

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, August 3, 2010, commencing at 7:01 a.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Mounce

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Presentation from San Joaquin County Human Services Agency Staff Regarding Weatherization Program (CD)

Interim City Manager Rad Bartlam provided a brief introduction into the subject matter of the County weatherization program.

San Joaquin County Human Services Agency representative Cynthia Snyder provided a presentation regarding the San Joaquin County weatherization program. Specific topics of discussion included the history of the program, federal stimulus monies received by the County for the program, types of weatherization that can be performed to make homes more efficient, low income eligibility, application process, average savings per year, public outreach through cities, and general energy savings tips.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the target number for homes is based on other County agency numbers received throughout the State and the cap is \$3,500 per home with a waiver for the furnace.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated statistics show the greatest participation in the program comes from elderly home owners rather than rentals.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated there is an ebb and flow to the program in that there was a waiting list in the beginning and now staff is waiting for calls from potential participants.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated this weatherization program is specific to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funds and there are other similar County programs that run throughout the year.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the "Help with the Energy Bill" program is through the County and continues to run separately from the ARRA funded program.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the program in itself is not creating a lot of jobs and that is also due to the County hiring freeze. She stated that the program funding includes the salaries of the part-time employees administering the program.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated there are approximately 700 individuals employed with the County Human Services Department with state and federal

funding.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Neighborhood Services Manager Joseph Wood stated he will be taking the program information to Code Enforcement and Community Improvement to help identify potential participants.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the program works on a first come first serve basis throughout cities in the County and there is no proportionate divide at the current time.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated there may be some tie in of the subject program with the Public Benefit Program offered by Electric Utility and he will work with Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Services and Programs, on the same.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Ms. Snyder stated the contractors are hired for the program based on a bidding process and the three contractors include Comfort Air, Homeburg Construction, and Western Installation, all of which were viable businesses prior to the bidding process.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Ms. Snyder stated the program is open to those with reverse mortgages and is based on income only.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Ms. Snyder stated the program offers improvements only for the interior of homes and not the exteriors including fencing.

In response to Mayor Katzakian, Ms. Snyder confirmed there is no charge for the program and all costs are covered for participants.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Ms. Snyder stated currently the average amount put into a home is \$900 and that will likely increase to \$1,500.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the program will allow for the purchase of a microwave even if the resident does not currently have one, but a stove and refrigerator must be existing for replacement.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk