

# Lemoore City Offices/Cinnamon Municipal Complex

April 1, 2022

## SUMMARY



The Grand Jury conducted a review of the Cinnamon Municipal Complex and the Lemoore Recreation Center located at 711/721 West Cinnamon Drive in Lemoore California. The purpose of the review was to shed light on the use of the old Candlewick building that was



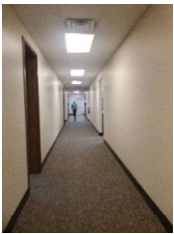
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purchased by the City of Lemoore and to provide a continuity or follow up to the previous investigations of the Lemoore City Recreation department.

## BACKGROUND

The Candlewick building was purchased by the City of Lemoore for a City Government Complex in the effort to consolidate all City functions in one accessible place. It was a less expensive option than renovating the current City Hall which was not American with



Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The 300,000 foot Candlewick building, and 25 acres were purchased in November of 2002 for the sum of 2.08



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million dollars. In 2005 ARK Partners, a private company, purchased 12 ½ acres and 150,000 square feet of the original building for 1.7 million dollars. The remaining 150,000 square feet and 12 ½ acres of land is currently used by the city to provide municipal services, including water, sewer, streets, refuse, fleet maintenance, administration offices, and a recreation complex.

The recreation complex includes a teen center, dance room, supervised play area, basketball courts, boxing ring, a CrossFit training area, a walking track, and an indoor soccer field. Summer Camp is offered, and a commercial kitchen has been completed. The facility may be rented by the public.



A community vegetable garden exists on the outside of the recreation complex area. Garden plots are available on a first serve basis to the public.

The large parking area has been covered with solar panels to low-cost electricity. In addition, the Grand Jury also viewed for recycling of electronic waste.



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### METHODOLOGY

The Grand Jury conducted a site tour of the Candlewick/Cinnamon Municipal Complex and the Lemoore Recreation Center on Friday October 22, 2021. The tour was led by the Lemoore City Manager. The Recreation manager joined the tour of the recreation center and explained each areas use.

### DISCUSSION



The renovation of the current City Hall, which is ADA compliant, would have been cost prohibitive. The consolidation of the administrative offices and maintenance facility allowed the city to close two maintenance yards. became the Northside Fire Station, and one was



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The installation of solar panels has allowed the City of Lemoore to become a greener city. Parking enforcement uses electric vehicles to conduct business.

The kitchen that was installed has been leased out as a commercial kitchen. Another goal of the city appears to be obtaining the parcel of land between the Cinnamon Complex and the Lemoore Police Department, along Cinnamon Avenue, for further expansion of city services.

### FINDING #1:

The acquisition of Candlewick complex has provided a one stop location for all city business, i.e., water utility payment, building permits, planning and engineering, human resources, finance and administration, public works maintenance and storage, city vehicle repairs and maintenance.

### RECOMMENDATION #1:

None

**FINDING #2:**

The acquisition of Candlewick complex has provided a recreation complex which includes a teen center, dance room, supervised play area, basketball courts, boxing ring, a CrossFit training area, a walking track, and an indoor soccer field. The recreation department has provided an array of activities for the community and is viewed as a model for excellence.

**RECOMMENDATION #2:**

None

**REQUIRED RESPONSES**

California Penal Code §933 provides in part: "... within 90 days of receipt of a report the public agency shall submit its response to the presiding judge. If the report is on an elected public official, the response shall be submitted to the presiding judge within 60 days of receipt..."

Lemoore City Council  
Lemoore City Manager

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