

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

June 6, 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

Call to Order

City Councilmembers present:

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

City Council Members absent:

Councilmember Jerry Jones.

City Staff present:

City Manager, Lydia Romero; Development Services Director, David De Vries, Sheriff's Department Sergeant, Jorge Dueno; 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; Human Resources Manager, Corinne Russell; Finance Department, Gilbert Rojas; Fire Chief, Colin Stowell; and Management Analyst, Malik Tamimi.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza.

Presentations

Mayor Vasquez presented the 27th Annual Treganza Third Grade History Essay Awards.

Public Comment

Ranger Dick Whitmore commented on street repair, construction work at a gas station, and the Family Magazine.

Lorenzo Higley, Community Action Service and Advocacy, commented on tobacco issues with retailer education, and illegal sales of tobacco.

Natasha Vazquez, Rose Freeman, Paula LaBond, and Brenda LeVerette expressed concern and commented on vehicle speed on Sweetwater Road, a recent vehicle accident, and road signage.

1. Consent Calendar

Councilmember Arambula requested that Consent Calendar item 1. E Assembly Bill 805 Resolution be removed for discussion.

A. Approval of City Council

March 18, 2017 Special Meeting
May 9, 2017 Special Meeting
May 16, 2017 Regular Meeting
May 23, 2017 Special Meeting

B. Ratification of Payment Demands

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

D. Resolution Reauthorizing the City’s Public, Educational and Governmental Access Fee on State Video Franchises

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Arambula, to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 2017- 3909: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Reaffirming Authorization to Collect Public, Educational and Governmental (“PEG”) Fees by Cox Communications, LLC

1. E Assembly Bill 805 Resolution

Councilmember Arambula stated that the Resolution presented does not capture the voting majority intent and asked that paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 are removed from the Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza questioned the need for a Resolution and the proposed letter. She added that her preference is that their decision stands without a Resolution or a letter on the City Council’s position on AB 805. She noted that this matter has already passed through the State Assembly.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Arambula, to not approve the Resolution presented or send a letter stating the City’s position on AB 805.

Public Speaker(s)

Katie Meyer commented on the benefits of AB 805 for Lemon Grove residents, along with countywide benefits related to transit.

Daniella Trujillo, represented the San Diego County Bike Coalition, spoke in support of AB 805.

Action the motion passed by the following vote:

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

2. Ordinance No. 445 Amending Park Regulations (Chapter 12.20 of the Lemon Grove Municipal Code)

On May 16, 2017, the City Council introduced and conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 445 to approve amendments to the City’s park regulations. Proposed amendments to the existing regulations include; provisions related to hours of operation, the prohibition of alcohol possession and consumption, the prohibition of smoking marijuana, and marijuana-related products within City parks.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Arambula, to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 445 passed, by the following vote:

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

Absent: Jones

Ordinance No. 445: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Amending Chapter 12.20 of the Lemon Grove Municipal Code to Provide Modifications to Park Regulations

3. Draft Fiscal Year 2017-18 Consolidated Operating & Capital Budget

Lydia Romero explained that the purpose of this report is to solicit comments regarding the City's financial plan for FY 2017-18. Any changes supported by a majority of the City Council will be incorporated in the formal document presented at the June 20, 2017, City Council meeting.

Gilbert Rojas provided an overview and presentation of the following items:

- Budget Entities
 - City of Lemon Grove
 - Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District
 - Lemon Grove Sanitation District
 - Lemon Grove Successor Agency

- Budget (Accounting) Foundation
 - Fund Equal Business Entity
 - Salary and Benefits allocated over most funds
 - Retirement normal cost
 - Retirement unfunded liability payment

- General Fund
 - Revenue and Transfers equal Expenditures
 - \$12.4 million Estimated Revenues
 - \$.9 million Transfers In
 - \$.2 million Transfers Out
 - \$13.1 million Budgeted Expenditures

Mike James provided an overview and presentation of the following items:

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
 - Various Funds - \$9,000,000 Lemon Grove Realignment

- Sanitation Fund - \$1,591,360
 - Sewer Main Maintenance (construction)
 - Sewer Main Rehabilitation (design)
 - Sewer Main Rehabilitation (construction)

