

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 20, 2021, commencing at 7:01 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 Feasibility of Providing Retail Electric Service Near Interstate 5 (EU)

Lodi Electric Utility Director Jeff Berkheimer provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the feasibility of providing retail electric service near Interstate 5. Specific topics of discussion included interconnection options, Option 1 - connection to STIG or LEC facilities, Option 2 - Northern California Power Agency, Option 3 - PG&E, project costs summary, and potential schedule.

City Manager Schwabauer provided some background information regarding the inquiries received by staff regarding large vehicle charging facilities and the improvements required to meet those needs.

Tony Zimmer with the Northern California Power Agency addressed questions asked by Council Member Kuehne, regarding fees that may be avoided if Options 2 or 3 were to be implemented.

City Manager Steve Schwabauer noted that there is an increased level of regulation associated with a 230kv system.

There was additional conversation regarding how proceeding with Options 2 or 3 would impact other Electric Utility projects in the City and the interests in providing retail electric service along the Interstate 5 corridor.

City Manager Schwabauer spoke about the potential for generating revenue in response to a question asked by Mayor Pro Tempore Chandler. Mr. Schwabauer noted that the City's power would be primarily used as backup for the proposed charging stations.

Lodi Electric Utility Director Berkheimer answered questions asked by Mayor Nakanishi regarding a PG&E 230kv feed project. Mr. Berkheimer discussed the potential of reviewing the request for power along the corridor following completion of the PG&E project in response to a question

asked by Mayor Nakanishi.

City Manager Schwabauer spoke about the future and Lodi possibly being a logical location for a vehicle charge hub. Mr. Schwabauer stated that there could be a future benefit to the City.

Council Member Hothi spoke about the potential for State funding for the project. Mr. Schwabauer said that he will ask staff to explore the grant options.

Council Member Kuehne stated that planning for the future is important but would like clearer information and stated that he would support Option 2 if there are opportunities for money from the State.

Council Member Khan agreed with Council Member Kuehne.

Mayor Pro Tempore Chandler encouraged staff to continue looking for funding and revenue opportunities.

Mike Lusk, a resident, provided public comment via email, regarding Electric Utility operations, the City property at White Slough and the general fund. City Clerk Cusmir read the email into the record.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

D. Adjournment

:No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cusmir
City Clerk