



LINDSAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Tuesday, October 22, 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 (Virtual), Director of Public Safety Rob Moore, Acting Human Resources Manager Lance Rowell, Director of Finance Lacy Meneses, Director of Recreation Services Armando da Silva, Acting City Services Director Ryan Heinks, Administrative Supervisor Marshall Chairez, Administrative Supervisor Vanessa Duran.

6:00 p.m. – REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serna called to order the regular meeting of the Lindsay City Council at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 251 E. Honolulu St.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Mayor Serna.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Serna.

4. ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Ramiro Serna
Mayor Pro Tem Yolanda Flores
Councilmember Hipolito Cerros
Councilmember Misty Villarreal

Council Absent: Councilmember Rosaena Sanchez (with notice)

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Flores, seconded by Councilmember Cerros, and carried 4 to 0 (Councilmember Sanchez absent) to approve the agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lindsay High School students Raul Navarrete and Miriam Gonzalez provided public comment related to upcoming projects in the community.

Basilio Huerta expressed concerns regarding the water, noting that the taste is off, hydrants need to be flushed, there are leaks in the area, and additional water services are needed.

7. COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Cerros reported that he attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference, and that the Resolution presented at the conference was passed. He also reported that he attended a workshop at the Conference covering AI in government. Councilmember Cerros invited the public to the Pickleball Courts Ribbon Cutting event on October 23rd and encouraged constituents to vote.

Councilmember Villarreal reported that she attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference where she attended several informative seminars.

Mayor Pro Tem Flores advised that she had nothing to report.

Mayor Serna reported that he also attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference. He also was in attendance for TCAG, TCRTA, and the TCTA meetings.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

9. STAFF UPDATES

City staff provided updates for Council review.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was motioned by Councilmember Cerros, seconded by Councilmember Villarreal and carried 4 to 0 (Councilmember Sanchez absent) to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

10.1 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.

Submitted by: Maegan Peton, City Clerk

10.2 Minutes of the Regular and/or Special Meeting of October 8, 2024.

Action & Recommendation: Approve as submitted.

Submitted by: Maegan Peton, City Clerk

10.3 Warrant List for September 30, 2024, Through October 13, 2024.

Action & Recommendation: Accept the Warrant List for transactions dated September 30, 2024, through October 13, 2024.

Submitted by: Lacy Meneses, Director of Finance

10.4 Letter of Support for Caltrans District 6 Director Position.

Action & Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to prepare and submit a letter of support for Nabeelah Abi-Rached to be the next District 6 Director.

Submitted by: Daymon Qualls, City Manager

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Approve 2023/2024 Unaudited Actuals Report.

Action & Recommendation: Approve the City of Lindsay Unaudited Actuals Report.

Submitted by: Lacy Meneses, Director of Finance

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

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

11.2 2024/2025 Water & Sewer Funds Budget Amendment.

Action & Recommendation: Approve the City of Lindsay revised budget.

Submitted by: Lacy Meneses, Director of Finance

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: It was motioned by Councilmember Cerros, seconded by Mayor Serna, and carried 4 to 0 to approve the item as presented.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12.1 Proposition 218 Process and Approval of 2024 Water And Sewer Rates.

Action & Recommendation: Staff recommends Council take the following actions:

1. Receive the Water and Sewer Rate Study Report by Bartle Wells and Associates as final.
2. Conduct Proposition 218 public hearing increasing Water and Sewer rates for the City of Lindsay.
3. Adopt Resolution 24-37 approving a rate increase for Water Services.
4. Adopt Resolution 24-38 approving a rate increase for Sewer Services.

Submitted by: Lacy Meneses, Director of Finance

Neyba Amezcua, Principal Project Manager-QK, Inc.

Erik Helgeson, Bartle Wells Associates

Public Hearing Open: The Public Hearing opened at 7:29 p.m.

Public Comment: Public comment was provided by Grant Schimelpfening from the Lindsay Unified School District, requesting a review of how the rates affect enterprise water users, claiming that the increase would negatively impact the school and its students.

Public Hearing Closed: The Public Hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

Council Action: During the Proposition 218 Public Hearing process, there were no protest letters received. After discussion, the following actions took place:

It was motioned by Councilmember Cerros, seconded by Councilmember Villarreal, and carried 4 to 0 to receive the Water and Sewer Rate Study Report by Bartle Wells and Associates as final.

It was motioned by Councilmember Villarreal, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flores, and carried 4 to 0 (Councilmember Sanchez absent) to conduct the Proposition 218 Public Hearing increasing Water & Sewer rates for the City of Lindsay.

It was motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Flores, seconded by Councilmember Cerros, and carried 4 to 0 (Councilmember Sanchez absent) to adopt Resolution 24-37 approving a rate increase for Water Services.

It was motioned by Councilmember Villarreal, seconded by Councilmember Cerros, and carried 4 to 0 (Councilmember Sanchez absent) to adopt Resolution 24-38 approving a rate increase for Sewer Services.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

13.1 Historical Review of Abandonment of Public Roadway (300 Block of North Oxford).

Action & Recommendation: Review the history of abandonment of public roadways concerning the 300 block of North Oxford and provide direction thereto.

Submitted by: Ryan Heinks, Acting Director of City Services

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Council Action: No actions was taken on this item.

14. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Council adjourned to closed session at 7:57 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 8:47 p.m.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Serna advised there was no reportable action.

15. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Councilmember Cerros requested information on local artists and was advised to be in contact with City Services.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Approved by Council: November 12, 2024.

Ramiro Serna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maegan Peton, City Clerk

The next Regular Meeting of the Lindsay City Council is scheduled to be held on November 12, 2024.