



# LINDSAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA MINUTES

City Hall, 251 E. Honolulu St., Lindsay, CA 93247

Notice is hereby given that the Lindsay City Council will hold a Regular Meeting on **January 23, 2024**, at **6:00 PM** in person and via webinar. The webinar address for members of the public is <https://zoom.us/j/99279557087>. Those who would like to make a public comment during the public comment portion of the agenda may do so by utilizing the raise hand feature or indicating they would like to make a comment in the chat.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE**

Led by Mayor CERROS.

- 3. ROLL CALL**

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| <b>Present</b> | Mayor Cerros<br>Mayor Pro Tem Serna<br>Council Member Flores<br>Council Member Sanchez<br>Council Member Caudillo |
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- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

| <b>Motion to Approve Agenda</b> |                 |        |       |        |          |        |         |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Result | SERNA | FLORES | CAUDILLO | CERROS | SANCHEZ |
| SERNA                           | CAUDILLO        | (5-0)  | AYE   | AYE    | AYE      | AYE    | AYE     |

- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public is invited to comment on any subject under the jurisdiction of the Lindsay City Council. Please note that speakers that wish to comment on a Regular Item or Public Hearing on tonight’s agenda will have an opportunity to speak when public comment for that item is requested by the Mayor. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, with thirty (30) minutes for the total comment period, unless otherwise indicated by the Mayor. The public may also choose to submit a comment before the meeting via

email. Public comments received via email will be distributed to the Council prior to the start of the meeting and incorporated into the official minutes; however, they will not be read aloud. Under state law, matters presented under public comment cannot be acted upon by the Council at this time.

- Public comment from Valeriano Saucedo. Voiced support for Chief Carrillo, called for the Mayors resignation.
- Public comment from Leonor Serna. Voiced support for Chief Carrillo, called for the Council to rescind Ordinance No. 592.
- Public comment from Teresa Saucedo. Voiced support for Chief Carrillo and Salvador Guzman.
- Public comment from Belinda McKenney. Voiced support for Chief Carrillo.
- Public comment from Lilo Gil. Voiced support for Chief Carrillo.
- Public comment from Brian Watson. Stated that he understands the Council is in a very tough spot. Thanked the council for doing their jobs.
- Public comment from Diana Mata. Stated Council should listen to their community.
- Public comment from Maria Knutson. Doesn't understand how special meeting was still held even though there was not a quorum. Asked council to pull item 8.3.
- Public comment from Mercy Herrera. Voiced concern regarding the process the Council is taking.
- Public comment from Rosalinda Alexander from Assemblyman Mathis office. Offered her state office for any help City might need. Informed about upcoming musical the school will put on. Extended her support for Lindsay.
- Public comment from Maricela de la Fuente. Voiced support for Chief Rick Carrillo.
- Public comment from Genevieve Doane with Lindsay Chamber. Informed of upcoming Lindsay Chambers award dinner.
- Public comment from Robert Velasquez. Ask Council if they could give the community answers regarding Carrillo.
- Public comment from Sandy Perez. Concerned about what is next for the finance department. Has been through more than four finance directors in the recent years.

## 6. COUNCIL REPORT

- Council Member CAUDILLO informed that she put applications out for Vida de Oro foundation classes. Spoke about things that she does for the community (free dresses, heels, clothes and supplies to farmworkers).
- Council Member FLORES let everyone know that they all swore to protect the community, there is a lot that the community might not know. Informed the City has to keep many things confidential. City is recovering from corrupt administration from many years ago and are trying their best to make it work. City was about to declare bankruptcy years ago. Council will not allow corruption to happen in Lindsay. Make sure everything we do is legal.
- Council Member SANCHEZ. Reiterated what FLORES said. Can assure you she does not sit on the Council for the money. Tries her best to collaborate with the community and feels we are all one. Assured the City always goes through the correct process. Much City business is confidential. Thanked everyone for coming. She is here because of the community.
- Council Member SERNA apologized for being out with COVID and is still in the healing process. Assured Council will do their due diligence. Will address the community's concerns. Was able to participate in rose bowl committee for decoration of a float. Attended wellness center programming committee, a lot of good stuff going on. Welcomed Chelsea who is now a pool manager and will oversee aquatic activities.
- Mayor CERROS thanked everyone for coming, as Mayor, he is the biggest supporter of the City, asked everyone to remember it's the year of development, the City has done a lot, City is 30 years behind on water projects, City has secured stable housing at O'hara ranch. Transit center coming

next year. Created committees to make council more available to public. This is all our community; we do a farmers’ market that brings everyone to Lindsay. City supports youth football and other sports, City has received money from state and federal agencies, City is playing 30 years of catchup, Council has changed the trajectory of City and Council has been making great strides.

