

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

The Shirtsleeve Session of December 16, 2014, was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Mounce

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Presentation Regarding 2014 Library Accomplishments and 2015 Library Goals (LIB)

Library Services Director Dean Gualco provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2014 Library accomplishments and the 2015 Library goals. Specific topics of discussion included value of a library, value of reading, United States libraries, 2014 accomplishments, 2015 goals, focus of Library, and making a difference.

Mr. Gualco provided additional information on the restoration of the Library patio, stating that within the next three to five weeks he should have a better idea on the project cost and that it may not be as high as originally estimated.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Gualco stated that the Library qualified the past two years for Community Development Block Grant funding, which does serve a certain segment of the population; however, the Library does not collect data on the ethnic mix of visitors to the Library and participants in its programs.

In response to Council Member Kuehne, Mr. Gualco stated that the majority of the Library meeting room usage includes tutoring and adult literacy programs, the Spanish story time program, and various community groups. In the last month alone, there were 72 uses of the various Library facilities.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Deputy City Manager Jordan Ayers stated that the Library has a total budget of \$1,415,780, ten authorized positions, a City contribution of \$1,349,180, and a return of \$48,000 for cost of services. Mr. Gualco added that the Library has ten full-time positions and another ten part-time positions.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Gualco stated that fundraising is successful when there is a product to sell, which is one of the reasons behind the significant improvements to the Library in both the facility and programs and services. In addition to the individual currently assisting with the Library's fundraising efforts, the Lodi Public Library Foundation meets monthly and is in the process of crafting a fundraising program, the main fundraising event of the story teller dinner brings in \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year, and further discussions will take place in January to research ways to increase legacy giving as part of a bequest.

Mayor Johnson commended Mr. Gualco, his staff, and all of the volunteers for their tremendous efforts in improving the Library, adding that he still has concerns regarding the cost of the patio project; however, the project is under the purview of and will be paid for by the Lodi Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Lodi Public Library. He is looking forward to seeing the end result.

Nannette Green, former president of the Lodi Public Library Foundation, explained that a majority of fundraising money comes from bequests. She assured Council that the Foundation is good stewards of its money and that it would appropriately and cost-effectively fund this and any project benefitting the Library.

Dennis Sattler, president of the Lodi Public Library Foundation, agreed that no one expected the cost of the patio project to be that significant; however, the Foundation was left with a decision to increase space to meet the growing needs of the programs or to leave the programs as they are. He stated that the Board was excited with the changes Mr. Gualco brought to the Library because the role of the library is changing to no longer only be a place to store books, but to be used as a meeting place, to improve education, and offer information and programs, all while keeping up with technology.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Robison
City Clerk