

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, May 22, 2012, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: None

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Presentation Regarding Fiscal Year 2012/13 Budget (CM)

Deputy City Manager Jordan Ayers provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2012/13 budget. Specific topics of discussion included an overview of the General Fund departments including Police, Fire, Public Works, Administration, Internal Services, and non-departmental, departmental funding, fund balances, position changes, salary and benefits, services and supplies, and capital outlay.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Bartlam stated the main capital project that was not funded was the financial system upgrade.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, City Manager Bartlam stated the majority of the increases are in salary and benefits.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Bartlam stated during the last few years the majority of the capital outlay fund has been used for emergency repairs and now that the emergencies appear to have passed there is more of a focus on the financial system upgrade.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ayers confirmed that there are some funds set aside for the financial software system but it is not enough.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ayers stated that, without an agreement with the bargaining groups, the City will default to the old agreement with those whose concession agreements have expired.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ayers stated last year \$220,000 was spent on vehicle replacement and this year only \$30,000 is budgeted for one vehicle.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ayers stated all six positions for Police proposed to be unfunded are currently vacant. Mr. Ayers stated the positions could be funded at a later date if agreements are reached as savings are realized.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Ayers stated last year three of the six proposed positions in Police were used for concession purposes.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Fire Chief Larry Rooney stated he feels that the proposed Fire Department budget recommendation is sufficient for now as the department continues to evaluate

its needs throughout the year.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Ayers stated the additional associate engineer position is funded and accounted for in the total \$11,000 figure.

In response to Mayor Mounce, City Clerk Johl stated the two factors that could affect the \$65,000 figure for the general election are the number of candidates and unfunded mandates trickling down to the local agencies for absentee voting.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Ayers stated the approximate value of the 3% deferred compensation match is \$900,000.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Mr. Bartlam stated there are no increases to any organizational funding other than Visit Lodi and that increase is based on a contractual pro rata formula of the Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT).

Mayor Mounce suggested reviewing the contract between the City of Lodi and Visit Lodi to evaluate the current formula and overall need for City contribution if the TOT is increasing.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Ayers stated the Arts Grants could be moved to Economic Development if so desired because they are both General Fund monies.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Mr. Ayers stated the General Fund debt service is approximately \$1.6 million for the 2002 bond issue for the public safety building, Hutchins Street Square, and the School Street renovation project.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Bartlam stated the old jail facility is still used by the City for storage space for equipment.

A brief discussion ensued amongst Council Member Hansen, Mayor Mounce, and Mr. Ayers regarding researching options for outsourcing the City's billing component as a cost savings measure.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Mr. Bartlam stated that, while the Hutchins Street Square Foundation no longer directly contributes to the debt obligation, the Foundation does help raise funds for repairs at the facility.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Police Chief Mark Helms stated there are four K-9 officers, \$6,000 is budgeted for maintenance of the dogs, and the officers receive 4.5% premium pay in addition to their regular salary for additional K-9 officer related responsibilities.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items - None

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk