

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022**

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 1, 2022, commencing at 7:01 a.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and Assistant City Clerk Farris

B. Topics

B-1 Receive Overview Presentation on Lodi Police Department's Proposed New Animal Shelter and Preliminary Plans for Community Outreach (PD)

Captain Eric Versteeg provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed animal shelter and preliminary plans for community outreach. Specific topics of discussion included the current shelter; community outreach and feedback regarding location; professional review; and potential site locations - current location, 22 East Locust Street, Century Avenue/Stockton Street, 500 South Guild Avenue, and 1041 Auto Center Drive.

Council Member Nakanishi stated that he supports the project and he would defer to the preference of the Police Department on the location.

In response to Mayor Chandler, City Manager Schwabauer explained that the funding mechanism for the project would be through a refinancing opportunity of General Fund debt left from various other projects; with the current lower interest rate, the estimated \$15 million for this project could be included with the yearly debt service remaining the same.

In response to Council Member Kuehne, the cost of adding Police Department storage is included in the estimate.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Deputy City Manager Andrew Keys explained that the yearly debt service would be approximately \$1.6 million, which would include refinancing the old debt and adding new funds for the project. The debt service would remain at that level for 10 years and then drop. He further stated that with interest rates fluctuating right now, debt service could possibly be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per year higher for the first 10 years but then would drop substantially.

In response to Mayor Chandler, Captain Versteeg stated the architect is LD Partners.

B-2 Receive Presentation and Accept Comments Regarding Removal of Redwood Trees at Lakewood School on the Northeast Corner of Ham Lane and Turner Road (EU)

Electric Utility Director Jeff Berkheimer provided a brief introduction regarding the removal and replanting of trees at Lakewood school.

Electric Utility Superintendent Tim Combs provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the

removal of redwood trees at Lakewood School. Specific topics of discussion included site map, current tree condition, history, proposed removal plan, Tree Lodi support, Lodi Unified School District support, tree replacement, and proposed schedule.

Council Member Kuehne requested that there be public outreach before the removal and that the property owners have input on the type of replacement trees.

Mayor Chandler concurred, stating that he agrees with the tree removal but there must be public outreach first.

Council Member Nakanishi stated that the trees are a liability so he supports removal.

Mr. Berkheimer stated that Tree Lodi can contact the 12 to 15 home owners and show them photos of replacement options.

In response to Mayor Chandler, Mr. Combs stated the cost has been included in the annual budget. Mr. Berkheimer further noted that while the removal will be expensive, the cost will be paid up front and there will be no further bills for trimming and repairs.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items THE TIME ALLOWED PER NON-AGENDA ITEM FOR COMMENTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC IS LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES.

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Farris  
Assistant City Clerk