

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

**February 2, 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: George Gastil, Mayor Pro Tem; Jerry Jones, Councilmember; Jennifer Mendoza, Councilmember; and Racquel Vasquez, Councilmember.

Members Absent: Mary Sessom, Mayor

City Staff present: Lydia Romero, City Manager; Dave DeVries, Interim Development Services Director; Daryn Drum, Division Fire Chief; Mike James, Public Works Director; Michael Wapner, Deputy City Attorney; Lt. May, Sheriff's Department; and Laureen Ryan Ojeda, Administrative Analyst/Deputy City Clerk.

**Presentation:** Thank You City Sponsors, Mike James presented  
Update on San Diego Forward, Charles "Muggs" Stolls presented

**Public Comment**

Mike Richards thanked the current Interim Director of Development Services for conducting a planning workshop January 30<sup>th</sup>. He also commented that trees did not fall during the last storm although many palm fronds fell.

Steven Brown commented about the recent opening of the medical marijuana dispensary on Broadway and asked if this business received permits to build walls. He also commented on the unsavory clientele.

April Flake commented that she had concerns regarding pipes, drainage and circulation in the Valencia project which is adjacent to her property.

John L. Wood commented on the SRTS presentation at the previous council meeting and also that the Sheriff is still not doing enough about the parking problems on Central Avenue.

**1. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes**  
January 19, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Ratification of Payment Demands**
- C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**
- D. State Homeland Security Grant (SHSG)**
- E. authorized Representative to the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority**
- F. The Lemon Grove BMP Design Manual**

**Public Comment:** Michael McSweeney, public policy advisor with the Builders Industry Association (BIA) commented that he could provide assistance with three items in the BMP Design Manual that need to be addressed once the manual is passed.

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

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

**Resolution No. 2015-3386:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California accepting Fiscal Year 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Funds.

**Resolution No. 2015-3387:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California authorizing the City Manager or Designee to act as the City's authorized representative to the California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority.

**Resolution No. 2015-3388:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California adopting by an implementing resolution the Lemon Grove BMP Design Manual.

## **2. Ordinances for Second Reading**

### **A. Ordinance 438 – Zoning Amendment ZA1-500-0003 amending the Municipal Code to implement programs within the 2010-2020 Housing Element**

On January 19, 2016, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 438. The state requires the Municipal Code to be updated to implement several programs within the Housing Element. Proposed amendments of Ordinance No. 438 include: adopting a condominium conversion ordinance; offering density bonuses and incentives consistent with state law; amending the definitions of "family" and "household" to allow transitional and supportive housing consistent with state law; adding "accessibility improvements" in the Minor Modification (ministerial variance) process; amending the definition of "senior housing" and "day care" consistent with state law; allowing family day care facilities in zones that allow single-family homes; and adding affordable housing as an equivalent benefit as part of the Planned Development Permit process. The project is a city initiated project. If adopted, the Ordinance becomes effective on March 3, 2016.

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to conduct second reading and adopt Ordinance 438, passed by the following vote:**

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

**Ordinance No. 438:** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California, amending Title 17, Zoning, and Chapter 18.24, Community Policies and Programs within the 2010-2020 Housing Element.

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

Councilmember Jones attended the Legislative Committee for the Chamber of Commerce and he was moved from the Planning Committee to the Transportation Committee at SANDAG.

Councilmember Mendoza attended the following: lunch and tour of the Moores Cancer Center; THRIVE Lemon Grove meeting; Girl Scout presentation on Savannah Smiles; the El Cajon Citizen of the Year awards ceremony; and, she is being recruited for the National Relay for Life.

Councilmember Vasquez attended the following: City/County Reinvestment Task Force meeting; League of California Cities Housing and Community Development meeting in Sacramento; Healthy Eating/Active Living Zone meeting with Kaiser and the City; and the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Gastil attended the following: League of California Cities Latino Caucus gathering; Catholic School Week Proclamation at St. John of the Cross School; East County Economic Development monthly meeting; and, the MTS January meeting.

## **City Manager and Department Directors Report**

Mike James reported that during the last storm events, with rain and extreme winds, few trees fell and there were no major incidents; the preparations the City made and helping the residents to get prepared contributed to the successful navigation of the storm events .

Dave DeVries reported two Community Workshops for the General Plan Update were held. The first was held Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9pm and the second was held Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-11am

Lydia Romero reported that there were previously 7 medical marijuana dispensaries and currently there are 5, two closed their doors on Monday.

## **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 7:05 p.m.

*Laureen Ryan Ojeda*

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Laureen Ryan Ojeda, Deputy City Clerk