

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, May 24, 2016, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Mounce

Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and Deputy City Clerk Farris

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Presentation Regarding Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget (CM)

Deputy City Manager Jordan Ayers provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2016/17 budget. Specific topics of discussion included overview of Special Revenue funds; Library overview; Library revenues and expenditures; Transit overview; Transit revenue; Transit expenses; Transit capital projects; Streets overview; Streets revenues; Streets expenditures; Street capital projects; Fleet overview; Fleet revenues and expenses; Community Development overview; Community Development revenues; Community Development expenditures; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) overview; PRCS revenues; and PRCS expenditures.

Mr. Ayers stated the draft Fiscal Year 2016/17 budget was distributed on May 12, 2016, and is available on the City's website.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Ayers stated there is no dedicated revenue fund for the Library. City Manager Schwabauer clarified that there is no special tax or special revenue fund for the Library; it is funded from the General Fund. Council Member Nakanishi inquired if this is the case every year, which Mr. Schwabauer confirmed.

Council Member Johnson reported that the City of Stockton may be placing a quarter-cent sales tax measure on the next ballot to fund its Library and recreational services.

In response to Council Member Johnson's inquiry about the \$700,000 budgeted for bus shelter improvements, Transportation Manager Paula Fernandez explained that the City usually spends about \$350,000 each year on shelter improvements, but more design work was required last year, so construction was not completed; the City will be doubling up on construction this year. Ms. Fernandez stated that during this phase of improvements, the City will be adding advertising panels on seven shelters, which will generate revenue. In response to Mr. Schwabauer, Ms. Fernandez confirmed that the upcoming project will also encompass Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, including path of travel improvements, corner curb ramps, and sidewalk improvements.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne, Ms. Fernandez explained the number of bus stops that are improved varies from year to year, but there are approximately 30 bus stops included in the project that is currently out to bid. Mr. Schwabauer further responded that the cost of improving a bus stop could range from \$50,000 to \$75,000 if catch basin and curb improvements are included, and that while ADA improvements are the main focus, Cherokee Lane is greatly benefiting from this project.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Ms. Fernandez stated the annual operating budget

includes approximately \$1.2 million in federal funds, \$1 million in State funds, and \$300,000 fare revenue; there is additional revenue from advertising and solar sources; and there is State and federal capital funding in the amount of \$600,000 for buses. Mr. Ayers clarified that the current Transit budget includes \$6.1 million in a combination of State and federal funds.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Ayers responded he would provide the annual cost to the City for the increase in the minimum wage. He further responded that the minimum wage increase affects only part-time employees; and that PRCS has the largest part-time staff, although the Public Works Department also has a significant number of part-time employees. Mr. Schwabauer stated the City will absorb most of the cost of the increase in reduced services; the Library and PRCS will reduce the number of part-time hours. Mr. Ayers confirmed fewer hours of part-time service are included in the current budget.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Ayers stated the Fleet Policy dictates the standard useful life of the different types of vehicles in miles and years, and he would research the policy for Police vehicles.

Council Member Johnson observed it may be time to take a hard look at part-time employee costs versus contracting out services, as the situation is not improving.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 a.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Farris  
Deputy City Clerk