

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Special City Council meeting of September 15, 2020, was called to order by Mayor Kuehne at 7:18 a.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, all Council Members participated in the meeting via teleconference and the meeting was available for viewing by the public via livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofLodi/> and <https://zoom.us/j/94149116757?pwd=QUdQL3RwNSTjc1A4Z1JjckltV09rZz09>; the opportunity for public comment was available through councilcomments@lodi.gov and <https://zoom.us/j/94149116757?pwd=QUdQL3RwNSTjc1A4Z1JjckltV09rZz09>.

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 City Clerk Cusmir

B. Regular Calendar

B-1 Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Upgrade of Audio, Visual and Broadcast System in Council Chambers (IT)

Information Technology (IT) Manager Benjamin Buecher provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding City Council Chambers upgrade. Specific topics of discussion included current system, benefits of the upgrade, examples of technology used in other chambers, estimated time line, funding, and estimated cost.

IT Manager Buecher answered questions asked by Mayor Pro Tempore Alan Nakanishi about the integration of the proposed upgrades and the devices currently used by the Council. Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi stated that the upgrades are much needed.

Council Member Chandler asked how the estimate was developed. IT Manager Buecher stated a consultant the City has been working with provided a rough estimate and listed the items included in that estimate.

Deputy City Manager Andrew Keys provided more information about funding of the project, noting that the City has been setting the restricted funds aside for many years foregoing upgrades to the Council Chambers. Deputy City Manager Key also spoke about how the proposed upgrades will help to increase accessibility and transparency.

City Manager Steve Schwabauer explained that the upgrades to the Council Chambers are not intended to replace the current Council iPads, but are intended to provide Council a new tool to use at Council meetings, in response to a question asked by Council Member JoAnne Mounce.

Council Member Mounce asked if the ability to attend meetings remotely would be improved and IT Manager Buecher answered that it would be.

IT Manager Buecher said that he would include translation technology into the scope of the

project in response to comments made by Council Member Mounce.

Mayor Doug Kuehne asked that staff research the possibility of having the Council meetings broadcast via the City's radio channel.

Mayor Kuehne stated that the upgrades are long overdue especially when compared to other meeting venues in the area.

Deputy City Manager Keys reiterated the direction provided by the Council, staff will be mindful of the budget, ensure improvements to remote access are included, and research expanding translation capabilities and other accessibility improvements, as well as adding a bid for the ability to broadcast over radio.

There were no public comments.

C. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cusmir
City Clerk