

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, August 9, 2011, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Katzakian, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Johnson
Absent: Council Member Hansen, and Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce
Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Annual Report from the Lodi Animal Advisory Commission (PD)

City Manager Bartlam and Lieutenant Steve Carillo provided a brief introduction to the subject matter of the annual report from the Lodi Animal Advisory Commission.

Linda Castelanelli, Chair of the Commission, provided a presentation regarding the annual report. Specific topics of the discussion included background and tasks as established in Resolution No. 2007-161, status of previous goals, shelter improvements, efforts regarding the trap-neuter-return programs, consistency regarding billing and renewal notices, statistics availability through the City's website, shelter hours and operations, animal license forms, Lodi Animal Services Disaster Plan, the People Assisting Lodi Shelter (PALS) agreement and efforts, status of spay and neuter program, grant funding availability, and recommendations of the Commission including the implementation of a help-line.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Lt. Carillo stated the increase in licensing is due to the PALS contract and the efforts of PALS to enforce and process licensing.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Lt. Carillo stated the statistics on the website were delayed due to some staffing changes but are now available regularly for posting on the website, which is being handled by Jeff Hood.

Mayor Johnson requested additional information from Ms. Castelanelli regarding trap-neuter-return programs.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Johnson and Lt. Carillo regarding trap-neuter-return programs, municipal code application, and private funding for the successful administration of the programs in other communities.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Deputy City Manager Jordan Ayers stated the City collected approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 in fees, which is processed through the PALS contract. Mr. Ayers stated the budgeted amount for the shelter last year was \$348,000.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Nancy Alumbaugh stated PALS contributes more than 8,000 volunteer hours at the shelter, veterinarians participate through reduced fees, the fee schedule for the spay and neuter program varies between \$30 to \$50, and the PALS budget is approximately \$100,000.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Ms. Alumbaugh stated the volunteers use their own resources,

including gas, for the spay and neuter program and therefore did not use a spay and neuter location in Stockton previously.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Ms. Castelanelli stated she would like to see standardized responses provided on a help-line to provide accurate and consistent information.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk