



**CITY OF LATHROP  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
390 Towne Centre Drive  
Lathrop, CA 95330**

**MINUTES**

**1. PRELIMINARY**

1.1 CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Dhaliwal called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Dhaliwal introduced members in the audience: San Joaquin County Supervisor Tom Patti, San Joaquin County Sheriff Elect Pat Withrow, and City of Tracy City Manager Randall Bradley.

1.2 ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Dhaliwal; Vice Mayor Elliott; Councilmembers: Akinjo, Dresser, and Salcedo.

Absent: None

1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice Mayor Elliott led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Elliott, seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, by the following roll call vote, unless otherwise indicated:

Ayes: Akinjo, Dresser, Elliott, Salcedo, and Dhaliwal  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**2.1 WAIVING OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Waived the reading of ordinances and resolutions on agenda unless otherwise requested by the Mayor or a Councilmember.

2.2 INTERIM SEED MONEY FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH SJAFCA, THE CITIES OF LATHROP, MANTECA, AND STOCKTON, AND THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, TO ADVANCE FUNDING TO THE MOSSDALE TRACT PROJECT

Pulled by Councilmember Dresser; requested clarification on whether there was a conflict of interest for Councilmembers appointed to the SJAFCA Board. City Attorney Salvador Navarrete clarified that there was no conflict of interest due to the intent of the funding approval, from the City to SJAFCA, being a benefit to the general public. City Manager Stephen Salvatore provided additional information relating to the proposed seed funding agreement and the benefits to the general public as it pertains to the Mossdale Tract project.

Adopted **Resolution 18-4422** approving interim seed money funding agreement with the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency, the Cities of Lathrop, Manteca, Stockton, and the County of San Joaquin, to advance funding to the Mossdale project, budget amendment and ratify the City Manager's decision to forward \$50,000 in levee impact fees to San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency.

2.3 SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/19

Adopted **Resolution 18-4423** approving the City of Lathrop salary schedule as of July 1, 2018, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5.

**3. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

Prior to the presentation of Item 3.1, Councilmember Dresser reported his attendance to an informal public gathering coordinated by Mayor Dhaliwal on June 24<sup>th</sup>, to solicit public input regarding the Lathrop police services. Furthermore, Councilmember Dresser reported that in order to avoid a Brown Act violation, he left the meeting immediately after the arrival of Vice Mayor Elliot. Mayor Dhaliwal confirmed that it was an informal gathering in which he used his personal Facebook account to inform the public, and confirmed that after Councilmember Dresser's departure, he and Vice Mayor Elliott were the only Councilmembers in attendance. No other Councilmembers reported their attendance.

3.1 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TRACY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Finance Director Cari James introduced City Consultant Mike Oliver, President of Municipal Consulting Group, LLC (MRG). Mr. Oliver introduced MRG staff; Dan Drummond and Craig Whittom.

Finance Director Cari James provided the presentation, which included an overview of the City's law enforcement agreement with San Joaquin County; law enforcement services review conducted by MRG; comparison of pension costs and service costs between San Joaquin County and City of Tracy; and projected savings.

A question and period ensued throughout the presentation.

Tom Patti (San Joaquin County Board of Supervisor) spoke on the matter; provided information related to the County's retirement pension funds and unfunded liability; and expressed disagreement with the information presented by staff. Pat Withrow (San Joaquin Sheriff Elect) spoke on the matter; provided information related to the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act; spoke on the pending San Joaquin County Deputy Sheriff's union agreement currently under negotiation; and requested clarification on the information presented by staff. City Consultants Mike Oliver and Dan Drummond, City Attorney Salvador Navarrete, and City Manager Stephen Salvatore responded to questions from the public and provided additional information.

The presentation and the question and answer period continued.

Gloryanna Rhodes (Lathrop, CA) provided additional information related to the letter submitted to the City regarding the matter; expressed disagreement with the information presented by staff; and requested Council to consider Lathrop's own police department. Tweedy Watts (Lathrop, CA) commented on his experience while living in Dublin; Dublin's transition into their own police department; and requested council to postpone the item. Jack Varrella (Lathrop, CA) spoke in support of continuing the law enforcement agreement with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office; and requested Council to postpone their decision until after the swearing in of the San Joaquin Sheriff Elect Pat Withrow. Brandy Perkins (Lathrop, CA) commented on a social media posted that she conducted to related to the matter. Debbie Rock (Lathrop, CA) withdrew request to speak. Rob Salmeron (Lathrop, CA) commented on the information provided by San Joaquin Sheriff Elect Pat Withrow; and expressed disagreement with transitioning law enforcement services to City of Tracy. Jim Canale (Lathrop, CA) spoke in support of continuing the law enforcement agreement with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office. Michelle Maddon (Lathrop, CA) spoke in support of continuing the law enforcement agreement with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office; requested Council to consider Lathrop's own police department. Laura Silva (Lathrop, CA) spoke in support of continuing the law enforcement agreement with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office; requested Council to postpone their decision until after the swearing in of the San Joaquin Sheriff Elect Pat Withrow.

