

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 13, 2021, commencing at 7:04 a.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, all Council Members participated in the meeting via teleconference and the meeting was available for viewing by the public via livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofLodi/> and <https://zoom.us/j/93455719476?pwd=NDdhc1E4OEZyYWV3d2pDY1U5SjVZZz09>; the opportunity for public comment was available through councilcomments@lodi.gov and <https://zoom.us/j/93455719476?pwd=NDdhc1E4OEZyYWV3d2pDY1U5SjVZZz09>.

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

Absent: None

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Information on California Department of Transportation District 10 Homeless Encampment Policies and Practices (PW)

City Engineer, Lyman Chang, introduced Warren Alford, Caltrans Chief of Public & Legislative Affairs, and Mauricio Serrano, Deputy District Director of Maintenance, who then provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the District 10 Task Force on Homelessness, Litter and Encampments. Specific topics of discussion included people experiencing homelessness near California's freeways, integrated approach prioritizing safety and relocation, internal Caltrans task force, engineering solutions to deter future encampments, modification of plans to deter encampment development, prioritization of encampment removals, Caltrans role in addressing encampments, prioritization levels, examples of levels, San Joaquin County - Interagency Strike Team, case study of Stockton Verde, customer service requests, partnerships to address litter abatement, Caltrans emergency litter abatement, and future partnering opportunities.

Mr. Alford explained how Caltrans approached providing essential services during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic using guidance from the CDC, following comments made by Council Member Kuehne.

Mayor Nakanishi asked about levels 3 and 4, noting that those locations are in the City. Mayor Nakanishi also asked about the amount of litter being collected and noted associated costs are increasing for Caltrans in District 10. Mr. Alford stated Caltrans is trying to mitigate the homeless problem by cleaning up litter and by working with other agencies to provide services for unhoused individuals and encouraging them to relocate to a more stable housing situation.

Mr. Serrano stated that litter is increasing statewide and Caltrans is providing supplies for people to clean up the homeless encampments in an effort to address the problem. Mr. Serrano also spoke about the emergency funding that has been expended on clean-up.

Mayor Nakanishi requested that the Lodi Improvement Committee research the possibility of developing an Adopt-a-Highway program.

City Manager Schwabauer spoke about the City's negotiations with Ready to Work.

Mr. Alford spoke about several different programs that have been created to motivate unhoused populations to assist in the clean-up of encampments, in response to a question asked by Council Member Kuehne.

City Manager Schwabauer discussed how various right-of-ways throughout the City are maintained by the responsible agencies.

Mr. Alford identified the areas maintained by Caltrans in District 10, in response to a question asked by Council Member Khan.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cusmir
City Clerk