

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

September 15, 2015

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

Members present: Mary Sessom, George Gastil, Jerry Jones, Jennifer Mendoza, and Racquel Vasquez.

Members absent:

City Staff present: Kathi Henry, Interim City Manager, Carol Dick, Development Services Director; Daryn Drum, Division Fire Chief; Mike James, Public Works Director; Lt. May, Sheriff's Department; Laureen Ryan Ojeda, Administrative Analyst; Rick Sitta, Fire Chief; Cathleen Till, Finance Director; and Michael Wapner, Associate City Attorney.

Presentations

Mayor Sessom presented a Proclamation to Mona Freels of Heartland Fire and Rescue recognizing 2015 National Emergency Preparedness Month. Mona Freels presented on emergency preparedness.

Mayor Sessom presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Connect Main Street project working group. Certificates were given to James Davis, Marie Venable and Richard Lee Cortopassi. Helen Ofield was not there to receive a certificate.

Commander Dave Meyers presented Sheriff Technology: body worn cameras, license readers, facial recognition and thumb readers.

Public Comment

Eric Lund commented on the new chapter of the Lions Club in Lemon Grove and that they are available for volunteer projects to assist the City.

Bob Jones commented that he wanted to thank the City for clean-up of the homeless encampment on Arcadia Avenue.

John L. Wood commented on long-term parking on Central Avenue and the speed limit on Central Avenue. He also commented that the electronic signs are up at the trolley station.

1. Consent Calendar

- A. Ratification of Payment Demands**
- B. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**
- C. Approval of Golden Row Townhomes Final Map for Tentative Map TM0055 located at 8150 Golden Avenue**

Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez

Resolution No. 2015-3361: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove approving the Golden Row Townhomes Final Map for Tentative Map TM0055 located at 8150 Golden Avenue

2. City of Lemon Grove Website Policy

The purpose of the website policy is to provide guidelines for the functioning and content of the City of Lemon Grove website and to ensure that current standards and practices are maintained and that content information is timely and accurate.

After discussion, the City Council directed staff to revise the website policy and bring it back to Council.

Public Speaker(s)

Bob Jones commented on Lemon Grove's three social media outlets: the Lemon Grove City website, Lemon Grove's Facebook page and Lemon Grove's Twitter account.

Lorenzo Higley also commented on the website and offering to update the information that he had provided to the City regarding tobacco.

3. Recreation Focus Group Applicants

Mikes James reported on the applications submitted for the Recreation Services Focus Group.

During the 2015 goal setting workshop, the City Council discussed the establishment of a focus group to explore the need for a Recreation Council. Staff held an open application period that advertised on the front counter of City Hall, the city's website, Facebook/Twitter accounts, e-notification services, Lemon Grove Senior Center, East County Chamber of Commerce, Thrive Lemon Grove, Kaiser Permanente's Heal Zone, Soroptimist of Lemon Grove, Lemon Grove Kiwanis, Lemon Grove Lions, VFW Post 1512, VFW Post 2082, and local faith based organizations.

On June 2, 2015, the City Council discussed broadening the original scope of the focus group and exploring the need for a Recreation Council to also include the following tasks:

1. Identify the existing recreational opportunities for Lemon Grove residents in and near the City; and
2. Identify recreational needs in the community, including barriers and opportunities to meeting those needs; and
3. Research what a Recreation Council is and its role in the community, including the Recreation Council's composition, whether it is a City established entity, its purpose, staff time required to support, and funding issues/opportunities; and
4. Review the most recent recreational survey results and use that information to guide recommendations to the City Council; and
5. Consider performing additional community surveys, as needed, to seek specific feedback regarding recreational programming in the City.

On July 30, 2015, the recruitment closed and from that process staff received seven applications for the focus group. Staff recommended accepting all of the applications to participate in the focus group. Each applicant's name is listed below.

- Paul Gorden
- Tiare Hamilton
- Matthew Johnson
- Eric Lund
- Beatriz Mendoza

- Gabriela Rivers
- Denise Stratman

Staff anticipates the focus group will hold between two and four meetings beginning in October, with a City Council presentation to be held in December 2015 or January 2016.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Gastil, seconded by Councilmember Jones to confirm the Applicants passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez

4. General Plan Update Focus Group

City Council authorized staff to recruit for members of a General Plan Update Focus Group and the recruitment information was based on the Project Proposal in the CalPoly San Luis Obispo (CalPoly SLO) agreement and modeled after the recent Recreation Focus Group recruitment process also on this agenda. Because of the opportunity that was presented by CalPoly SLO, the City Council agreed that the Focus Group should be involved for the entire student project (September 2015 to June 2016). As a refresher, the following information lists the Focus Group tasks. The response to the recruitment is outlined in the last section below and applications are attached.

General Plan Update Focus Group Tasks

The General Plan Update Focus Group is tasked with providing the CalPoly SLO team with input and support during the course of the Master’s Program Studio project. The list below outlines typical tasks, but adjustments once the studio project has commenced may occur and the tasks may not be limited to the list. The Focus Group will:

- 1) Provide input to the Planning Process through special meetings with the CalPoly SLO team, conduct site visits and solicit opinions from neighbors and businesses.
- 2) Communicate community perspectives that identify:
 - Deficiencies in the current General Plan.
 - Conditions that need to be addressed (physical as well as programmatic needs).
 - Goals for the community.
 - Barriers and opportunities to meet those Goals.
- 3) Provide recommendations to the City Council on the proposed General Plan Update.

The focus group members will be asked to meet with the student team at least once during each of the two to three proposed CalPoly SLO team visits, correspond electronically with student team members and faculty and City staff as needed, conduct or provide support for research/surveys, perform analysis as directed by the team, and seek community feedback in order to support the proposed project at the final City Council presentation. The Focus Group members will be asked to attend City Council presentations.

Response to Recruitment

The City received 7 applications (one has since withdrawn) and the candidates are listed on the following page. The request for Focus Group members was advertised on the City’s website, Facebook page, press release, and e-notification services.

A one-page application used for past focus groups was issued and the form asks applicants to provide information about work and community experience (including volunteer activities and experience or special knowledge).

The form also asks potential focus group members why they would like to serve on the focus group. Completed applications have been made available to the City Council members for their consideration.

Candidates

- Richard Lee Cortopassi
- James Davis
- Katie Dexter
- Helen M. Ofield
- Marie Venable
- Susan Yepiz

Public Speaker(s)

Tom Clabby recommended that the focus group consist of members in the community from real estate, education, and business.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Gastil to confirm the Applicants with extension for applicant deadline to September 30, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez

5. Ordinance No. 431 – Lemon Grove Community Advisory Commission

The City Council considered an ordinance changing the Lemon Grove Municipal Code to re-task the Planning Commission into a Community Advisory Commission with permanent and temporary members. The City Council introduced and conducted the first reading of this ordinance on September 1, 2015.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Gastil, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 431:

Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza
No: Vasquez

Ordinance No. 431: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California amending and renaming Chapter 2.08 to eliminate the Planning Commission and establish the Community Advisory Commission in Chapter 2.08 of the Lemon Grove Municipal Code.

6. Ordinance No. 432 – Solar Permitting Efficiency Act Ordinance

The City Council will consider the Solar Permitting Efficiency Act that requires California cities and counties to adopt an ordinance that creates an expedited solar permitting process by September 30, 2015.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Gastil, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez

Ordinance No. 432: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California adding Chapter 15-33 to the Lemon Grove Municipal Code to provide an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar systems.

City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))

Councilmember Jones commented on the Otay Water District and recycled water rates, and reported that he attended a meeting at SANDAG, East County Realtors Association and Citronica II event.

Councilmember Mendoza commented on an article on homelessness and the Interfaith Shelter Network Program and a visit to District Councilmember Shirley Weber's office.

Councilmember Gastil visited District Councilmember Shirley Weber's office.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez attended Local Agency Formation Commission meeting.

Mayor Sessom attended the League Luncheon.

City Manager and Department Directors Report

Daryn Drum mentioned the Heartland Open House Pancake breakfast and fundraiser on October 3, 2015.

Lt. May commented on the Crime Free Multi Family Housing training held in Lemon Grove on September 11, 2015. There were 20 participants from throughout the County of San Diego.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Susan Garcia

Susan Garcia, City Clerk