

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 10, 2020, commencing at 7:02 a.m.

Present: Council Member Chandler, Council Member Mounce, Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, and Mayor Kuehne

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and Assistant City Clerk Farris

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Information on Revenue Opportunities Available through Renewable Natural Gas Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program (PW)

Transportation Manager Georgia Graham provided a brief introduction of the renewable natural gas proposal, which would be a revenue generating program for the City.

Sahara Kamali, Director of Business Development with Clean Energy Renewables, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the renewable natural gas proposal. Specific topics of discussion included clean energy at a glance, definition of renewable natural gas (RNG), renewable natural gas roadmap, regulatory programs, low carbon fuel standard, RNG proposal, and CNG with better economics.

In response to Council Member Chandler, Ms. Kamali explained that the RNG is brought up to specifications and then comingled with the other fuel within the pipeline.

In response to City Manager Schwabauer, Ms. Kamali stated the cost of what the City is currently paying for natural gas would not change; the \$24,000 is an additional value.

In response to Mayor Kuehne, Ms. Kamali stated other cities using their company include Culver City, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Ontario, and Norwalk, as well as transit agencies in Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Culver City.

In response to Council Member Mounce, City Manager Schwabauer stated that the project proposed in the past by Schneider Electric was very different from this program; that project involved a less refined product running through an onsite motor at White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility. The Public Works Director at that time was concerned the technology was not right yet and with the dirtier fuel being utilized, the motors would require a lot of maintenance, and so the project did not move forward.

In response to Council Member Chandler's question regarding local sources, Ms. Kamali stated that three or four California dairies will be used starting in 2021, but the majority of suppliers are outside of California.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 a.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Farris
Assistant City Clerk