

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

The Shirtsleeve Session of March 10, 2015, was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 7:02 a.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Mounce

Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Ferraiolo

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Review of the 2015/16 Community Development Block Grant Funding Requests and Development of the 2015/16 Annual Action Plan (CD)

Joseph Wood, Neighborhood Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding review of the 2015/16 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requests and development of the 2015/16 Annual Action Plan. Specific topics of discussion included 2015/16 CDBG Annual Action Plan process, funding availability, list of applicants, public service funding, considerations for the Action Plan, and schedule.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Wood stated that he has preliminary census numbers on the homeless population, which he will provide to Council.

At the request of Mayor Johnson, Mr. Wood explained how the CDBG allocation is calculated, stating that the California Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows for 20 percent of the allocation to go toward program administration, which includes costs associated with outreach, public notices, advertising, translation services for hearings, and staffing costs for administration of the program. CDBG covers only a portion of the administrative costs, and the balance comes from the general fund or other programs. In addition, the Council policy is to divide the remaining allocation at 60 percent for City projects and services and 40 percent toward community-based organization projects and services. Council has the ability to change that policy based on needs. Mr. Wood explained that HUD requirements also place a 15 percent cap on public services and that CDBG requests are routinely in excess of that capped figure, which for this year is \$92,011.

In response to Council Member Kuehne, Mr. Wood stated that the Meals on Wheels Program is currently operated through San Joaquin County; however, when the original organization that ran the program went under, the LOEL Center improved its kitchen facilities with the intention of running the program. Mayor Johnson added that he has had discussions with former San Joaquin County Supervisor Ken Vogel, as well as current Supervisor Chuck Winn, that LOEL created this commercial kitchen to foster and expand the Meals on Wheels Program and that LOEL would like to take over the program. Mr. Johnson explained that Meals on Wheels delivers five days of pre-packaged food that seniors have to cook themselves; whereas, LOEL delivers hot meals on a daily basis and provides personal contact with the recipients, which they do not receive with the County program.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated he would provide Council with the Meals on Wheels Program application, which includes an estimate on the number of meals it would serve with its request of \$5,000.

In response to Council Member Kuehne, Mr. Wood confirmed that the figure in the PowerPoint for

the 60 percent set-aside for City projects and services should be \$294,434, not \$312,000.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated that the highest CDBG allocation received by the City was \$850,000 and that amount has been progressively decreasing each year. He estimated we are receiving amounts similar to what the City received in the late 80s, early 90s. In further response, Mr. Wood stated he was hopeful the federal appropriation to the CDBG program would level off, adding that the reduction this year was less drastic than in years past, which has been as high as 30 to 40 percent.

Mayor Johnson requested that the staff report for the public hearing on April 1 include information on how much each agency has received over the last five years or so, to which Mr. Wood responded that he has a summary of the CDBG program that includes eligible activities, history, and funding amounts that he will provide to Council.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated that HUD analyzed how cities were using CDBG funds and prepared the map that was included in the packet to identify target areas of poverty. Those areas need greater focus on services and funding to address the poverty issues, and staff notified potential applicants to show how their services could be directed to serve the needs in that area. In further response, Mr. Wood concurred that a majority of the CDBG funds are directed toward the east side of town.

Captain Martin Ross with Lodi Salvation Army thanked Council for supporting its tutoring and mentoring program, stating that this year's proposal is to expand the program by including English language instruction that will help both children and parents in their programs. He stated that, years ago, the Lodi Salvation Army received CDBG funding for its Hope Harbor shelter and now many of those families are participating in the tutoring and mentoring program. This program also goes a long way toward gang intervention and prevention by keeping youth away from addictive behaviors and gang-related activities. Captain Ross announced that Lodi Salvation Army will hold the Love Lodi event on April 18 and encouraged the Council and public to attend.

Mayor Johnson requested that Captain Ross meet with him to further explain the tutoring and mentoring program, as he wondered if this program was duplicative in effort with other programs that are similar in nature.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

Myrna Wetzel addressed Council on the matter of bicycle safety in Lodi, stating that she witnesses on a daily basis adult bicyclists breaking laws by riding on the incorrect side of the street, riding side by side instead of single file, not obeying traffic signals and stop signs, not signaling left-hand turns, and not walking bikes through crosswalks. She suggested an educational outreach program be offered through schools or the Lodi Police Department.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Ferraiolo
City Clerk