

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

**August 1, 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:

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

City Council Members absent:

None.

City Staff present:

City Manager, Lydia Romero; Sheriff's Department, Lt. Scott Amos; Development Services Director, David De Vries; Management Analyst, Miranda Evans; City Clerk, Susan Garcia; Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director; Mike James, City Attorney, James P. Lough; Finance Manager, Auggie Matt; Finance Department, Gilbert Rojas; Fire Chief, Colin Stowell; and Management Analyst, Malik Tamimi.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember M. Mendoza.

**Presentation**

Chris Wilson, President of Heartland Firefighters Lemon Grove Local 2728, provided a presentation of the Fire OPS 101, where the participants included Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, City Manager, Lydia Romero, and Human Resources Manager, Corinne Russell.

**Public Comment**

Abraham Muheize, owner San Diego Kings Basketball, explained that they are a minor league basketball team and they are interested in participating in Lemon Grove.

A. Watson explained that he is interested in creating an arts and culture commission, with a vision to serve and partner with Lemon Grove.

John L. Wood expressed appreciation for the removal of the container next to the Community Center and rubbish that was dumped along Central Avenue.

Matt Philbin reported on a property in Lemon Grove, where he is interested in establishing a residential service for homeless citizens.

Agnes Cole commented on Mr. Philbin's proposed project and added that she supports his endeavors.

## 1. Consent Calendar

- A. Ratification of Payment Demands
- B. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda
- C. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Adjusting the Campaign Contribution Limits for City Council Candidates Pursuant to Lemon Grove Municipal Code Section 9.08.030(E) From \$1050 to \$1090
- D. Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Dexter Wilson Engineering, Inc. for Wastewater Consulting Services
- E. Agreement between Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and the City of Lemon Grove for Employment Relations, Training and Support

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

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

**Resolution No. 2017 – 3529:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Adjusting the Campaign Contribution Limit for City Council Candidates Based on the Consumer Price Index (2015-2016)

**Resolution No. 2017-288:** Resolution of the District Board of the Lemon Grove Sanitation District Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Dexter Wilson Engineering, Incorporated for Wastewater Consulting Services

**Resolution No. 2017- 3530:** Resolution of the Lemon Grove City Council Approving an Agreement between Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and the City of Lemon Grove to Provide Employment Relations Training

## 2. City of Lemon Grove 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Plans

Miranda Evans reported that July 1, 2017, marked the City of Lemon Grove's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "cityhood" since the July 1, 1977 incorporation date. City staff has prepared a series of low or no-cost activities to commemorate, inform and engage Lemon Grove residents, about this milestone.

Ms. Evans provided a presentation that recommended the following activities:

August 1, 2017 Celebratory Kick-Off at the City Council meeting with special guests and lemon cake;

One "Lemon Grove Minute" video will be shared at each City Council meeting until June 19, 2018;

The City's rebranded newsletter, *The Zest*, will launch on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will subsequently be published on the first day of each month;

A History Hunt will take place in partnership with the Lemon Grove Historical Society, at historical landmarks around town;

A Local Lemon Rush is planned for residents to find 40 hidden lemons, around town and claim prizes;

40 #ThrowbackThursday posts will be shared on social media (Instagram, Facebook and Twitter) featuring vintage photos;

The Lemon Grove Acts of Kindness Campaign will launch on August 1 and will encourage kindness and community engagement; and

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonfire will feature expanded hours and entertainment.

Ms. Evans introduced inaugural City Councilmembers Dale Bailey and Jack Doherty.

Dale Bailey and Jack Doherty provided overview of Lemon Grove as a new city, along with history, and their time on the City Council.

Public Speaker(s)

Matt Jennings, Senator Joel Anderson's office, presented a certificate to recognize Lemon Grove's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

There was a 15 minute break for refreshments in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**3. Public Hearing to Consider the Master Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Auggie Matt reported that the City Council reviews the City's Master Fee Schedule annually as part of the budget adoption process. The proposed Master Fee Schedule supports the efforts from the City to recover additional costs incurred by the related individual services provided. In order to recover the costs for individual services provided by the City, it is necessary to establish new fees and modify current fees by amending the current Master Fee Schedule.

The proposed fee increases do not exceed a reasonable amount required, to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is levied and will not exceed the cost of providing the services. The art and beekeeping fees are insufficient to recover costs and are subsidized by the general fund, however, annual impacts are expected to be less than \$1,000.

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 introduces new fees due to new business or services provided. These are art, medical marijuana dispensary permit processing and inspection fees, and Fire Department fees for plan reviews, inspections, appeals to fire codes, technical reviews, hazardous materials management, and fire pumps.

Mayor Vasquez opened the public hearing.

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

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

**Resolution No. 2017- 3531:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Updating the City of Lemon Grove Master Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

**4. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Program Order No. R9-2017-0077 Trash Amendments**

Malik Tamimi stated that on April 7, 2015, the State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2015-0019 to address the impacts of trash to the surface waters of California, referred to as the Trash Amendments. Trash is typically conveyed through storm drain systems, to surface waters such as downstream rivers and creeks. The Trash Amendments establish a narrative water quality objective and implementation requirements to control trash. It also requires local Regional Board offices such as, the San Diego Regional Board, to take steps towards implementation of the narrative water quality objective. On June 2, 2017, the San Diego Regional Board issued a Monitoring and Reporting Order R9-2017-0077 pursuant to Water Code section 13383 to Phase I MS4 permittees, including the City of Lemon Grove, to commence with implementing the Trash Amendments.

Mr. Tamimi added that Order R9-2017-0077 requires the City to submit its intent to implement Track 1 full capture of trash or Track 2 a combination of full capture systems and other treatment, by September 5, 2017. The City conducted a comparison of Track 1 versus Track 2 and found that Track 1 would be more cost effective while ensuring compliance certainty with the Order. Implementation of the Trash Amendments will occur over a 10 year compliance schedule commencing in December 2018. The total cost for Track 1 was estimated at \$471,000 for a 10 year period or \$47,100 per year. Track 2 was estimated at a range of \$508,000 to \$762,000 for a 10 year period or \$50,800 to \$76,200 per year.

Public Speaker(s)

John L. Wood expressed concern for possible roadway flooding after installation of the capture systems.

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Arambula, to adopt the resolution approving Track 1 passed, by the following vote:**

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

**Resolution No. 2017- 3532:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California, Selection of Track 1 Full Capture System to Comply with Statewide Trash Amendments Under the California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region Monitoring and Reporting Order No. R9-2017-0077

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

Councilmember Jones reported on a recent SANDAG meeting where AB 805 was discussed and added that there will be a special meeting to discuss the investigation report.

Councilmember Arambula reported on a MTS Board meeting and expressed appreciation to Miranda Evans for the community outreach efforts.

Councilmember M. Mendoza commented on the City's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza expressed appreciation for the City t-shirt and for the updated City newsletter. She attended Concerts in the Park, SANDAG, and Heartland Communications JPA meetings.

Mayor Vasquez attended the grand opening of the Lemon Grove Bakery, Concerts in the Park, participated in the community clean-up event, and served on a panel at Comic Con. She also met with the president of ARC, attended the Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Awards event, and National Night Out, at the Lemon Grove Promenade.

**City Manager and Department Director Reports**

Malik Tamimi reported on the recent city-wide community clean-up event.

Miranda Evans commented on the rebranded City newsletter the Zest and added that is primarily web based that will be published on a monthly basis.

Mike James reported that City staff conducted the annual bulk item pick-up in coordination with EDCO. He added the summer day camp attendance has been up this year.

Chief Stowell reported that Heartland Communications JPA has selected a candidate to serve as Director. He noted that today Lemon Grove's Engine 10 served in extinguishing a large fire.

Lt Amos commented on the National Night Out Against Crime.

Lydia Romero commented on recent time spent at Stanford University where one of the topics was autonomous vehicles. She thanked Miranda Evans and Cassandra Mendenhall for their efforts with the City's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

James Lough noted that there is a closed session reported on the agenda under Government Code Section 54956.9: D 1.

### **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:  
Seven Cases

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
San Diego County Office of Education, et al. v. The County of San Diego, et al., San Diego Superior Court, Case Number 37-0017-00019775-CU-WM-CTL

Closed Session Report: Council provided direction to defend San Diego County Office of Education, et al. v. The County of San Diego, et al., San Diego Superior Court, Case Number 37-0017-00019775-CU-WM-CTL, by Lounsbery Ferguson Altona & Peak and coordinate for a joint defense with another firm.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Susan Garcia, City Clerk