

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, October 18, 2011, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: None

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Presentation on Climate Action Plans (CM)

City Manager Rad Bartlam provided an overview of climate action plans as set forth in the Council Communication. Specific topics of discussion included federal and state laws including SB 375 and AB 32, Proposition 23 and the intent of the voters, the requirement to adopt a climate action plan based on the General Plan, grant funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Transportation for the compact of cities, the makeup of the San Joaquin Valley compact, and the overall need to adopt a climate action plan.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Mr. Bartlam stated Turlock adopted a climate action plan as a part of its General Plan adoption, whereas Lodi is adopting its climate action plan as an implementing measure to the General Plan.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Bartlam stated Tracy adopted a sustainability project, which likely meets its requirement to adopt a climate action plan.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Bartlam stated he is not sure about the specific penalties associated with non-compliance as the plan is meant to be a goal document.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Bartlam stated staff did not look at other funding opportunities for the project because based on the timing the compact of cities had come together and the grant funding that was received was likely.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Mr. Bartlam provided an overview of the General Plan, the implementing measure of the climate action plan, and the areas to be studied.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Mr. Bartlam stated the grant was for \$200,000 and the estimated cost of the study is \$120,000, although proposals have not yet been received.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Bartlam stated the market of consultants doing this type of work is growing based on increased regulations and a consultant will be used due to the required expertise and lack of in-house staff with reductions.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Bartlam stated Roseville is not any different than anyone else and it is a policy decision as to how regulatory the City should be. He stated he sees more of a focus on internal practices in the City rather than going out to businesses.

Discussion ensued amongst the City Council and Mr. Bartlam regarding the State's effort to oversee and enforce the regulations, funding availability through grants versus the General Fund, and the timing and implementation discretion associated with the adoption of the plan.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Bartlam stated while the plan could sit on a shelf after adoption the law requires both adoption and implementation although there is discretion in the level of implementation.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Bartlam stated the study will take a year to complete.

In response to Council Member Hansen, City Attorney Schwabauer provided a brief overview of the fight between the City of Half Moon Bay and the State, which resulted in fines and the building of a new sewage treatment plant.

Ed Miller stated he agreed with the general sentiment that the climate action plan does need to be adopted because it is the law but implementation should be at a bare minimum because of costs.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk