



LODI CITY COUNCIL
Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

**SPECIAL JOINT
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION**
Date: July 24, 2007 Time: 7:00 a.m.

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SPECIAL JOINT SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
(Informal Informational Meeting)

**Lodi City Council and
Lodi Budget/Finance Committee**

- A. Roll call by City Clerk**
- B. Topic(s)**
 - B-1 Discuss Possible Topics to be Reviewed by Lodi Budget/Finance Committee During the Course of Fiscal Year 2007-08 (CM)
- C. Comments by public on non-agenda items**
- D. Adjournment**

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Randi Johl
City Clerk



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Discuss Possible Topics to be Reviewed by Budget/Finance Committee During the Course of Fiscal Year 2007-08

MEETING DATE: July 24, 2007

PREPARED BY: Deputy City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Budget/Finance Committee was established by the City Council to provide advice to the City Council and City Manager on a broad array of financial and budget issues faced by the City of Lodi. Looking forward over the next several months, there are several issues that appear to be a good fit for the Budget/Finance Committee. The following are possible topics to consider for the Committee:

- **Feasibility study for a Redevelopment Project.** A very important part of the feasibility study for the Project Area is developing the size and related boundaries of the project area. This will involve developing a set of general assumptions of activities to be funded and revenue projections in relation to a dynamic set of economic factors.
- **Review of requests for qualifications for outside audit firm.** The City has been using the same audit firm for the last five years. Best management practices include review of qualifications and hiring a different audit firm on a periodic basis. This process involves sending out requests for qualifications and review of the proposals received from audit firms.
- **Internal audit/ performance review by outside specialist.** Earlier in the year, staff discussed with City Council the use of an outside specialist to evaluate the performance of City departments. We have set aside money for this purpose in the budget. The Committee could assist in determining the department to be reviewed, the scope of the work by the specialist and review of the results of the evaluation.

Staff is hopeful that these topics could be reviewed by the Budget/Finance Committee over the course of the next 6-12 months. In addition to these topics, the Committee will be reviewing the Energy Cost Adjustment formula each month and has expressed interest in reviewing other topics as well including Code Enforcement and Save the Grape Bowl progress.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

James R. Krueger, Deputy City Manager

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager