

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, September 17, 2013, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: None

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Update (PRCS)

City Manager Bartlam briefly introduced the subject of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services update.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager Jeff Hood provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the department services update. Specific topics of discussion included 2012/13 accomplishments for each division of the department, department finances, contributing factors to deficit, 2013/14 focus of each division, and long-term challenges.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Hood stated the grant covers most of the cost associated with the ramp improvement and the department does have some money set aside for design work as necessary.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Hood stated the majority of the parking lot from the youth area to east of the restrooms on the north side will be completely redone. Mr. Hood stated there are some funds set aside from the sale of property for future additional pavement improvements.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Hood confirmed that the entrance road into the park will also be improved.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Hood provided an overview of the funds being set aside for repair and replacement of the Grape Bowl field and the accounting of that money in a separate fund to ensure the money is utilized for the field only.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Hood confirmed that the annual maintenance cost of the field is accounted for through the annual budgeting process from general operating.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Hood stated the swim league is being moved from general aquatics to youth sports because it is competitive. Mr. Hood stated the monetary result of the transfer is net zero but it is better for tracking purposes.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Hood stated the pool arrangement with Tokay High School remains status quo for now without any changes pending.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Hood stated the 48% figure represents the decrease

in the aquatics revenue, which is partly due to the closure of the pool and the program had not yet been transferred to youth sports.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Hood stated he does not anticipate a change in either revenues or expenditures if the boat house operations change in the future.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Bartlam stated parks districts are difficult to implement with existing parks because residents have to vote to assess themselves additional taxes whereas in new communities they are put into place through the development process with impact fees.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Bartlam confirmed that the property owner, whether it is the developer or others, still has to vote in the affirmative for a community facilities district as a condition of development.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Police Chief Mark Helms stated the river is the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department and the Lodi Police Department works in partnership with the Sheriff's Department when it receives complaints regarding noise and traffic on the river. Chief Helms confirmed that patrol discussions have only occurred in connection with the 4th of July.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Hood stated staff is looking at a variety of options for camps during school break including partnering with groups and organizations like the WOW Museum.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Recreation Superintendent Mike Reese confirmed that staff is reviewing options for year-round usage of the Grape Bowl including adult soccer leagues similar to Roseville, kickball tournaments, and other league sports.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Bartlam confirmed that the north ramp project at Hutchins Street Square is likely two years away from completion.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Nancy Beckman with Visit Lodi brings interested parties through Hutchins Street Square as a part of FAM Tours to market the facility.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Hood provided an overview of the history of the department and divisions as a part of the General Fund and the transition to Special Revenue Funds.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Bartlam stated that, while the General Fund still contributes to the department to offset programming and debt service, the goal of the Special Revenue Fund is to ensure that the department is living within its means. Mr. Bartlam confirmed that debt service is a part of the Recreation Fund.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Hood stated he is cautiously optimistic about next year's revenues because while it is budgeted the department will be paying for pool improvements in the 2013/14 budget year.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katakian, Deputy City Manager Jordan Ayers confirmed that the debt service for Hutchins Street Square prior to the refinancing was approximately \$660,000 and the debt service retires in 2031.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Bartlam stated the Hutchins Street Square Foundation has changed its focus from providing monetary assistance for special projects as it did earlier in its inception to building a larger endowment fund for Hutchins Street Square going

into the future.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl-Olson
City Clerk