- TransNet Fund - \$1,928,000
 - Traffic Improvements
 - Storm Drain Rehabilitation
 - Pavement Management
 - Street Improvement
 - Traffic Signal Improvements
 - Street/Sidewalk Rehabilitation
 - Lemon Grove Realignment

Lydia Romero provided an overview and presentation of the following items:

- Capital Improvement and Facilities Projects (CIP) List
 - Annex Courtyard
 - Folding chairs

- Community Center
 - Padded chairs
 - Glass door replacement
 - Paint
 - Baby changing tables
 - Linoleum floor

- Fire Department
 - Roll up door sensors and bumpers
 - Furnace and A/C unit

- Lemon Blossom Hall
 - New laminate counter tops in restrooms
 - Mirror replacement in restrooms
 - Linoleum floor
 - (4) 8ft. rectangular mobile tables
 - Baby changing tables

- Recreation Center
 - Counter top and cabinets arts crafts room
 - Activity room frame repair
 - Shade structure pad replacements
 - Gym wall mat replacement
 - Foosball table
 - Baby changing tables
 - Southwest end gym door replacement

- Public Works Yard
 - Tile conference room
 - Auto Scrubber
 - One ton roller

- Sheriff's Building
 - Repair subterranean leaking

- Future Unfunded Department Needs:
 - New Fire Engine
 - Fire Command Vehicle
 - Station Generator
 - SCBA replacement bottles
 - Mobile Data Center
 - GIS Oblique Imagery software

Chief Stowell commented on Fire Fees related to fire inspection services and updates to the Master Fee Schedule.

David De Vries reported on fees for the medical marijuana dispensaries to be included in the Master Fee Schedule, along with art review for a possible Art District.

Councilmember Arambula asked for a cost analysis and priority of the unfunded Fire Department needs that would include a timeframe to address these needs.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza commented on the business license fee and asked if an analysis could be prepared, regarding providing an after school program.

Lydia Romero noted that the business license fee is actually a tax. In order to increase business license fees, the proposed increase would need to go before the voters for approval. She stated that the business license fee could be brought back for consideration along with strategies to sustain the City's financial plan. The analysis for restoring recreation programs will be presented to the City Council in the fall of this year.

Mayor Vasquez asked if staff could evaluate diversified revenue sources outside of tax revenue.

After the City Council's budget review and discussion, Mayor Vasquez noted that at the June 20, 2017, City Council meeting, the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget will be presented for adoption.

Kimberly Simms representing John Marks, property owner at 7309 Broadway, noted that the closed session item on the agenda is related to this property. She commented on the City's Code Enforcement activity and added that they seek to resolve this issue amicably.

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

Councilmember Arambula attending the May 23 City Council Special meeting where the pavement management program was discussed, a Memorial Day Event, and the Summer Kick-off Barbeque Event,

Councilmember M. Mendoza had no reports this evening.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza attended a Helix Water District Board meeting, where a rate increase was discussed, Mexican American Business Association luncheon, two SANDAG Transportation Committee meetings, Relay for Life, City Council Special meeting where the pavement management program was discussed, SANDAG Regional Energy Working Group, SANDAG's Regional Planning and Transportation Committee joint meeting, and a ceremony commemorating the Battle of Midway, on the USS Midway Museum.

Mayor Vasquez attended the San Diego Bravo Awards, One San Diego 100 Regional Reception, Relay for Life, Lemon Grove's Art Fest, AutoZone's event to reduce an individual's carbon footprint, City Council Special meeting where the pavement management program was discussed, San Diego Taxpayers Golden Watchdog and Fleece Awards Event, SANDAG's Independent Tax Overseers Committee Appointment Meeting.

City Manager and Department Director Reports

Chief Stowell reported that he attended the Burn Institute's demolition derby fund raising event at the San Diego County Fair where Chris Wrisley, Lemon Grove Firefighter/Paramedic, won the event.

Lydia Romero commented on her attendance at the Burn Institute's demolition derby fund raising event and acknowledged Miranda Evans, Dave Huey, and Monica Gonzales for their efforts in obtaining grants to offset food costs that will provide food, for Lemon Grove children, along with residents of the Citronica Apartments, throughout the summer.

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:

One Case

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 8:30 p.m.

Susan Garcia, City Clerk