



LINDSAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Lindsay Council Chambers
251 E Honolulu St., Lindsay CA 93247

Tuesday, September 24, 2024
6:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Proper notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 and 54956.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Daymon Qualls, City Attorney Megan Crouch, City Clerk Maegan Peton, Director of Public Safety Rob Moore, Director of Recreation Services Armando da Silva, Acting Human Resources Manager Lance Rowell, Director of Finance Lacy Meneses, Administrative Supervisor Vanessa Duran, Lieutenant Ryan Heinks, Acting Director of City Services Joseph Avina, Administrative Supervisor Marshall Chairez

6:00 p.m. – REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serna called to order the regular meeting of the Lindsay City Council at 5:59 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 251 E. Honolulu St.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Serna
Mayor Pro Tem Yolanda Flores
Councilmember Hipolito Cerros (left at 7:23 pm)
Councilmember Roseana Sanchez
Councilmember Misty Villarreal

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Sanchez and the invocation was provided by Pastor Jim Wolstenholm of the Lindsay Church of the Nazarene. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were provided after item 1, Call to Order.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was motioned by Councilmember Cerros, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mercy Herrera provided comment pertaining to the Veritas Art Center and extended an invite to Council.

Virginia Loya provided comment pertaining to the Baked Potato Fundraiser.

6. COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor Serna reported that he attended the Olive Bowl Groundbreaking, TCAG, TCRTA, the Candidate Forum, the City Town Hall Meeting, and Badge Pinning Ceremony for Rob Moore, and the Marquee lighting for the Lindsay Community Theater.

Councilmember Villarreal reported on the Varela Boxing and advised the local Miguel Padraza will be competing in Nationals. She also reported that she attended TCAG, the

Candidate Forum, the City Town Hall Meeting, Badge Pinning Ceremony for Rob Moore, the Olive Bowl Groundbreaking and invited the community to the Volleyball game for Alt Ed at JJ Cairns.

Mayor Pro Tem Flores reported that she attended the Olive Bowl Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Councilmember Cerros thanked Mayor Serna for attending the Tulare County Fair Luncheon. He reported that he attended the Badge Pinning Ceremony for Rob Moore, the Olive Bowl Groundbreaking, and the City Town Hall Meeting.

Councilmember Sanchez reported that she attended the City Town Hall Meeting.

7. **STAFF UPDATES**

City staff provided updates for Council Review.

8. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

The City Manager reported on recent events and items of interest.

9. **RECOGNITION**

9.1 **Resolution of Commendation for Administrative Supervisor Vanessa Duran**

Mayor Serna presented a Resolution of Commendation to Administrative Supervisor Vanessa Duran for her time spent as Acting Human Resources Manager.

9.2 **Resolution of Commendation for Lieutenant Ryan Heinks**

Mayor Serna presented a Resolution of Commendation to Lieutenant Ryan Heinks for his time spent as Acting Director of Public Safety.

10. **PRESENTATIONS**

10.1 **City Assistance Program**

Action & Recommendation: This is a presentation item. No action is needed.

Director of Recreation Services Armando da Silva provided a presentation for Council Review.

11. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was motioned by Councilmember Cerros, seconded by Mayor Serna and unanimously carried to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

11.1 **Waive the Reading of Ordinance and Approve by Title Only.**

Action & Recommendation: Approve the reading by title only of all ordinances and that further reading of such ordinances be waived.

11.2 **Minutes of the regular and/or special Meeting of September 10, 2024.**

Action & Recommendation: Approve as submitted.

Submitted by: Maegan Peton, City Clerk

11.3 **Warrant List for September 2, 2024 Through September 15, 2024.**

Action & Recommendation: Accept the Warrant List for transaction dates of September 2, 2024 through September 15, 2024.

Submitted by: Lacy Meneses, Director of Finance

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.1 TCAG Presentation – Letter of Support for the Cross Valley Express.

Action & Recommendation: Receive a presentation from the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) on the Cross Valley Express; and direct the City Manager to submit a letter of support for the Kings-Tulare County Cross Valley Corridor Phased Service and Operations Plan, referred to as the “Cross Valley Express.”

Submitted by: Daymon Qualls, City Manager and Derek Winning from TCAG.

Public Comment: Mercy Herrera provided public comment in support of this item.

Council Action: It was motioned by Councilmember Cerros, seconded by Mayor Serna, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

12.2 Construction Management Services Contract for the Olive Bowl and Kaku Renovation Project.

Action & Recommendation: Award and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with 4CREEKS of Visalia, Ca in the amount of \$579,170.70 for Construction Management Services for the Olive Bowl and Kaku Renovation Project.

Submitted by: Mauricio Mendoza, Engineer Technician

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: It was motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Flores, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez, and carried 4 to 1 (Councilmember Cerros abstained) to approve the contract for Construction Management Services with 4CREEKS.

12.3 Agreement with VL Friday Night Market for Services Related to the Friday Night Market.

Action & Recommendation: Authorize an agreement with VL Friday Night Market and grant the City Manager authorization to execute documents relating thereto.

Submitted by: Daymon Qualls, City Manager

Public Comment: Mercy Herrera provided public comment in support of the VL Friday Night Market.

Council Action: It was motioned by Councilmember Villarreal, seconded by Mayor Serna, and unanimously carried table this item to a future meeting to provide Council with more time to review the attached contract.

A short recess was taken from 7:18 p.m. to 7:23 p.m.

12.4 Resolution No. 24-35 Memorializing the Receipt of SQM Settlement Funds and Restricting the use of Said Funds.

Action & Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 24-35 memorializing the receipt of \$6,550,533.74 in settlement funds from SQM North America Corporation into the water enterprise account and designate these funds to be used exclusively for the design, installation, and ongoing maintenance and operation of a two-stage ion exchange treatment system for Well 11; and prohibit the use or transfer of these funds for any purpose other than the rehabilitation of Well 11 and improvement to the City’s water system.

Submitted by: Daymon Qualls, City Manager

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: It was motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Flores, seconded by Councilmember Sanchez, and carried 4 to 0 (Councilmember Cerros absent) to approve the item as presented.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

13.1 Opportunities for Developing City-Owned Vacant Properties.

Action & Recommendation: Review a presentation on select City-owned vacant properties, discuss and evaluate potential development opportunities for each site, and provide guidance to staff based on their findings.

Submitted by: Daymon Qualls, City Manager

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: This item was taken out of order after item 12.3. It was motioned by Councilmember Cerros, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flores, and unanimously carried to table this item until a future meeting so all Council will be present.

14. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Council adjourned to closed session at 7:31 p.m.

14.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant Exposure to Litigation

Pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 1 Case

Council adjourned from closed session at 7:39 p.m.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Serna advised there was no reportable action.

15. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Flores requested staff to look into potential rezoning for 396 Oxford, Lindsay CA 93247 at the request of the resident at that address. Council provided consensus.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved by Council: October 8, 2024.

Ramiro Serna, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Maegan Peton, City Clerk

The next Regular Meeting of the Lindsay City Council is scheduled to be held on October 8, 2024.