Jennifer Torres-O'Callaghan (Lathrop, CA) spoke in support of setting funds aside to start Lathrop's own police department; spoke in support of continuing the law enforcement agreement with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office; and commented on the relationship between the Sheriff Deputies and the Lathrop community. Benny Gatto (Lathrop, CA) commented on the escalating pension costs government agencies are facing; commented on the future of Lathrop; and the importance in making financially viable decisions. Susan Dell'Osso (Lathrop, CA) commented on being a resident for over 30 years; the topic of starting Lathrop's own police department being a popular topic amongst past Councils; commented on the potential law enforcement agreement with City of Tracy and potential cost savings; expressed appreciation for services provided by San Joaquin County Sheriff's office. Pat Withrow (San Joaquin County Sheriff Elect) returned to the dais and requested that Council postpone their decision on the item until after he is sworn into office. Tom Patti (San Joaquin County Board of Supervisor) returned to the dais; requested Council postpone their decision and meet with him and County representatives on the matter. Dan Doyle (Lathrop, CA) expressed appreciation to staff; and the importance of public opinion when making decisions. Jeannie Baker (Lathrop, CA) commented on the Mayor's informal public gathering; requested additional time for the public to consider the proposed contact with City of Tracy. Randall Bradley (City Manager, City of Tracy, CA) commented on the proposed law enforcement agreement and potential mutual benefits for both cities; commented on the independent feasibility study performed by the City of Tracy to evaluate the proposed agreement. Michelle Maddon (Lathrop, CA) returned to the dais; commented on a recent meeting of the City of Tracy City Council and in which the potential law enforcement agreement with Lathrop was discussed. Rhodesia Ransom (Council Member, City of Tracy, CA) commented on the potential impacts for the City of Tracy as it relates to the purposed law enforcement agreement; and commented on the upcoming Special Meeting of the Tract City Council scheduled for June 29, 2018. The question and answer period continued.

Mayor Dhaliwal recessed the meeting at 9:58 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

The City Council discussed the adoption of a resolution approving an agreement with the City of Tracy for law enforcement services.

On a motion by Mayor Dhaliwal, seconded by Councilmember Salcedo, the City Council postponed the decision for Item 3.1 to the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2018, to allow additional time for San Joaquin County representatives to provide additional information related to the law enforcement service costs presented by City staff.

Ayes: Elliott, Salcedo, and Dhaliwal  
Noes: Akinjo and Dresser  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

3.2 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND PURCHASE A NEW POLICE BUILDING

Finance Director Cari James provided the presentation, which included an overview of prior Council discussions relating to the matter; proposed police facility location; project estimates; and negotiated deal terms with River Islands Development. A question and answer period ensued. City Attorney Salvador Navarrete provided additional information.

Mayor Dhaliwal stepped down from the dais at 10:37 p.m. Vice Mayor Elliott presided over the meeting.

On a motion by Councilmember Akinjo, seconded by Councilmember Salcedo, the City Council adopted **Resolution 18-4424** approving an agreement with River Islands Development for the construction and purchase of a new police building and all related documents.

Ayes: Akinjo, Dresser, Salcedo, and Elliott  
Noes: None  
Absent: Dhaliwal  
Abstain: None

3.3 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LATHROP MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.00.050 RELATED TO THE TIME LIMITS OF A BUILDING PERMIT

Community Development Director Mark Meissner provided the presentation, which included past updates to the Lathrop Municipal Code Title 15 "Building and Construction Code"; and an overview of building standards provided by the State of California Building Standards Commission.

Mayor Dhaliwal returned to the dais at 10:41 p.m.

The presentation continued, a question and answer period followed.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Dhaliwal closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Salvador Navarrete requested that Council considered additional language modification to Section 1, of the Lathrop Municipal Code, Title 15, Chapter 15.00 Building and Housing Administrative Code, Section 15.00.050 Permits, Subsection E, entitled "Expiration", from the originally proposed language to:

"The Building Official may extend a permit for a period not exceeding 1 year at a time upon written request..."

On a motion by Vice Mayor Elliott, seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal, the City Council considered the following:

1. Held a Public Hearing; and
2. Introduced and held first reading of an ordinance amending Lathrop Municipal Code Title 15 "Buildings and Construction", Chapter 15.00 "Building and Housing Administrative Code", and Section 15.00.050 "Permits", related to the time limits of a building permit, including the additional language modification.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Mayor Dhaliwal adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

  
Teresa Vargas, CMC  
City Clerk

*This meeting was called by a majority of the City Council per Government Code Section 54956.*