

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

**March 21, 2017**

*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**

City Councilmembers Present:

Councilmember David Arambula, Councilmember Jerry Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Mendoza, and Councilmember Matt Mendoza

City Council Members Absent:

Mayor Racquel Vasquez

City Staff Present:

Lydia Romero, City Manager, Eric Craig; Associate Planner; David De Vries, Development Services Director; Daryn Drum, Division Fire Chief; Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Lt. May, Sheriff's Department; Gilbert Rojas, Interim Finance Director; and Corinne Russell, HR Manager.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jones.

**Changes to the Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza noted that staff has requested that item No. 5 be moved up on the agenda to be discussed before item No. 2.

**Presentations**

Lydia Romero introduced Cassandra Mendenhall, Executive Assistant.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza read a certificate of recognition for Lt. May service to the City Lemon Grove.

**Public Comment**

John L. Wood commented on City Council attendance at regional committees. He added that there was vandalism in his neighborhood and he went to the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Department, but would have preferred to have a deputy come to his residence to write a report.

Jessica McElfresh reported on the challenges for those interested in applying for and operating medical marijuana dispensaries in Lemon Grove.

Cynara Velazquez commented on Measure V and the City's process for those interested in applying for and operating medical marijuana dispensaries.

Sapphire Blackwood reported on the challenges for those interested in applying for medical and operating marijuana dispensaries.

Ebon Johnson commented in the challenges with the City's medical marijuana dispensary process and the uses that prohibit an application.

Marty Frank commented on language in Measure V.

Sean Silva commented on sales tax generated by a medical marijuana dispensary.

Richard Payne commented on challenges with the City's medical marijuana dispensary process and the uses that prohibit an application.

**1. Consent Calendar**

**A. Approval of City Council Minutes**

March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting

**B. Ratification of Payment Demands**

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

**D. Resolution Amending the Heartland Joint Powers Agreement**

**E. Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan Fee Amendment**

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

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

**Absent: Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2017- 3491:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Amending the Current Heartland Communications Fire Authority Agreement to Allow the San Miguel Fire Protection District to Join as a Member Agency

**Resolution No. 2017-3492:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Amending the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan Fee

**5. Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Gilbert Rojas reported that the annual financial report for the Fiscal Year ending on June 30, 2016 has been completed and he introduced Mr. Ahmed Badawi, CPA.

Mr. Ahmed Badawi, CPA, provided a presentation and was available to the City Council to answer questions.

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Arambula, to accept and file the audit passed, by the following vote:**

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

**Absent: Vasquez**

## 2. Fiscal Year 2016-17 Mid-Year Budgets

Gilbert Rojas reported that on June 21, 2016, the City Council adopted a City-wide Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Since the budget was adopted, the revenues and expenditures for FY 2015-16 have been finalized and audited.

Mr. Rojas recommended that the General Fund revenues be decreased in total by \$245,000. This entails a decrease in the revenue estimates in Sales Tax \$250,000, Building Permits \$70,000, however, there was an increase in Property Tax estimate of \$75,000.

The City Council previously approved an additional \$150,000 appropriation for the Sage project and staff is also recommending the appropriation of \$100,000 within the General Fund to supplement the Connect Main Street grant monies previously secured. Lowering "transfers out" to the Gas tax fund from \$100,000 to \$30,000.

### Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Arambula, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:**

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

**Absent: Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2017-3493:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving the City of Lemon Grove Mid-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and Authorizing Expenditures Thereto

## 3. Award Construction Contract for the Connect Main Street Segment I Phase I Project (Contract No. 2017-16)

Tim Gabrielson provided an overview of the grant and design aspects for the Connect Main Street Segment I Phase I Project.

October 14, 2016 the City contracted with Michael Baker International and KTUA to prepare the first phase of construction improvements for the Connect Main Street Project based upon the City Council approved Connect Main Street General Plan Amendment. Through the initial designs, the project limits and features along Main Street from Broadway to approximately City Hall were defined to be able to construct the project within the grant funding requirements and schedule. Within the HRPP Grant, there was a design and construction budget set aside of \$279,500 to start the first construction phase of the project. All HRPP Grant funds for design and construction must be used by June 30, 2017 or the Grant will expire. No extensions of time for this Grant is allowed.

The project's engineering estimate was \$210,000.00. The lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by New Century Construction, Inc. (New Century) in the amount of \$291,641.50.

Staff reviewed New Century's project work history, references, and construction license. Its project work history and reference checks were positive. New Century has successfully performed similar work for other local governments to include prior work with the City. New Century's contractor's license is current and in good standing with the State of California

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Arambula, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:**

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

**Absent: Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2017-3494:** Resolution of the Lemon Grove City Council Awarding a Contract for the Connect Main Street Segment I Phase I Project (Contract No. 2017-16)

**4. Public Hearing for Review of the 2016 General Plan Annual Progress Report**

Eric Craig explained 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.

Mr. Craig provided an overview of the Report that 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.

Councilmember Jones recommended the following clarifications to the language in the Report regarding the completion of the mural, skate park 2017, Palm Avenue interchange land use, Skyline Drive neighborhood/commercial area, and revitalized business areas.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak during the public hearing.

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

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

**Absent: Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2017- 3495:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove Accepting the 2016 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

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

Councilmember Jones reported that SANDAG is processing a Request for Proposals to firms for an independent investigation regarding Measure A.

Councilmember Arambula reported on meetings at MTS and East County Economic Development Council.

Councilmember M. Mendoza had no reports.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza attended the Lemon Grove Interfaith Clergy and reported on the upcoming annual cross walk on April 14<sup>th</sup>. She also attended Heal Zone meetings, Assemblywoman Weber's Salute to Women Leaders event, the League of California Cities luncheon, SANDAG Transportation Committee meeting, reported on the Lyons Club eyeglass event, and a Soroptimist meeting.

### **City Manager and Department Director Reports**

Mike James reported that the skate park construction is near completion and on April 15<sup>th</sup> there will be the re-grand opening from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Lt. May thanked the City Council for his time of service in Lemon Grove.

Lydia Romero introduced Lt. Amos who will be taking Lt. May's position.

Lt. Amos expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve Lemon Grove.

James Lough stated that he will provide the City Council with a memo related to Measure V.

### **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:  
Three Cases

Closed Session Report: No reportable action was taken.

### **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 8:00 p.m.

*Susan Garcia*  
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Susan Garcia, City Clerk

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018**

*The City Council also sits as the Lemon Grove Housing Authority,  
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and Lemon Grove Successor Agency.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Vasquez called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**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, James Lough, City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Colin Stowell, Fire Chief, Lieutenant Scott Amos, San Diego Sheriff Lemon Grove Substation, Al Burrell, Financial Consultant, David De Vries, Development Services Director, Miranda Evans, Management Analyst, Alicia Hicks, Human Resources Manager, Al Burrell, Interim Finance Manager, Mike Viglione, Assistant Planner, and Arturo Ortuño, Assistant Planner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Lemon Grove History Minute #15 – Former Mayor Mary Sessom shared her experience in the City as a resident and Mayor and provided words of wisdom and gave thanks. Mayor Vasquez invited Mrs. Sessom to the podium who showed gratitude towards the City staff and residents.

San Diego County Lieutenant Amos provided the Annual Law Enforcement Report.

Heartland Fire Chief Colin Stowell provided the Annual Heartland Fire Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John L. Wood, Mary Sessom, Teresa Rosiak-Proffit, and Brenda Hammond

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1.
  - A. City of Lemon Grove Payment Demands
  - B. Approval of Reading by Title all Ordinances and Waiver of Reading in full of Ordinances on the Agenda.
  - C. Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-3561, approving Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan Fee Amendment.
  - D. Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-3562, authorizing a Proposition 56 Grant Application for the Tobacco Retailers Licensing Program.

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember J. Mendoza, second by Councilmember Arambula. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Noes:** None

2. Lemon Grove Avenue Realignment Project Update

Mayor Vasquez introduced Mike James, Assistant City Manager who presented background regarding the project and reported on revised scope of work and project budget, including a PowerPoint Presentation. Scott Adamson with IEC Construction Management Inspector, and Edgar Camerino, Project Manager with Rick Engineering were available for questions.

**Action:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, second by Councilmember Arambula adopt Resolution No. 2018-3563. The motion passed by the following vote:  
**Ayes:** Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, M. Mendoza, J. Mendoza  
**Noes:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

3. Public Hearing to Consider the Transnet Local Street Improvement Program of Projects for FY 2019-2023.

Mike James, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report, and PowerPoint Presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Mayor Vasquez opened the Public Hearing at 7:58 p.m.

**Action:** Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved to close the public hearing at 7:59 p.m., and adopt Resolution No. 2018-3564, and seconded by Councilmember Arambula. The motion passed by the following vote:  
**Ayes:** Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, M. Mendoza, J. Mendoza  
**Noes:** None

4. Public Hearing to Consider the 2017 General Plan Annual Progress Report

Mike Viglione, Assistant Planner presented the staff report, and PowerPoint Presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

*Mayor Vasquez left the dais at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.*

Mayor Vasquez opened the Public Hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Appeared to comment: Anita Lopez

**Action:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and seconded by Councilmember J. Mendoza to close the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. The motion passed by the following vote:  
**Ayes:** Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, M. Mendoza, J. Mendoza  
**Noes:** None

**Action:** Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved and Councilmember M. Mendoza seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2018-3565 as amended by Council. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

**CITY COUNCIL ORAL COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT CITY EXPENSE: (G.C. 53232.3(d))**

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

- League of California Cities Meeting with City Manager Romero
- Interfaith Clergy Meeting with Management Analyst Evans
- Mexican American Business and Professionals Monthly Meeting
- SANDAG Transportation Committee Meeting

**Mayor Pro Tem Jones** attended the following meetings:

- SANDAG Public Safety Meeting
- Metro Oversight Committee Meeting
- Metro Ad Hoc Committee

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

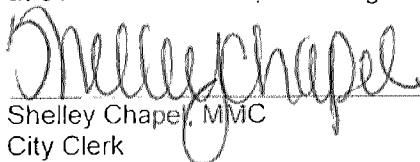
- SD Taxpayers Association - City Scorecard
- Spoke with Students at SDSU – Leadership
- Met with Superintendent of Grossmont School District
- East County Mayors – Regarding Airport Authority Board of Directors
- SANDAG Meeting – Affordable Housing

**CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

Mike James, Assistant City Manager announced upcoming Spring Camp, and Eggstravaganza and photos with Benny the Bunny.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. to a meeting to be held Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting.

  
Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018**

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and Lemon Grove Successor Agency.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Vasquez called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m

**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, James Lough, City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Colin Stowell, Fire Chief, Sergeant Jacob Klepach, Lemon Grove Substation, David De Vries, Development Services Director, Kay Vinson, Interim City Clerk, Alicia Hicks, Human Resources Manager, and Miranda Evans, Management Analyst.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember J. Mendoza.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Lemon Grove History Minute #16

Mayor Vasquez asked Ed and Sandy Burrs, John Snyder, and Carl Scherbaum of EDCO to join her at the podium where she read from the Proclamation recognizing them as a recipient of the Lemon Grove 40-Year Home Grown Business Recognition.

Tom Bell, Public Works Supervisor introduced new team member Joel Santos, Street Tech I.

Recognition of Sponsors of City's Special Events:

- EDCO Waste Disposal – Title Sponsor
- Burro and Fries – Title Sponsor
- SDG&E – Title Sponsor
- AMR San Diego – Co-Sponsor
- H.O.P.E. Inc. – Co Sponsor
- Lemon Grove Veterinary Hospital - Co Sponsor
- Rick Engineering - Co Sponsor
- RCP Block and Brick - Co Sponsor
- Wingstop - Co Sponsor
- Ann and Jim Elliot – Support Sponsor
- Duncan Engineering – Support Sponsor
- GTM Discount Stores – Support Sponsor
- SCS Engineering– Support Sponsor
- West Coast Arborists – Support Sponsor

Soroptimist International-- Assisting Sponsor

Not in Attendance but recognized:

McAllister, Institute  
Mario's Family Clothing Center  
Dr. Swartzberg Dental  
Sycuan  
Aguirre & Associates  
Syntax

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Appeared to Comment were: John L. Wood, Brenda Hammond, Luis Ituarte.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1.
  - a. City of Lemon Grove Payment Demands
  - b. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda
  - c. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-3566 to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Road Maintenance Rehabilitation Account Funding Allocation.

**Action: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and seconded by Councilmember J. Mendoza. The motion passed by the following vote:  
Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, M. Mendoza, J. Mendoza  
Noes: None**

2. Community Garden Lease Agreement

Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director provided the report and PowerPoint Presentation.

**Action: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and seconded by Councilmember Arambula to adopt Resolution No. 2018-3567 approving agreement. The motion passed by the following vote:  
Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, M. Mendoza, J. Mendoza  
Noes: None**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

3. Public Hearing/Appeal to Consider Appeal No. AA1-800-0001 Regarding the Denial of Zoning Clearance No. ZCM-170-0002; a Request to Apply for a Conditional Use Permit to Establish a Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 3515-21 Harris Street in the General Commercial/Heavy Commercial Zone.

David De Vries, Development Services Director provided the report and PowerPoint Presentation. This item would deny the appeal and uphold the Development Services Director's determination to deny.

Mayor Vasquez opened the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Pamela Epstein, appellant's representative spoke regarding the item

Appearing to Comment: Angeles Nelson, and Kathleen Herman.

Council discussed the topic and expressed concerns regarding the process. Staff responded to Council questions.

**Action:** The public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m. on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and second by Councilmember Arambula. The motion withdrawn by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

**Action:** The public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m. on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and second by Councilmember Arambula. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Noes:** None

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and seconded by Councilmember J. Mendoza to return to a future meeting to adopt amended resolution as amended allowing a waiver to reapply within a ten-month period for this specific applicant only. The motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

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

**Noes:** Arambula

**CITY COUNCIL ORAL COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT CITY EXPENSE: (G.C. 53232.3(d))**

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

- SANDAG working group meeting
- Chavista Breakfast
- East County Magazine
- Interfaith Clergy Association Cross Walk

**Councilmember M. Mendoza** attended the following meetings and events

- Helix – water use

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

- Chavista Breakfast

**Mayor Pro Tem Jones** attended the following meetings:

- SDEDC – Board Meeting
- Government Affairs Meeting

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

- SANDAG meeting
- Chavista Breakfast
- Met with San Diego County Assessor Ernest J. Dronenburg Jr
- Eggstravaganza

**CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS: *(Non-Action Items)***

Assistant City Manager Mike James announced a Public Workshop regarding the fee analysis of capacity fee on April 16, 2018.

**CLOSED SESSION:**


- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9  
Four cases

City Attorney James Lough announced the City Council will be adjourning to closed session at 8:45 p.m. for the purposes above.

City Attorney Lough 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 9:00 p.m. to a meeting to be held Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting.

  
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Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

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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.

**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, James Lough, City Attorney, Kristen Steinke, Assistant City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Colin Stowell, Fire Chief, Lieutenant Scott Amos, San Diego County Sheriff's Office - Lemon Grove Substation, David De Vries, Development Services Director, Kay Vinson, Interim City Clerk, Miranda Evans, Management Analyst, Alicia Hicks, Human Resources Manager, Al Burrell, Financial Consultant, Mike Viglione, Assistant Planner, and Arturo Ortuño, Assistant Planner.

**2018 City Council Priority Setting Workshop**

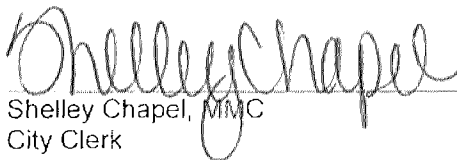
Council discussion facilitated by Rich Thome, Leadership Associates, to consider priorities and goals for 2018-19 fiscal year and provided direction to staff regarding the development of a work plan.

*Fiscal Year 2017-18 Priorities:*

1. *Streets*
2. *Homelessness*
3. *Parks and Recreation*
4. *Business and Economic Development*
5. *Public Safety*

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to a meeting to be held Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting.

  
Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018**

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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.

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Matt Mendoza.

**Staff Members Present:**

Lydia Romero, City Manager, James Lough, City Attorney, Kristen Steinke, Assistant City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Colin Stowell, Fire Chief, Lieutenant Scott Amos, San Diego County Sheriff's Office - Lemon Grove Substation, David De Vries, Development Services Director, Edgar Camerino, City Engineer, Miranda Evans, Management Analyst, Alicia Hicks, Human Resources Manager, Molly Brennan, Finance Manager, Mike Viglione, Assistant Planner, and Arturo Ortuño, Assistant Planner.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Presentations:**

Mayor Vasquez introduced the Lemon Grove History Minutes #21 – Lemon Grove Library

Mayor Vasquez introduced Malik Tamimi, Management Analyst who is leaving employment with the City. Mayor Vasquez recognized Mr. Tamini with a Certificate of Recognition.

**Public Comments:**

Appeared to comment were: John L. Wood, Frank Dedrick, Victor Vega, Sarah Ditges, Maureen Macias, Mike Richards

**Consent Calendar:**

- A. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda
- B. Ratification of Payment of Demands
- C. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2018.
- D. Rejection of Claim submitted by Aran Wong of Coast Law Group LLC on behalf of Carol Pantazoplus.
- E. Rejection of Claim submitted by Thomas M. Tomlinson of Legler & Tomlinson on behalf of Robert Spencer.
- F. Adopted Resolution No. SD 18-296, approving the Engineer's Report Detailing Sewer Services Charges for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- G. Adopted Resolution No. LD 2018-172, approving the Engineer's Report Detailing Zone L Assessments for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- H. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-3588, approving the Levy and Collection of Assessments within the Lemon Grove Wildflower Landscape Maintenance Assessment District 97-1 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

- I. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-3589, approving an agreement renewing Professional Services with D-MAX Engineering Inc. to for Stormwater Plan Review and Construction Inspections.
- J. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-3590, approving an agreement renewing Professional Services with D-MAX Engineering Inc. to assist with the implementation of the City's Stormwater Program.

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** M. Mendoza

2. NewSchool of Architecture Main Street Promenade Tactical Urbanism Presentation and Signage Request.

David DeVries, Development Services Director introduced Representatives for the NewSchool of Architecture the Urban Design Club. Director DeVries and the Design Club presented the staff report.

The Design Club requested permission to place temporary signs in the Main Street Promenade to gather data and solicit ideas for potential Tactical Urbanism opportunities in the Promenade. The group would return to Council with an update to the design ideas once data has been collected from analysis and community reaction through outreach.

Councilmembers provided feedback and direction.

**Action:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Arambula.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** M. Mendoza

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

3. Adoption of Resolution 2018-3591, approving Conditional Use Permit CUP 170-0001, A Request to Allow a Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 6470 Federal Boulevard, Lemon Grove, California.

David DeVries, Development Services Director presented the report and PowerPoint Presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones disclosed he had exchanged emails with the applicant's son Corey Mc Dermott.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing for discussion at 7:08 p.m.

Wayne Rosenbaum, Environmental Law Group Attorney for the applicant provided a statement regarding the project. Mr. Rosenbaum along with the applicant Sean Mc Dermott provided a PowerPoint Presentation explaining the project.

Councilmembers asked questions of the applicant, and City Attorney

Appeared to comment were: Wayne Rosenbaum, Teresa Rosiak-Proffit, and Ebon Johnson.

**Action:** The public hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and second by Councilmember J. Mendoza.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

During the discussion Councilmembers expressed concern about In-Lieu fees, signage, and consideration for some kind of security barrier for the building frontage.

City Manager Romero and City Attorney Lough provided the Council with a response to questions regarding requirements of Measure V.

Adoption of the Resolution would conditionally approving Conditional Use Permit CUP-170-0001, a request to establish a medical marijuana dispensary at 6470 Federal Blvd. in the Light Industrial (LI) Zone (Municipal Code Chapter 17.32).

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and seconded by Councilmember J. Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 2018-3591 with modifications as read into the record by City Attorney Lough. Section 2 of Resolution as follows:

1. Reference page 16 (condition A17) of the staff report – change to flat yearly rate per quarter with annual installments of:
 

Year one.....	\$ 50,000
Year two.....	\$ 75,000
Year three...	\$100,000
Year four.....	\$175,000
<u>Year five.....</u>	<u>\$236,000</u>
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>\$636,000</u>
2. Reference page 22 (condition C46) of the staff report removing the first sentence, additionally the later reference to MMIC number State requirement would be removed.
3. Reference page 23 (C 54) of the staff report referring to signage shall not include any terminology including slang or symbols for marijuana. Adding that green crosses are not to be included in the terminology of slang or symbols for marijuana.

**Action:** The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, and J. Mendoza  
Absent: M. Mendoza

4. Adoption of Resolutions Approving the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget.
5. Revenue Options Requiring Voter Approval

Mayor Vasquez proposed that both items 4 and 5 be continued to the July 3, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting allowing the full Council to be in attendance to hear, discuss and vote on the items. Council consensus was received of those present.

City Attorney Lough and City Manager Romero provided the schedule considerations that need to be made if the Council chooses to continue the item.

**Action:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, and seconded by Councilmember J. Mendoza to continue items 4 and 5 to a future meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, allowing the full Council to be in attendance to hear, discuss and vote on the items.

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

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

- League of CA Cities – Transportation, Communication, Public Works Policy Committee Meeting
- Lemon Grove Heal Resident Leadership Meeting
- SANDAG Board of Directors Policy Meeting
- League of CA Cities Lunch for Committee Members
- Community Center Blood Drive – donated blood
- SANDAG Transportation Meeting

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

- SANDAG Transportation Meeting
- MTS Executive Committee Meeting
- MTS General Meeting

**Mayor Pro Tem Jones** attended the following meetings and events:

- Metro Wastewater Meeting

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

- Key Note Speaker for the Learn for Life Class 2018 Charter School
- League San Diego award ceremony to inspire visionaries
- Yeshua Ha Mashiach Curch – Jazz Concert

**City Manager Lydia Romero** announced new City Clerk will be starting on July 16, 2018, and comes to the City with 18 years' experience.

**City Attorney Lough** announced he has previously worked with the new City Clerk when she was the Assistant City Clerk in the City of Carlsbad on the Strawberry Fields Initiative and Referendum which was as complicated as they get and considers her "first class".

**Assistant City Manager James** announced that the Recreation Center has 80 kids for week 1 of the Summer Camp.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. to a meeting to be held Tuesday, June 3, 2018, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting.

  
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Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018**

*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 6:00 p.m.

**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, James Lough, City Attorney, Kristen Steinke, Assistant City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Colin Stowell, Fire Chief, Lieutenant Scott Amos, San Diego County Sheriff's Office - Lemon Grove Substation, David De Vries, Development Services Director, Miranda Evans, Management Analyst, Alicia Hicks, Human Resources Manager, Molly Brennan, Finance Manager, Mike Viglione, Assistant Planner, and Arturo Ortuño, Assistant Planner.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember M. Mendoza.

**Presentations:**

The Lemon Grove History Minute #22 presented by Mayor Raquel Vasquez as the Grand Finale

**Public Comments:**

Appeared to comment were: Helen Ofield along with the 90<sup>th</sup> Miss Lemon Grove presented Flowers to the Mayor, Robert Vargas, Brenda Hammond, Lenore Dumas, and Michael Richards.

**Consent Calendar:**

- A. Ratification of Payment of Demands
- B. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda.
- C. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-3592, Accepting the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Street Rehabilitation Project, Contract No. 2018-17
- D. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-3593, Accepting of the CIP Concrete Repair and Replacement Project – Contract No. 2018-02
- E. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-3594, Amendment to the 2015-18 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lemon Grove and Lemon Grove Firefighter Local 2728

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember Arambula, seconded by Councilmember M. Mendoza to approve Consent Calendar Items A-E.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: None.

2. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget

Lydia Romero, City Manager, introduced Molly Brennan, Finance Manager, and Al Burrell, Finance Consultant who provided the report and PowerPoint Presentation.

Appeared to comment were: Michael Richards, Stephen Browne, Teresa Rosiak-Proffit, and Mary England.

- 1) Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-3595, Approving the Fiscal Year 2018-19 City of Lemon Grove Budget; and,

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Arambula.  
The motion passed by the following vote:  
Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, J. Mendoza, and M. Mendoza  
Absent: None.

- 2) Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-3596, Approving the Salary Plan & Classification Summary; and,

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Arambula.  
The motion passed by the following vote:  
Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, J. Mendoza, and M. Mendoza  
Absent: None.

- 3) Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-3597, Approving the FY 2018-19 Appropriations Limit; and,

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember J. Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.  
The motion passed by the following vote:  
Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, J. Mendoza, and M. Mendoza  
Absent: None.

- 4) Adoption of Resolution No. LD 2018-173, Approving the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Budget; and,

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember J. Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.  
The motion passed by the following vote:  
Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, J. Mendoza, and M. Mendoza  
Absent: None.

- 5) Adoption of Resolution No. SD 2018 207. Approving the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Lemon Grove Sanitation District Budget.

**Action:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.  
The motion passed by the following vote:  
Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Arambula, J. Mendoza, and M. Mendoza  
Absent: None.

3. Revenue Options Requiring Voter Approval

Lydia Romero, City Manager and James Lough, City Attorney provided the report and PowerPoint Presentation.

Appeared to comment were: Michael Richards, George Gastil, and Richard Hammett.

Councilmembers reviewed and discussed options for revenue options for potential ballot measures.

**Action:** Provided staff direction.

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

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

- Attendance Certificates to Lemon Grove School District for perfect attendance.
- Met with School District in a meeting with Mayor
- Inaugural City Concert in the Park
- Old Globe Theatre presented a dinner and play
- Kick-Off Celebration 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Lemon

**Councilmember M. Mendoza** attended the following meetings and events:

- Ribbon Cutting at the Inaugural Concerts in the Park
- Happy Birthday to America 242 Years
- Father's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 4<sup>th</sup> of July

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

- 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Homeless Veterans Event
- Ribbon Cutting at the Inaugural Concerts in the Park

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

- SANDAG Board of Directors Policy Meeting
- City and School District Collaboration Meeting
- Ribbon Cutting at the Inaugural Concerts in the Park
- Brown Bag Luncheon Promoting Women in Leadership
- Kick-Off Celebration 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Lemon

**City Manager and Department Director Reports: (Non-Action Items)**

**Molly Brennan, Finance Manager** attended the San Diego County Chapter Meeting of Finance Officers.

**Lydia Romero, City Manager** announced Interim City Clerk Kay Vinson will be leaving on July 16, and new City Clerk will begin on July 16, 2018.

**Jim Lough, City Attorney** attended the Canada Day Celebration

**Mike James, Assistant City Manager** announced that the kids in Lemon Grove Summer Camp took a field trip to Aquatica, and the next Concert in the Park will be Three Chord Justice and E.T. will be playing Movies in the Park.

**Closed Session:**


Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (G.C. § 54956.9 (1d))  
City of Lemon Grove v Grove Collective, et. al  
San Diego Superior Court –Central Division Case number 37-2016-00015271-CU-BC-CTL

City Attorney James Lough announced the City Council will be adjourning to closed session at 9:00 p.m. for the purposes above.

City Attorney Lough 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 9:30 p.m. to a meeting to be held Tuesday, July 17, 2018, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley Chapel". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018

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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 Jerry Jones, Councilmember David Arambula, and Councilmember Matt Mendoza.

**Absent:** Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza,

**Staff Members Present:**

Lydia Romero, City Manager, James Lough, City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Colin Stowell, Fire Chief, Scott Amos, Lemon Grove Substation Lieutenant, David De Vries, Development Services Director, Shelley Chapel, City Clerk, Miranda Evans, Management Analyst, Molly Brennan, Finance Manager, Mike Viglione, Assistant Planner, and Arturo Ortuño, Assistant Planner.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Arambula.

**Presentations:**

City Manager Romero introduced and administered the Oath of Office to the new City Clerk, Shelley Chapel.

Mayor Vasquez introduced the resident Stevie Burgueno being recognized for his *Citizenship in the Nation Boy Scout Merit Badge*, a member of Lemon Grove Boy Scout Troop 399. He earned his merit badge by explaining what it means to be a good citizen, and picked up 1000 cigarette butts at the local beach. Mr. Burgueno has been invited to join future quarterly community clean-up events in the City.

Mayor Vasquez introduced Fire Division Chief Drum who presented the new Fire Marshall, Renee Hill to the City Council.

**Public Comments:**

Appeared to comment were: John L. Wood, Mic Thomas, Dona Lynn Clabby and Reginal Washington.

**Consent Calendar:**

- A. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda.
- B. Ratification of Payment of Demands
- C. Community Advisory Commission Status Update adopting Resolution No. 2018-174, entitled, Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California appointing Angeles Nelson to a three-year term, appointing Tom Clabby as a Commissioner with a

one-year term and permitting staff to contact 2017 former Commission Applicants to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember Arambula, seconded by Councilmember M. Mendoza to approve Consent Calendar Items A-C.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** J. Mendoza

*Item pulled for discussion out of order*

Mayor Vasquez requested that due to the absence of Councilmember J. Mendoza, she would like to ask the Council to consider adjourning Item 4 to a Regular Meeting to be scheduled for Friday, July 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. This would allow the item to be heard by the full governing body present, and voted by all members as the item requires a Four-Fifths Vote. Consensus received by polling the Council to continue the item as read into the record by Mayor Vasquez.

4. Placement of .5% Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax) and Business License Tax, Including a 5% Marijuana Business Gross Receipts Tax on the November Ballot (Four-Fifths Vote Required)

Recommendation: i) Adopt Resolution Amending the Resolution requesting consolidation of the 2018 General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, allowing Rebuttal Arguments, and an Impartial Analysis by the City Attorney; ii) Introduce, by Title, an Ordinance Establishing a .5% Transaction and Use Tax, subject to a vote of the People, with an Oversight Board and Annual Independent Audit for a period of twenty years (Four-Fifths Vote Required); and iii) Introduce, by Title an Ordinance Raising Business License Taxes and Establishing a 5% Gross Receipts Tax on Marijuana Businesses (Four-Fifths Vote Required).

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember Arambula, seconded by Councilmember M. Mendoza.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** J. Mendoza

Speakers slips submitted will be retained until the meeting on Friday, July 20, 2018.

1. Participation in the Pension Rate Stabilization Program to Pre-Fund Pension Obligations

City Manager Lydia Romero introduced Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Mike James who presented the staff report. Finance Manager Molly Brennan gave an overview of the program. Jennifer Meza, Client Services at Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) provided a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the program. A Section 115 irrevocable trust is designed for agencies to pre-fund rising pension costs and address pension liabilities.

Adoption of the resolution would authorize participation in the Pension Rate Stabilization Program administered by Public Agency Retirement Services to pre-fund pension obligations.

During the discussion Councilmembers expressed concern about the basis of returns, adjustments to investments, fiduciary responsibility, and concern on how often Council would receive statements and reports.

Consultant Meza responded that all returns include mutual funds as a diversified package to include different sectors of domestic and international mutual funds. In addition, regarding the question as to restrictions, Ms. Meza confirmed there are no restrictions on when changes can be made.

City Manager Romero and City Attorney Lough provided the Council with an overview of expectations if Council decides to adopt the resolution. Staff would return to Council with an investment policy, including an investment strategy returning annually for review and Council the opportunity to provide staff additional direction.

Consultant Meza reported that the Council would receive monthly and annual statements and would be provided in addition to annual reports on the program. Additionally City Manager Romero stated that updates could be provided to the Council in the newsletter provided to them weekly and that Finance Manager Brennan would be providing regular updates on finances.

Assistant City Manager James added that the fees and earnings would be based on the assets.

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Arambula.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent: J. Mendoza**

## 2. Separation Findings for Discretionary Permits

Mayor Vasquez introduced David De Vries, Development Services Director who presented the report and PowerPoint presentation; explaining the alternatives for separation findings for discretionary permits specifically for large family daycares, medical marijuana dispensaries, beekeeping, alcoholic beverage related businesses requiring a conditional use permit and adult entertainment use, the land cannot be established unless it is separated from specifically listed land uses. These findings would allow an applicant to obtain the required separation finding prior to preparing costly plans and reports and prior to final decision. Staff recommendation is that Council discuss the contents of the report and provide comments to staff in preparation for an ordinance affecting when the separation finding is made and the public noticing required.

Mayor Vasquez clarified that the item before the Council is not a Public Hearing and that discussion by the Council will provide staff direction on next steps.

Councilmembers discussed the topic and expressed the importance of sensitive use site designation and providing a process that would not impede future applicants from applying by adding an expiration of initial finding.

Director De Vries confirmed staff would return with a draft ordinance including that an early finding can be made through a Minor Use Permit as an option to the applicant through a minor use process which would require an appropriate distance or 500 foot noticing the property owners and a sign posted on the property. In addition, clarification

regarding the expiration of an initial finding so as to not impede a process of a future applicant.

City Attorney Lough assured Council that with direction staff and City Attorney will vet the process to ensure there are no unintended consequences and ensure due process.

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

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

- Concerts in the Park
- Movies in the Park
- Scottish Rites Annual Law Enforcement Night
- Interview with KEPX regarding Lemon Grove accomplishments
- SANDAG Board of Directors Policy Meeting
- Grandparents Connection
- Guest Judge at 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighter Chili Cook-Off
- Meet and Greet with Community Members at Ryan Bros. Coffee regarding City Budget


**City Manager and Department Director Reports: (*Non-Action Items*)**

City Manager Romero reminded the Council that she would taking her first vacation in 10 years and would be out of the office July 21 – July 29.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. to a continued regular meeting to be held Friday, July 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting to consider agenda Item 4 of this agenda only.

City Manager Romero reminded the public of a Joint Council Meeting with the School District on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alvarez Auditorium located at 3121 School Lane, Lemon Grove to discuss collaboration efforts.

  
Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2018**

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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

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

**Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:**

Lydia Romero, City Manager, James Lough, City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Colin Stowell, Fire Chief, Lieutenant Scott Amos, San Diego County Sheriff's Office - Lemon Grove Substation, David De Vries, Development Services Director, Edgar Camerino, City Engineer, Miranda Evans, Management Analyst, and, Molly Brennan, Finance Manager.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Arambula.

1. Placement of .5% Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax) and Business License Tax, Including a 5% Marijuana Business Gross Receipts Tax on the November Ballot (Four-Fifths Vote Required)

City Manager Lydia Romero, James P. Lough, City Attorney, and Molly Brennan, Finance Manager gave the report and PowerPoint Presentation.

**Public Comments:**

Appeared to comment were: Dona Lynn Clabby, John Enright, Katie Meyer, Teresa Rosiak-Proffit, Seth Smith, Joanne Millgate, Nick Duenez, Forrest Hooper, Kristen Hope, Tom Clabby, Bob Vryheid, Stephen Browne, Chris Williams, Kathleen McLean, Zenobia Howard, Kamaal Martin, George Gastil, David, and Mary England.

During the discussion Councilmembers expressed concern regarding the tax ballot question and the amount to set tax.

**Action:** Adoption of Resolution to amend previously adopted Resolution No. 2018- 3582, requesting consolidation of the 2018 General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, allowing Rebuttal Arguments, and an Impartial Analysis by the City Attorney.

**Motion by J. Mendoza, and second by Councilmember Arambula**

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Noes:** M. Mendoza, Jones

Motion carries but City Attorney Lough advises Council to revisit the motion for Resolution in the case that the two following Ordinances don't pass it would be null and void and would need to be repealed by the City Council. The next action would require four-fifths vote to pass, if not received then all fail.

Motion by J. Mendoza read the staff recommendation:

Introduce, by Title, an Ordinance Establishing a .5% Transaction and Use Tax, subject to a vote of the People, with an Oversight Board and Annual Independent Audit for a period of twenty years; and

City Attorney, Jim Lough read the title and amendments to the Ordinance into the record: Changed .5% to one-percent to title, page 2 the second "whereas" from the bottom replacing 1.9 Million with 3.9 Million, page 3 first "whereas" would change from .5% to one-percent tax, page 4 in text of ordinance section 1.18.101.010 would change from .5% to one-percent tax, transaction tax rate on page 5 section 3.18.050 would change from .5% to one-percent tax, and same page section 3.18.070 would change from .5% to one-percent tax.

Motion by J. Mendoza, and second by Councilmember Arambula

The motion failed by the following vote:  
Ayes: Vasquez, J. Mendoza, Arambula  
Noes: M. Mendoza, Jones

Motion by J. Mendoza read staff recommendation amending the proposed 5% to 10%

Introduce, by Title an Ordinance Raising Business License Taxes and Establishing a 5% Gross Receipts Tax on Marijuana Businesses.

City Attorney Lough and City Manager Romero explained to Council the process that would be required to bring back the 10% Gross Receipts Tax on Marijuana Businesses.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

City Attorney Lough asked if a reconsideration of a motion from the three who voted for the Resolution adopted earlier on this same item be rescinded.

Motion to Rescind Resolution No. 2018-3599, received Council consensus.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. to a meeting to be held Tuesday, August 7, 2018, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting.

  
Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018**

*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 6:03 p.m.

**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, James Lough, City Attorney, Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Colin Stowell, Fire Chief, Lieutenant Amos, Lemon Grove Substation, David De Vries, Development Services Director, Shelley Chapel, City Clerk, Miranda Evans, Management Analyst, Molly Brennan, Finance Manager.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Lemon Grove Lion/Tiger Pack 108.

City Manager Romero stated two presentations would be added to the meeting.

Fire Chief Stowell introduced Division Chief Mike Chasin with Heartland Fire who will be serving as Interim Fire Chief as Mr. Stowell will be leaving employment with the City.

Mayor Vasquez presented a Proclamation to *San Diego Center for Vision Care* recognizing long time business partners in the City of Lemon Grove; specifically acknowledging Dr. Melissa Hillier, Dr. Carl Hillier, Dr. Robert Sanet and Linda Sanet along with their staff present at the meeting. Miss Lemon Grove presented flowers to the Mr. and Mrs. Hilliers and Mr. and Mrs. Sanets.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Vasquez introduced Chair Sinnott of SANDAG who presented accomplishments and the future outlook in a PowerPoint and Video.

Mayor Vasquez read a Proclamation recognizing Work Place Gender Equity Day in Lemon Grove, to Dr. Hei-ock Kim, Executive Director, Kim Center for Social Balance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Appeared to comment were: John Enriq, Teresa Rosiak, Brenda Hammond, Sara Ditges, Anita Ditges, Rolando Mazam, Tamara Peterson, and John L. Wood

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Reading by Title all Ordinances and Waiver of Reading in full of Ordinances on the Agenda

- A Ratification of Payment of Demands
- B Approval of Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2018, Special Joint Meeting with Lemon Grove School District Board

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: None.

2. Tobacco Retailer Licensing Program Update

Management Analyst Miranda Evans presented the report and PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the program as an introduction and receive Council direction to return at future date for first reading of an Ordinance.

Miranda Evans, Management Analyst presented the report and PowerPoint Presentation.

During the discussion Councilmembers expressed concern regarding the staff recommendation of 3 violations within a 5 year period and suggested that staff reduced the term to 3 years providing for a more stringent policy.

Appeared to comment were: Dana Stevens with Community Action Service and Advocacy (CASA), and Angeles Nelson

**Action:** Councilmember's provided staff direction to return with an Ordinance.

**CITY COUNCIL ORAL COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT CITY EXPENSE: (G.C. 53232.3(d))**

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

- MTS Meeting as the alternate for Councilmember Arambula
- Concerts in the Park

Concurred with two other Councilmembers to hold a Budget meeting to discuss disincorporation and what it looks like.

**Councilmember M. Mendoza** attended the following meetings and events:

- Joint Meeting with the Lemon Grove School District
- Commented on the outgoing Fire Chief and incoming Interim Fire Chief
- Thanked Councilmember J. Mendoza for her support to bring forward a Special Meeting regarding the Budget.

**Councilmember D. Arambula** attended the following meetings and events:

- Thanked Councilmember J. Mendoza for attending MTS Meeting as alternate
  - Commented on the outgoing Fire Chief and incoming Interim Fire Chief
  - Attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Potluck

**Mayor Pro Tem Jones** attended the following meetings:

- Metro Wastewater Meeting

Would like to see a process formalized for adding an agenda item to the Calendar

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

- Mixer for East County Chamber of Commerce
- Joint Meeting with the Lemon Grove School District
- Concerts in the Park
- SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting
- Movies in the Park
- Jamul Casino Launch
- Mentioned emails and text messages between her and Councilmember M. Mendoza regarding requests for Special Budget Meeting

**CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS: (*Non-Action Items*)**

City Manager Romero invited the public to attend the Mayor's State of the City Address to be held on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Library at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. to a meeting to be held Tuesday, September 4, 2018, in the Lemon Grove Community Center located at 3146 School Lane, for a Regular meeting.

  
Shelley Chapel, MMC  
City Clerk