

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, June 3, 2014, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim City Manager Schwabauer, Interim City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Johl-Olson

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Presentation Regarding Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget (CM)

Deputy City Manager Jordan Ayers provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget. Specific topics of discussion included an overview of proposed funding for the upcoming fiscal year for General Fund departments including Police, Fire, Public Works, Administration, Internal Services, non-departmental, and capital outlay.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Ayers stated approximately \$245,000 is available for the City Council to spend this upcoming year.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Ayers stated the increase in medical costs is approximately 8%.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Police Chief Helms stated 67 of the 71 budgeted positions in the Police Department are filled.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Interim City Manager Schwabauer stated additional funds of approximately \$30,000 were added to run the browned out engine periodically. Mr. Schwabauer stated he will include a review of the status of the browned out engine in the mid-year budget review.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Fire Chief Rooney stated the browned out truck does not affect response time for the surrounding fire station area but the overall response times in the City for larger incidents and multiple calls are affected.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Chief Rooney stated the Office of Emergency Services truck is put into service two to three times a year, and while the written agreements for mutual aid expired in 1997, neighboring agencies have continued to provide mutual aid service to one another informally.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Interim City Attorney Magdich stated written mutual aid agreements are needed to clarify expectations and address other legal ramifications associated with providing aid to other agencies.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Chief Rooney stated Stockton has not yet put into place the pilot program for a two-person response on lower level calls. He stated he is continuing to

review options for effective deployment including partnering with neighboring and regional agencies.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Deputy Public Works Director Charlie Swimley stated Fire Station No. 2 construction will begin in August and be complete next Spring.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Ayers stated funding for a part-time management analyst has been added to the Fire Department budget because the previously shared management analyst is going to the Police Department full-time.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Swimley stated the City Hall annex is fully permitted, the design is ready to go, and details regarding relocating the server room are pending, after which the project will go to bid. Mr. Swimley also provided a brief overview of the air conditioning for the annex and stated the construction on the project will take approximately a year.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Ayers stated the heavy equipment mechanic position exists in the fleet maintenance budget.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Ayers stated community events budgeted for in the \$85,000 amount include the 4th of July fireworks show at Lodi Lake and participation at the Grape Festival.

In response to Council Member Mounce, City Clerk Johl-Olson stated in the past election costs have ranged from \$55,000 to \$65,000 and the increase of \$20,000 to \$85,000 is the result of the County direct billing the costs associated with absentee voting, which were previously paid by the County and recoverable through its SB 90 claim.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Schwabauer stated the economic development position is partially funded in the budget.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Ayers stated the City spends approximately \$5,000 a year for Wellhouse Associates to administer the SB 90 claims process. Council Member Mounce requested information regarding how much the City spends on the consultant annually to process SB 90 claims versus how much is recovered annually.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Ayers stated he will look into options for separating customers in line at the finance building based on individual needs and utilizing a number system similar to the one used by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Ayers stated that, with respect to the accounting for Other Post Employment Benefits, the previous recommendation by the auditors has been fixed, funding is still based on the pay-as-you-go system with actual costs, and the records reflect the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requirements.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Chief Helms stated the Cal-Grip program is designed to get kids out of gangs and keep them out. A brief discussion ensued regarding the success of the program and similar programs such as midnight basketball.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Chief Helms stated the department is reviewing various factors associated with the weekend shooting in downtown including noise levels at certain businesses.

Council Member Nakanishi requested information regarding salary increases resulting from

reclassifications for re-classed positions over the last two fiscal years and the upcoming fiscal year.

Myrna Wetzel spoke in regard to a program utilized at the US Post office for reducing wait times for customers in line.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Ayers stated the Mondays after a Friday closure are the busiest days at the Finance building, approximately 1/7 of the billing is collected via online payments, lines have remained steady despite online bill pay options due to the shortened time schedule for payment, there are a variety of physical locations for payment in the City, and there is a customer base which prefers personal payment at the window for interaction purposes.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl-Olson
City Clerk