**7. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- CITY MANAGER informed of Chamber annual awards dinner next Saturday. OBF vendor applications are now available. City nominated Ashley and Rey for full time employees for chamber awards. Military banner application will be released soon. City will host coffee with City Staff, so community can ask Staff questions.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Routine items approved in one motion unless an item is pulled for discussion.

- 8.1 Minutes from January 09, 2024, Regular Meeting (pp. 4 – 8)
- 8.2 Warrant List for January 01, 2024 through January 15, 2024 (pp. 9 – 14)
- 8.3 Consider the Approval of **Resolution No. 24-03**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lindsay Approving Agreement to Provide Services by and Between Ralph Gutierrez Water Service (RGWS) and the City of Lindsay and Granting City Manager Authorization to Execute any Documents Thereto (pp. 15 – 26)
- 8.4 Consider the Approval to Bid the Tulare Road & Foothill Avenue Rehabilitation Project, Authorizing the Project Budget, Finding that the Project is Exempt from Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines and Granting City Staff Authorization to File the Project Notice of Exemption (pp. 27 – 30)
- 8.5 Consider the Rejection of the Olive Bowl/Kaku Park Expansion – Revision No. 1 Request for Bid (RFB) submitted (pp. 31 – 33)
- ITEM 8.3 pulled for discussion, public comment from Belinda McKenney, Mercy Herrera, Maria Knutson, and Marshall Chairez. Council chose to still vote on item as a part of the consent calendar.

| <b>Motion to Approve Consent Calendar</b> |                 |        |       |        |          |        |         |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Result | SERNA | FLORES | CAUDILLO | CERROS | SANCHEZ |
| CERROS                                    | SERNA           | (5-0)  | AYE   | AYE    | AYE      | AYE    | AYE     |

**9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- 9.1 Public Hearing to Consider the Approval of **Resolution 24-04**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lindsay Approving Conditional Use Permit No. 24-01, A Request by

Rodrigo Ramirez for the Property Located at 598 North Highway 65 (APN: 199-260-003-000) in the Highway Commercial Zone and Finding that the Project is Exempt from Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Section 15301 “existing facilities,” under article 19 of the CEQA Guidelines (pp. 34 – 52)

*Presented by Araceli Mejia, Assistant City Planner*

- Public comment opened at 7:25 PM
- Public comment closed at 7:26

| <b>Motion to Approve Item 9.1</b> |                 |        |       |        |          |        |         |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Result | SERNA | FLORES | CAUDILLO | CERROS | SANCHEZ |
| SERNA                             | CAUDILLO        | (5-0)  | AYE   | AYE    | AYE      | AYE    | AYE     |

**10. ACTION ITEM(S)**

10.1 Review Existing Appointments and Consider the Approval of Appointment of Council Member Representatives to Boards, Agencies, and Committees (pp. 53 – 54)

*Presented by Francesca Quintana, City Clerk & Assistant to the City Manager*

| <b>Motion to Approve Item 10.1</b> |                 |        |       |        |          |        |         |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Result | SERNA | FLORES | CAUDILLO | CERROS | SANCHEZ |
| CAUDILLO                           | CERROS          | (5-0)  | AYE   | AYE    | AYE      | AYE    | AYE     |

10.2 Consider Proposal Received in Response to the Commercial Cannabis Business Request for Proposals (RFP) (pp. 56 – 104)

*Presented by Francesca Quintana, City Clerk & Assistant to the City Manager*

| <b>Motion to Reject Proposals Received</b> |                 |        |       |        |          |         |         |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Result | SERNA | FLORES | CAUDILLO | CERROS  | SANCHEZ |
| FLORES                                     | SERNA           | (4-0)  | AYE   | AYE    | AYE      | ABSTAIN | AYE     |

**11. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**

11.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation Pursuant to Cal Gov. Code § 54956.9(b): 1 case

11.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to Cal Gov. Code §54957

Title: Acting City Manager

11.3 Public Employment

Pursuant to Cal Gov. Code §54957

Title: Interim City Manager

- No report out of closed session.

**12. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

Council requests for future agenda items, can be called for by any Councilmember during the ‘Request for Future Items’ section of a regular meeting. Immediately following the request of an item, a vote will be taken on the item. If a majority of the City Council supports further study of the item, then a full staff analysis will be prepared within a reasonable time as determined by the City Manager unless otherwise directed by a majority of the City Council. Discussion shall be limited to whether an item should be added to an agenda, not the merit of the item.

| <b>Discussion on Downtown Burn Lots</b> |                 |        |       |        |          |        |         |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Result | SERNA | FLORES | CAUDILLO | CERROS | SANCHEZ |
| FLORES                                  | SERNA           | (5-0)  | AYE   | AYE    | AYE      | AYE    | AYE     |

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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*The next Regular Meeting of the Lindsay City Council is scheduled to be held on **February 13, 2024.***

- Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM