

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, August 30, 2016, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Mounce, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne, and Mayor Chandler

Absent: None

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Review of Fleet Replacement Policy (PW)

Public Works Director Charlie Swimley provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fleet Replacement Policy. Specific topics of discussion included Fleet Services overview, division's service to City departments, in-house services, outsourced services, Fleet Policy history and objectives, policy guidelines, replacement/utilization guidelines, replacement process, fleet status, and comparisons to other cities and local companies.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Swimley stated that OSHA regulates vehicles with cranes and that vehicles with diesel engines have regulation requirements as well.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Swimley confirmed there are grants available for vehicles, adding that the City purchased a tractor utilizing federal grant money that replaced an aging, non-compliant vehicle.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne suggested that the vehicles used for undercover purposes in the Police Department be used cars and the stock be rotated. With regard to police motorcycles, he questioned why the mileage threshold was low at 60,000 miles, to which Fleet Services Supervisor Randy Laney responded that 60,000 miles is a good lifespan for a motorcycle since they typically last only 100,000 miles depending on highway mileage versus in-town mileage. In further response, Mr. Laney stated there are currently two electric motorcycles in the fleet; the new bikes are experimental; and staff is uncertain of their expected lifespan, but is hoping for at least 60,000 miles if the batteries last that long.

Council Member Mounce pointed out that battery replacement on electric motorcycles is costly and staff will have to weigh the benefits of purchasing a new battery versus replacing the motorcycle.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne further suggested that the mileage limit for general purpose and light/medium commercial vehicles be increased. In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne, Mr. Swimley stated that older vehicles are sold at auction, and City Manager Schwabauer stated the City's policy prohibits the sale of vehicles and equipment to employees to prevent the appearance and encouragement of self dealing via subpar maintenance.

Council Member Mounce stated that the sale of vehicles and equipment at a local auction would create competition among buyers and should be open to both employees and citizens alike and suggested amending the policy to make purchases at auction open to anyone.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne, Mr. Laney stated that the City has utilized First

Capital from Vallejo for the last 15 years for auctioneering services. He stated the local company that Lodi previously utilized went out of business, the Galt company is not the most ideal situation, and the Modesto company may have also gone out of business. Mr. Laney stated that Lodi has a great working relationship with First Capital and the items are typically sold for higher amounts due to the Bay Area environment. He further stated that the City has utilized the public surplus website in the past; however, there was a problem with purchasers failing to re-register the City's vehicles. Mr. Laney stated that staff is considering utilizing the site again because new Shop staff may have time to invest in the endeavor. In further response, Mr. Laney stated there has been no discussion about collaborating efforts with the county.

Council Member Mounce stated that the City should notify local citizens that vehicles will be available for auction so they have an opportunity to bid.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Swimley stated the underground tanks are the diesel and gas tanks that store fuel under the fueling stations at the Municipal Service Center. Mr. Laney confirmed that all California Air Resources Board testing is done on site with a complete inspection. Council Member Nakanishi agreed with comments by Council Member Johnson at previous meetings that the City should consider adjusting the mileage requirements because they are too low as they currently stand. Mr. Laney reminded that the mileage levels are minimum guidelines and the City has many vehicles in current operation that are well over 150,000 miles.

Council Member Johnson stated that he remains skeptical about the process; the comparison of other governmental agencies was not beneficial for him; he would have preferred to see further comparisons to private entities; and he believes the policy should be adjusted. He apologized for not meeting with Fleet staff previously after they provided him with requested information, but assured Council that he would meet with them in the near future for a further explanation on the policy. He believed the cost of parts and labor seem to be excessive, especially when there are advertisements for the same services for much less. With regard to the mileage guidelines, he believed those need to increase, but added there are more issues to be addressed in order to adequately maintain the City's fleet asset while saving money.

Council Member Mounce thanked staff for doing a stellar job and expressed hope that a succession plan is in place to pass along staff's mentality of treating vehicles and equipment as one's own because it serves the City well.

Mayor Chandler stated that he believed the policy is prudent, but agreed there could be room for further scrutiny and review.

Myrna Wetzel suggested that the vehicle auctions be handled locally, similar to Lodi's bike auctions, so citizens can easily participate.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Ferraiolo  
City Clerk