

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, January 4, 2011, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Katzakian, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Johnson

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Present and Discuss Grape Bowl Improvement Alternatives (PW)

City Manager Bartlam briefly introduced the subject matter of the Grape Bowl Americans with Disabilities (ADA) alternatives.

Deputy Public Works Director Charlie Swimley and Interim Parks and Recreation Director Jim Rodems provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Grape Bowl ADA improvement alternatives. Specific topics of discussion included a presentation overview, recent improvements, expenditures to date, next steps, Options 1 to 3, phases of options, pros and cons of phases, summary of costs associated with each of the options, and staff recommendation.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Swimley stated a lift station would be installed to address the restroom ADA improvements because of the need to elevate the water from the street.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Swimley stated the path of travel has to be paved and there are ADA exiting requirements from the top level that must be met.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Rodems reviewed the location of the two proposed practice fields with Option 2, stating Option 1 has only one practice field. Mr. Swimley stated the details associated with the practice fields would be worked out later as to whether they will be grass or artificial turf.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated the practice fields will be challenging with respect to multi-use of the facility but additional costs could be borne by production.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated that, while there may be some access to the field during the improvements, there will be scheduling issues that will need to be addressed.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated the Stockton Street widening is not addressed in the initial phase of Option 3.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated Public Works suggested the Stockton Street width be considered because of the current traffic and pedestrian use of the street and the ability to provide additional ADA parking.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated the seating capacity in Option 3 is about

5,500, the initial target was 10,000, and the 3,000 number may have come from the fact that maximum attendance has not exceeded that amount.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated the playoff attendance for the Lodi High game was approximately 2,600.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Rodems stated the funds already spent on the project came from park impact fees and Community Development Block Grant funds.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Rodems and Mr. Bartlam stated the Waste Management donation of \$1 million will be received over a period of seven years.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Bartlam stated it is feasible that Phase 1 could run for several years and could stand alone so that if only Phase 1 is accomplished the facility would still be significantly improved.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Mr. Rodems stated the facility could be a revenue generator but he is not sure to what extent, which is dependent upon use as an event facility versus a recreation facility.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Rodems stated the maintenance cost on the old field was approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 and the new field maintenance will be approximately one half of that amount, although there are some additional costs in the transitional costs with restrooms.

In response to Mayor Johnson, City Attorney Schwabauer provided an overview of the ADA regulations and specifically discussed reasonable retrofitting requirements and the need to improve an area to ADA standards once it is touched.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Bartlam stated the transition plan does not require all ADA improvements to be completed at once, staff is focusing on the south side based on current patronage, and the entire facility must be addressed in the plan.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated there has been previous discussion about naming the facility and a marquis will be good for marketing and visibility purposes.

Council Member Hansen provided general direction in favor of Option 3, stating he would like the restrooms addressed first based on Mr. Fiore's comments.

Mayor Johnson asked that staff look into the numbers provided to the Council in 2007 in relation to improving the facility and compare the current options accordingly.

Ed Miller spoke in regard to his concerns about what is necessary for ADA compliance and what improvements are being made to enhance the facility based on a general renovation or remodeling. In response to Mr. Miller, Mr. Bartlam stated all of the proposed improvements illustrated in red on the chart, with the exception of the top level ramp that is necessary for exiting, are ADA improvements.

Jack Fiore spoke in regard to scaling down Option 3 to do the visible improvements, such as the restrooms and concessions, as soon as possible instead of waiting several years.

Ann Cerney spoke in regard to her concerns about public awareness of the project and related costs and transparency.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk