

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009**

The July 14, 2009, Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was canceled due to the lack of a quorum.

Informal Council Sub-Committee Meeting

Upon cancellation of the July 14, 2009, Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session), an informal sub-committee of the City Council, consisting of Mayor Hansen and Council Member Johnson, met at approximately 7:15 a.m. to receive general information regarding the water meter program. The minutes are as follows:

Public Works Director Wally Sandelin provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the water meter program. Specific topics of discussion included policy review, estimated costs in May 2007, estimated costs today, who will pay what and when, payment options, policy direction versus proposed, proposed meter installation program, budget, funding, and implementation.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin stated the City Council previously decided that the purple area indicated on the map was going to pay \$200 because they already had the box.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated the proposal to charge everyone a flat rate of \$300 was rejected previously by the City Council.

City Manager King and Mr. Sandelin briefly reviewed the financing discussion the City Council had in March 2009 that excluded using the infrastructure replacement funds for water meter installation, which would have allowed for the flat rate.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin stated there will still be services in the back because there are a number of pipes that will not be moved.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin stated there will be two notices sent to property owners, one will detail the self-install option and the other will outline the City installation options.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated there is some borrowing within the water fund but not outside of that fund.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated part of the program includes providing rate payers as much data as possible on their water usage prior to the meter installation so that they will have an understanding of their current usage.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated there is a huge difference between the currently monitored properties and the difference is primarily based on larger versus smaller landscaping areas.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated all meters should be installed in the entire City by the end of 2013.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated if everyone utilizes the three-year payment

option the City should break even in the middle of 2015.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated there will be very little, if any, disruption to landscaping for property owners. He stated the only exception is for the few thousand property owners who have six inch or less mains in their backyard.

The informal discussion of the subcommittee ended at approximately 7:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk