

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, June 18, 2013, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Mounce

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Report on Library Services (LIB)

City Manager Rad Bartlam provided a brief introduction to the subject matter of library services and the Lodi Library.

Library Services Director Dean Gualco provided a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the services offered by the Lodi Library. Specific topics of discussion included the value of reading, library statistics throughout the United States and in Lodi, volunteer efforts at the library, the mission and goals of the library, and related ideology.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Gualco stated the Saturday and Sunday hours at the library are 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Senior Library Assistant Yvette Hererra stated the tutoring and homework help services are marketed by word of mouth, flyers, and partnering with community groups and churches.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Gualco stated the book budget was enhanced, utilizing the personnel savings from a half director position and the elimination of a management position.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Gualco stated a part-time individual is handling email and social media for the library and is spending approximately ten hours per week on the same. Mr. Gualco stated once the database is complete only ongoing maintenance time will be needed.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Gualco confirmed that generally there is no usage charge for the Sullivan Room unless it is a private event being held when the library is closed and not open to the general public.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Gualco stated the new computer room will include 15 computers and a smart board for presentations. Mr. Gualco stated software and hardware upgrades are being reviewed for availability and costs and staff remains cautious of spending more money pending the completion of the current improvement project.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, City Attorney Steve Schwabauer stated that, while the library computers have pornography filters, the filter to review legal pornography must be removed upon patron request pursuant to the 1st Amendment.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Schwabauer stated the area at which the pornography may be viewed may be limited based on the presence of children in the same area.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Gualco stated the new \$400,000 budget for improvements was reduced from the \$1 million initial figure because they are not moving stacks at a \$200,000 cost, closing the library at a significant cost, and buying all new furniture. Mr. Gualco stated several of the existing furniture pieces can be retrofitted with technological needs such as plugs and there is an overall materials savings in the total budget as well.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Gualco stated he is making presentations in the community to bring awareness of the services and programs offered at the library and will review options for making presentations to service clubs regarding specific project needs and related costs in the hopes of receiving financial assistance for those needs.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Gualco confirmed that there are over 208 volunteers at the Lodi Library providing some sort of assistance to patrons.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Bartlam stated libraries throughout the country are primarily funded through property taxes and general funds. Mr. Bartlam stated the Lodi Library was the result of a Carnegie Fund donation and land donation from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Gualco stated currently the City does utilize the County's Sirsi book system and they are continuing to look at ways to better partner with the County for future services and programs at the library including eBooks.

Myrna Wetzel spoke in regard to reaching patrons who do not have email, deactivation of library cards based on non-usage or electronic usage only, book sales by the Friends of the Library, and reciprocal loan agreements with surrounding libraries.

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
City Clerk