

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, July 17, 2012, commencing at 7:05 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 on Climate Action Plan (CM)

City Manager Bartlam provided a brief introduction to the subject matter of the Climate Action Plan.

Jeff Henderson, representing AECOM, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Climate Action Plan. Specific topics of discussion included the reasons for preparing a Climate Action Plan, regulatory basis, experience with Climate Action Plans, progress in Lodi, key issues, project objectives and approach, engaging Studio 30, emissions inventory, community engagement, stakeholder meetings and outreach, incentives and benefits, and next steps.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Henderson stated an example of something that may be mandatory for the City but not for the community is mandated energy efficiency for City facilities with volunteer audit programs for the residential community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi commented that he objected to the Climate Action Plan in its entirety because the elected legislative body should have the ability to achieve energy efficiency and other similar practices without being mandated to do so by an outside group.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Henderson stated the data regarding landfills and solid waste corresponds to actual waste generated in Lodi based on the numbers provided on a statewide database.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Henderson stated the response at the Farmers' Market is varied in that approximately a quarter to half of the people are aware of climate changes and the program. The approach includes asking knowledge-based questions regarding AB 32 and the City's General Plan and focuses on the day-to-day activities of residents. Mr. Henderson stated the responses are tracked and will be available in a single document at the end of summer.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Mr. Henderson confirmed that biofuel is considered for energy generation purposes.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Bartlam stated the success measurement of mobility on the east side of town includes the momentum of addressing mobility needs in that area and projects such as the Lodi Avenue reconstruction project.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Henderson stated economic benefit is not considered in the first phase of the Climate Action Plan process as it is an idea gathering phase. Mr. Henderson stated subsequent phases will include prioritization of ideas and cost-benefit analysis.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Henderson stated usage of bike lanes has not come up directly in surveys or responses. Jeff Goldman of AECOM stated the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is an excellent resource for bike lane statistics and facts. A brief Council discussion ensued regarding the validity of bike lanes, locations, and usage.

In response to Ed Miller, Mr. Bartlam stated the Climate Action Plan is a self-imposed mechanism in the General Plan to address the requirement of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Bartlam suggested that she contact Paula Fernandez in Public Works regarding her concerns about traffic signal timing. Ms. Wetzel also spoke in regard to her concerns about overall bike usage in the City, scooter usage by the elderly and disabled, and installing left-turn lanes on wider streets.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Mr. Bartlam stated the next steps are the completion of the emissions inventory, continued public outreach, another status Shirtsleeve Session in the late fall, and a recommendation on the adoption of the plan from the Planning Commission around the first of the year.

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