

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

**March 15, 2016**

*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*

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**Call to Order**

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

Members absent: None.

City Staff present: Lydia Romero, City Manager; David DeVries, Acting Development Services Director; Daryn Drum, Division Fire Chief; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Mike James, Public Works Director; Lt. May, Sheriff's Department; and Laureen Ryan Ojeda, Administrative Analyst.

**Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**Public Comment**

John L. Wood commented on a parked vehicle without license plates and the Honda dealership unloading vehicles.

**1. Consent Calendar**

**A. Approval of City Council Minutes**

March 1, 2016 Regular Meeting

**B. Ratification of Payment Demands**

**C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**

**D. Denial of Claim**

**E. Approval of Final Map for Tentative Map TM0047 located at 8137 Cascio Court**

**F. Acceptance of the Sewer Capital Improvement Project: Lining**

**G. Amend the Design Contract for the Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project**

**H. Request for Qualifications – Preparation of California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Documents for the General Plan Update**

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

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2016-3393:** Resolution of the City Council of Lemon Grove, California Approving a Final Map for Tentative Map TM0047

**Resolution No. 2016-277:** Resolution of the Lemon Grove Sanitation District Accepting the Sewer Capital Improvement Project: Lining (Contract No. 2015-01) as Complete

**Resolution No. 2016- 278:** Resolution of the Lemon Grove Sanitation District Amending the Design Contract for the Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project

**2. New Business**

None.

**3. Public Hearings**

**A. Public Hearing for Review of the 2015 General Plan Annual Progress Report**

David DeVries reported that State law requires cities and counties to annually review, conduct a public hearing, and authorize the submission of a General Plan Annual Progress Report (Report) to the State.

The Report includes the status of the General Plan implementation and the progress towards meeting regional housing needs. In preparing the Report, staff distributed sections of the Report to the appropriate City departments for review and input.

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt the resolution accepting the Report and directing staff to submit the Report to the Office of Planning and Research and the Department of Housing and Community Development as more fully described in the resolution.

Mayor Sessom opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gastil, seconded by Councilmember Vasquez, to close the public hearing and adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2016-3394:** Resolution of the [City Council of the City of Lemon Grove] Accepting the 2015 General Plan Annual Progress Report and Directing Staff to Submit the Report to the State of California in Accordance with Government Code Section 65400(A)(2)

**B. Underground Utility District No. 7**

Mike James stated that on March 4, 2014, the City Council revised the deadline for the conversion of the overhead distribution facilities for Phase 7A and 7B of the Underground Utility District (UUD) No. 7 to April 1, 2016. In Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY 2015-16), City staff encountered multiple unforeseen challenges with regards to the Lemon Grove Realignment Project. Some of those challenges included city staff turnover and introducing Rick Engineering to the duties and responsibilities as the Interim City Engineer and Project Manager for the Realignment Project, which the UUD is dependent on. Extending the UUD will allow the proper collection and use of funds through the anticipated construction schedule of the project.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution revising the date to June 30, 2017, for undergrounding utilities for both Phase 7A and 7B.

Mayor Sessom opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Vasquez, to close the public hearing and adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2016-3395:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Revising the Date for Undergrounding Utilities within Underground Utility District No. 7

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

Councilmember Jones attended a 3 day SANDAG retreat.

Councilmember Mendoza attended the library's presentation of the Oral History of Women Project specifically women who had been in the Lemon Grove incident. She thanked the Public Works Department for fixing the Buena Vista Mural.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez attended a Local Agency Formation Committee meeting.

Councilmember Gastil attended the library's presentation of the Oral History of Women Project and the League of California Cities meeting.

Mayor Sessom attended the 3 day SANDAG retreat and the League of California Cities meeting.

**City Manager and Department Director Reports**

Mike James provided a Community Services Department activities update.

Lt. May reported that Sergeant Ray is leaving the Lemon Grove Station and Deputy Moody is joining the station. The department has a new technology being tested and a draft policy that is being written.

Lydia Romero visited the rotating homeless shelter.

**Closed Session**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:

Two Cases

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9: Guillen v lg et al Case # 37-2016-00005522-CU-EI-CTL

Closed Session Report: The City Attorney was given to represent the in the City Guillen v lg et al Case # 37-2016-00005522-CU-EI-CTL

## 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 7:40 p.m.

*Susan Garcia*  
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Susan Garcia, City Clerk