

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, August 24, 2010, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Mounce, and Mayor Katzakian

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Presentation on Transit Sunday Service Statistics, Transit Route and Schedule Modifications, and Parking Structure Security Services Update (PW)

Interim City Manager Rad Bartlam provided a brief introduction to the subject matter of transit status and statistics.

Transportation Manager/Senior Traffic Engineer Paula Fernandez provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the transit service statistics, transit route and schedule modifications, and parking structure security services update. Specific topics of discussion included Fiscal Year 2009/10 transit passengers, total ridership for 2009/10, passengers per revenue hours, service costs, transit route and schedule modifications, parking structure security service statistics, and security services recommendations and implementation.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated the ridership statistics represent the numbers for Fiscal Year 2009/10.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated that, when hours were reduced, the fare collection and ridership numbers went down and therefore increased the subsidy per passenger.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated the subsidy is calculated based upon operating costs for a year minus the fare collected for that year, which results in the average subsidy.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Ms. Fernandez stated Sunday operating hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated revenue hours are hours that all the buses are actually operating.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated the cost for Sunday service is approximately \$1,000 and the cost for Saturday service is approximately \$2,000.

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In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Ms. Fernandez stated there was not a trend of

popular hours for Saturday service and currently the Saturday service runs from 7:45 a.m. to 3:09 p.m.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated the minor modifications are proposed to start on September 7 unless the City Council directs otherwise.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated staff has not looked into the school district paying toward providing the bus service in light of the amount of student ridership. Ms. Fernandez stated the City of Stockton may have such a program between the City and the Stockton Unified School District and staff will research and bring back to Council additional information regarding the same.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Ms. Fernandez stated the new fare box card does not work like a debit card.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated staff has received the majority of equipment for the new fare boxes and installation is ready to begin.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated the route modification will add a stop for Lodi Memorial Hospital, which will take riders to the back side of the hospital as requested.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated 32 people participated in the public meetings. She stated sufficient notice was provided in English and Spanish through newspaper publications and flyer distribution.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Ms. Fernandez stated there have been arrests in the parking garage over the last few months.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Ms. Fernandez stated the arrests occurred at all different hours.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated security was on duty when the ten thefts occurred in April, May, and June.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Ms. Fernandez stated staff would need to check with the Police Department regarding specific incident details but word is out that violators can be arrested in the parking structure.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated it is expected that the grant funds for the security cameras will be received soon. She stated the security company can manage and monitor the security cameras once installed.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Fernandez stated security cameras will not be installed at the small lot because it is not a transit facility.

Jason Oringer of SEIU spoke of his concerns regarding the Securitas company and training of employees. In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Oringer stated Securitas employees are non-unionized and SEIU comes from a labor perspective and would like to see industry standards for security training raised.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Jim Beltz, representing Securitas, provided an overview of the hiring and training process for employees. Mr. Beltz stated the current site supervisor has been on location since 2004 and has recently asked to be transferred based on the recent media attention.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Beltz stated Securitas has implemented the use of bicycles and increased the number of officers on duty to address the recent security concerns at the parking structure. He stated officers do follow-up as necessary and sometimes ask for identification depending upon the situation.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Beltz stated in two years of managing the account this is the first time he is having challenges with this site and affirmative steps have been taken to address the concerns.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Beltz stated Securitas employs approximately 800 people in Lodi, Stockton, and Modesto.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Beltz stated Securitas has experience in operating and managing security cameras as a number of their existing clients have security cameras. Mr. Beltz stated Securitas has added to the foot patrol additional officers and bicycles to address recent concerns.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Beltz stated the company has onsite and national communication centers, provides services in hospitals, and monitoring will be onsite for the parking structure. Ms. Fernandez stated staff is researching options for onsite monitoring by looking at other local agencies and how they address similar concerns.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Mr. Beltz stated golf carts are expensive and there is no place to park. Mr. Beltz stated he believes the concerns will be addressed with the implementation of bicycle patrol and additional officers onsite.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk