Informal Informational Meeting

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

B. Topic(s)
   
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C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

D. Adjournment

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Jennifer M. Ferraiolo
City Clerk
AGENDA

ITEM B-01

CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of New Gillig Trolley Bus
MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019 (Shirtsleeve)
PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation of new Gillig Trolley Bus.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On December 6, 2017, Council approved the purchase of a trolley bus utilizing the City’s allocation of Proposition 1B Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account funding, earmarked exclusively for Transit purposes, to replace the existing 2001 Champlain trolley that had reached the end of its useful life.

A purchase order was issued to the bus manufacturer, Gillig, of Livermore, on December 26, 2017 in the amount of $663,268.25 and the trolley bus was placed into its production schedule. Because of a backlog of bus orders from across the United States, our trolley could not be scheduled for production until April 2019. True to Gillig’s promise, our trolley entered the assembly line on April 9, 2019.

While our bus was assembled in just 10 days at the Gillig plant, it then had to be driven to California Cable Classics, in Healdsburg, for installation of the “trolley package” components (i.e., the nostalgic wood paneling, banners, decals, window motifs, rope lighting, cow catcher, and bell).

Upon completion and return to Gillig for final quality assurance inspections, our trolley was delivered to the City on June 12. Gillig sent its on-staff trainer/inspector out for two days to orient and train our fleet maintenance staff on all the mechanical, electrical, and operational components of the trolley. The City’s Fleet Superintendent accepted the trolley on June 20, and our bus operators are currently being trained on the trolley before it is placed in service on a rotation basis in the fixed route system.

A tour and ride in the trolley will be provided.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.
FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

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