

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Special City Council meeting of March 14, 2023, was called to order by Mayor Hothi at 7:03 a.m., at the LOEL Senior Center, 105 South Washington Street, Lodi, CA.

Present: Council Member Bregman, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, and Mayor Hothi

Absent: Council Member Nakanishi

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

NOTE: Council Member Nakanishi arrived at 7:05 a.m.

B. Regular Calendar

B-1 Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Application and Interview Questions for City Council District 4 Vacancy and Approve Appointment Schedule for Filling City Council District 4 Vacancy\_(CLK)

City Manager Schwabauer provided a presentation regarding appointment to the City Council District 4 vacancy. Specific topics of discussion included the tentative schedule, draft application, potential interview questions, and the need for a plan to winnow the applications if a large number are received.

Council Member Nakanishi rescinded his suggestion made at the last meeting regarding not appointing an applicant who is intending to run in the 2024 election.

Mayor Hothi verified that all Council Members were in agreement on the schedule.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Pro Tempore Craig and Mayor Hothi regarding publication of the application and questions.

Mayor Hothi asked for public comment.

Alex Aliferis, a member of the public, stated that the process needs to be published in the newspaper and that a core question should be added that relates to morals, ethics, values, and principles.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Hothi, Council Member Bregman, and Mayor Pro Tempore Craig regarding requirements related to ethics. City Manager Schwabauer stated that a Council-adopted Code of Ethics is displayed at Carnegie Forum and that the Fair Political Practices Commission, Government Code 1090, and AB 1234 govern ethics. He further stated that orientation of the new Council Member is already planned. Consensus was reached to add a statement regarding ethics to the application.

Discussion ensued between the Council Members regarding the potential questions for applicants. Specific topics discussed included whether or not to publish the questions, the number of questions to include, and whether questions could address past criminal convictions. City Manager Schwabauer stated that there are laws regarding questions related to criminal convictions and background checks, and he will research that information. Consensus was reached to publish all potential questions and to limit the number of questions based on how many applicants are interviewed, with all applicants being asked the same questions.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Hothi, Mayor Pro Tempore Craig, Council Member Bregman, City Manager Schwabauer, Deputy City Manager Keys, and Fire Chief Johnson regarding public outreach. Specific topics of discussion included mailers, social media, newspaper publication, Everbridge mass notifications, and the need for non-electronic notification, such as postings at the Library, LOEL Senior Center, and local businesses.

C. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Farris  
Assistant City Clerk