

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, July 22, 2014, commencing at 7:40 a.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Robison

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Union Pacific Railroad Operation Lifesaver Rail Safety Presentation (PW)

Israel Maldonado with Union Pacific (UP) Railroad and representing Operation Lifesaver provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding rail safety, stating that the volunteer group provides presentations to raise awareness and proactive information regarding rail safety. Specific topics of discussion included education, engineering, and enforcement; crossing and trespassing statistics; train stopping distance; speed perception and weight ratio of trains; passive crossings; emergency notification system; distractions and unsafe activities around tracks; pedestrian crossings; and passenger trains.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Maldonado stated that the emergency notification system is a mounted or painted sign at both passive and controlled crossings that provide a phone number and crossing location for reporting vehicles on tracks. Advanced warnings provide conductors time to stop approaching trains to prevent accidents. Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen suggested the newspaper print a picture of the emergency notification sign to inform the public of this system.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Terry Morris with UP Railroad and Operation Lifesaver stated that UP receives calls weekly on broken crossings and gates and the policy is to immediately replace or repair within 24 hours.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Maldonado stated that UP has improved its infrastructure and technology at crossings to avoid keeping crossing arms down too long before and after approaching trains. Engineers and conductors do not have the ability to override and operate the gates, but the signalmen can operate the gates manually as long as they have the computer necessary to do so.

Council Member Johnson pointed out that the long wait times at gates seem to occur during maintenance when the crews are working on the lines versus with passing trains. Further, Mr. Johnson suggested this presentation be given at a televised meeting to educate more people on this matter.

In response to Mayor Katzakian, Manpreet Kaur with UP and Operation Lifesaver stated that it does police the railroad tracks and cite people who trespass or drive around activated crossing arms.

Council Member Mounce questioned the status of the vandalized UP container on Elm Street, to

which Mr. Morris responded UP is currently working to correct the situation.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Robison
City Clerk