilmember Jones** attended the following meetings and events:

- Metro Wastewater Commission Meeting

**Mayor Vasquez** attended the following meetings and events:

- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Rite Award Ceremony
- Lemon Grove Concerts in the Park
- Lemon Grove Movies in the Park
- SANDAG Policy Board Meeting

**Consent Calendar:**

- A. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda.
- B. Ratification of Payment of Demands
- C. City Council Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting of July 2, 2019

- D. Approval of Adoption of Resolution 2019-3673 Approving an Agreement with SpringBrook Software.
- E. Rejection of Claim for Angela Crutchfield
- F. Rejection of Claim for Heirs to Trevon Harris, Tanya Harris and Tye Harris
- G. Approval of Letter of Support for Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II of 2019.

**Action:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Arambula, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve Consent Calendar Items A-G

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Vasquez, Arambula, Jones, J. Mendoza, M. Mendoza

**Noes:** None

**Public Hearings:**

*Mayor Pro Tem Arambula recused himself from Items 2 and 3 due to pending litigation with the Appellant. Mayor Pro Tem Arambula left the Community Meeting Room at 6:16 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.*

2. Administrative Appeal AA1-900-0001

Mayor Vasquez introduced Noah Alvey, Community Development Manager, and Mike Viglione, Associate Planner who presented the staff report and PowerPoint Presentation.

Councilmember J. Mendoza disclosed that she is a member of St. John of the Cross Church.

Mayor Vasquez opened the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

*Due to the amount of speakers Mayor Vasquez limited speaker's comments from 3 minutes to 2 minutes. With further discussion and debate from those in attendance, Mayor Vasquez ultimately limited the comments to 1 minute per speaker. (Authority per Lemon Grove Municipal Code Sections 2.14.080(c)(2) and 2.14.150 (a)(10))*

Appeared to comment were: Priscilla Pascual, Mike Pascual, Arturo, Donna Adams, Cookie Ringhand, Kathleen McLean, Skye Ross, Ukiah Dublinski, Abraham Mihcize, Dave Miller, John Evin, David, Cara Anderson, Leonard Hoaz, Tiffany Cager, Gina Skov, Bruce Cadman, and Jarrett Hart.

Appellant Chris Williams provided a presentation to the City Council.

*Councilmember J. Mendoza left the dais at 7:16 p.m. and returned at 7:17 p.m.*

**Action:** The public hearing was closed at 7:59 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Jones, and second by Councilmember J. Mendoza.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Vasquez, Jones, J. Mendoza, M. Mendoza

**Noes:** None

**Recused:** Arambula

During the discussion Councilmembers discussed whether they recognized findings that would determine that the decision of the Development Services Director to be upheld.

Adoption of the Resolution Upholding the Development Services Department Decision to Deny Zoning Clearance Application ZCM-180-0004.

**Action:** It was moved by Councilmember J. Mendoza, and seconded by Councilmember M. Mendoza to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-3674, upholding the Development Services Department Decision to Deny Zoning Clearance Application ZCM-180-0004.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Vasquez, Jones, J. Mendoza, M. Mendoza

**Noes:** None

**Recused:** Arambula

3. Administrative Appeal AA1-900-0002

Mayor Vasquez introduced Noah Alvey, Community Development Manager, and Mike Viglione, Associate Planner who presented the staff report and PowerPoint Presentation.

Councilmember Jones disclosed he had a brief discussion regarding a letter the resident previously sent to Council regarding the address in the appeal.

Councilmember J. Mendoza disclosed that she is a member of the parish of the St. John of the Cross Catholic Church and has had discussions with parish members regarding the item.

*At the request of the Appellant for a brief recess to allow him to prepare for the second Appeal. Mayor Vasquez called a brief recess at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:33 p.m. with those Councilmembers in attendance were all present.*

Appellant Chris Williams provided a presentation to the City Council. Mr. Williams introduced Rick Turner Consultant who spoke to the item.

Mayor Vasquez opened the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

*Mayor Vasquez limited the comments to 1 minute per speaker. (Authority per Lemon Grove Municipal Code Sections 2.14.080(c)(2) and 2.14.150 (a)(10))*

Appeared to comment were: John L. Wood, Jesse Ramirez, Jim Stanley, Anne Doyle, Kathleen McLean, Tony Reveles, David, Cara Anderson, Gina Skov, Jarrett Hart, Teresa Rosaik-Proffit, Greg Krumm, Abraham Mihcize, Ukiah Dublinski, Rick Turner, and Eddy Wibowd.

During the discussion Councilmembers discussed whether they recognized findings that would determine that the decision of the Development Services Director to be upheld.

*Mayor Vasquez called a brief recess at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:43 p.m. with those Councilmembers in attendance were all present.*

*Mayor Vasquez left the dais at 10:43 p.m. and returned at 10:44 p.m.*

City Attorney Steinke and Mayor Vasquez reminded the Appellant several times to focus his appeal to the item.

Adoption of the Resolution Upholding the Development Services Department Decision to Deny Zoning Clearance Application ZCM-180-0006.

**Action:** The public hearing was closed at 11:30 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Jones and second by Councilmember J. Mendoza.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Vasquez, Jones, J. Mendoza, M. Mendoza

**Noes:** None

**Recused:** Arambula

*Mayor Vasquez called a brief recess at 11:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 12:05 a.m. with those Councilmembers in attendance were all present.*

**Action:** It was moved by Councilmen Jones and seconded by Councilmember J. Mendoza to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-3675 Upholding the Development Services Department Decision to Deny Zoning Clearance Application ZCM-180-0006.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Vasquez, Jones, J. Mendoza, M. Mendoza

**Noes:** None

**Recused:** Arambula

City Attorney Kristen Steinke announced the City Council will be adjourning to Closed Session at Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 12:13 a.m.

City Attorney Kristen Steinke reported that the items listed for Closed Session have been continued to the July 23, 2019, Special City Council Meeting. Consensus by City Councilmembers present.

*Items Continued to July 23, 2019 Special City Council Meeting.*

**Closed Session:**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9b  
Number of potential cases: 1
2. LIABILITY CLAIM (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION §54956.95)  
Claimant: Hasen, Harold  
Agency Claimed Against: City of Lemon Grove
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9  
Name of Case: City of Lemon Grove v. The Grove Collective, et al.  
(CASE NO. 37-2016-00015271-CU-BC-CTL)

4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 3600 block of Olive, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Agency Negotiation: City of Lemon Grove

Negotiating Parties: City Manager, Lydia Romero, and Assistant City Manager, Mike James

Under Negotiation: Instruction to Negotiate

5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT

Government Code Section 54957

Performance Evaluation: City Manager

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 12:17 a.m. to a Special Meeting to be held Tuesday, July 23, 2019, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Special Study Session Meeting.

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Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019**

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and Lemon Grove Successor Agency.*

**Call To Order:**

Mayor Vasquez called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mike James, Assistant City Manager.

**Present:** Mayor Racquel Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Jones, Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza, Councilmember David Arambula, and Councilmember Matt Mendoza.

Absent: None.

**Staff Members Present:**

Lydia Romero, City Manager, Kristen Steinke, City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager, Shelley Chapel, City Clerk, Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director, and Noah Alvey, Community Development Manager.

**Revenue Options Discussion:**

Lydia Romero, City Manager and Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director provided the PowerPoint presentation and overview for discussion. Provided in the presentation was an overview of revenue options and provide direction to staff regarding the development of a work plan.

The City Council provided the City Manager and Administrative Services Director Confirmation of consensus on areas they agreed with staff regarding revenue options. Those options included a Transaction and Use Tax, and Cannabis Tax.

Reference: Lydia Romero, City Manager and Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director

Recommendation: Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff

**Public Comment:**

Appeared to comment were: David, and Melanie Lucer

*City Attorney Kristen Steinke announced the City Council will be adjourning to Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.*

City Attorney Kristen Steinke reported that the items listed for Closed Session have been continued to the July 23, 2019, Special City Council Meeting. Consensus by City Councilmembers present.

**Closed Session:** *(Continued from July 16, 2019 City Council Meeting)*

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Government Code Section 54956.9b  
Number of potential cases: 1
  
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James Under Negotiation: Instruction to Negotiate
  
5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT  
Government Code Section 54957  
Performance Evaluation: City Manager

City Attorney Kristen Steinke reported no reportable action on items discussed in Closed Session.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. to a meeting to be held Tuesday, August 6, 2018, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting.

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City Clerk