

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 16, 2010, commencing at 7:01 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Mounce, Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, and Mayor Katzakian

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Review of Community Development Block Grant Funding Requests in the 2010/11 Action Plan (CD)

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter of the 2010/11 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requests.

Neighborhood Services Manager Joseph Wood provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2010/11 funding requests. Specific topics of discussion included estimated allocation of \$743,500, 17 applications received, factors considered during review, funding availability, public service cap of \$112,681, graffiti abatement and spay/neuter programs, 8 requests from community-based organizations, scoring matrix for community-based organizations, public service funding reallocated to public facility project, recommended allocation, and public hearing and action plan document process.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the Fair Housing money is primarily used for landlord-tenant disputes, providing counsel out of the public library community room, and mediation of fair housing issues regarding discrimination. Mr. Wood stated historically the City works closely with Fair Housing and tenants, every city in the County works with Fair Housing, and staff will get back to Council with the overall funding numbers County-wide for Fair Housing.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated staff will be monitoring Fair Housing allocation by looking at the calls of service and determining what percentage of service is being provided to Lodi residents versus the remainder of the County to ensure proper contribution.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated Second Harvest is the wholesaler for many other food banks and provides in bulk to local groups who operate pantries within the City.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the Meals on Wheels organization has also requested funds from various cities, there are a number of sources for that program, and each request will help fill out that program.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the primary factors for scoring with the Harvest Food Bank were that it was consistently a good performer with the funds, the need is demonstrated as very high, they are capable and ready to use the funds, the cost is reasonable, funds are for general overall operations, and there is some offset with a cost per pound for agencies.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the LOEL Center is not yet the contractor for Meals on Wheels and when the kitchen project is completed the LOEL Center will have the ability to take over that particular program.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Mr. Wood stated the Mobile Farmers Market is a part of the Emergency Food Bank and the agency has not been able to spend the funds in a timely fashion in the past.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Wood stated the funds are used for full groceries and not just canned goods.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Mr. King stated the water meter numbers in the Council Communication for tomorrow night reflect the total demand of what the need may be over the years, whereas the \$120,000 is the estimated figure for the low- and very-low categories for the current year to start the process for allocating some funding toward the water meter installation program. Mr. King and Mr. Wood confirmed that the requisite numbers for the low- and very-low categories will be provided at tomorrow night's Council meeting.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the cap is not new and is more of a hard number now with the City having its own set aside.

In response to City Manager King, Mr. Wood stated the Revolving Loan Fund was originally administered through the Urban County, the City will have about \$80,000 as program income, the funding will be reallocated at the May 5 public hearing, and will likely be used for the Economic Development program.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood reviewed the proposed recommendation for the Council meeting with respect to the allocations for projects, programs, and program services.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk