

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, July 27, 2021, commencing at 7:09 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 Assistant City Clerk Farris

B. Topic(s)

B-1 City Council Members' Lists of Priority Projects (CLK)

City Manager Schwabauer provided an introduction, including background information on how projects are ranked.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Schwabauer stated the top Capital Improvement projects would depend on which fund would be impacted, but current top priorities include the Grape Bowl and Zupo Field turf, playgrounds, roof replacements, and tot lots in parks.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Schwabauer stated that funding for Downtown projects would depend on the type of project, as some projects could be covered by streets and gas tax funding.

Council Member Khan stated that he supports the following projects:

- Cricket pitch lighting
- Mobile library
- Sidewalk installation
- Ready to Work
- Alley cleaning
- Conversion to one-way traffic of some Eastside streets
- Maintenance of empty lots and unkempt houses
- Downtown projects proposed by Council Member Kuehne

Council Member Kuehne shared slides related to Downtown improvement (filed) and stated he supports the following:

- Downtown core expansion

- Cleaning and enhancement of Main Street
- Maintaining Transit Station despite ACE train relocation
- Boutique hotel / relocation of post office
- Rails to Trails
- Removal of buildings on Sacramento Street for World of Wonder Plaza
- Economic growth and expansion
- Bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Incentives for updating wiring

In response to Council Member Kuehne, City Manager Schwabauer stated that he will check on the status of the wiring incentives and report back to Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Chandler stated that he supports the following:

- Downtown improvements
- Broadband deployment
- Economic development and tourism expansion, including Lake House, monument near Interstate 5, and conversion of the post office to a hotel
- Cannabis dispensaries, in order to recoup sales tax currently spent in other cities
- Homeless shelter

Council Member Hothi stated that he supports the following:

- Economic development
- Downtown improvements
- Repaving at Lodi Lake
- Cannabis dispensaries, in order to recoup sales tax currently spent in other cities
- Outdoor dining
- Sidewalks

In response to Council Member Hothi, City Manager Schwabauer stated that staff is waiting for the final numbers to come back in relation to the American Recovery Act and he will return to Council at that time with information related to impact on the budget.

Mayor Nakanishi stated that he supports the following:

- Lodi parks
- Pavement
- Police presence in District No. 1
- Speed enforcement on Lower Sacramento Road
- Updated wiring

City Manager Schwabauer stated he will create a checklist of projects and bring the item back to Council.

Council Member Kuehne stated that he is supportive of sidewalk improvements and suggested looking at outstanding deferral agreements. He further stated that he is also supportive of the artwork on Interstate 5 and reminded Council of the gateway artwork at the Turner Road/State Route 99 roundabout project.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, City Manager Schwabauer stated that traffic engineering

professionals discourage the use of speed bumps as they are ineffective and have many negative ramifications.

Council Member Khan stated he is supportive of the monument, enhancement of Main Street, and taking action regarding the trafficking of drugs at Eastside hotels.

In response to Council Member Khan, Public Works Director Charlie Swimley stated that the Ready to Work program started three weeks ago and has been working in Eastside alleys.

In response to Council Member Khan, City Manager Schwabauer stated that the Garfield Street sidewalk replacement project will cost approximately \$1 million, funded through a Safe Routes to Schools grant. In further response, Public Works Director Swimley stated the Garfield Street sidewalk project is currently under design and construction should take place next year, depending on the grant funding. He further stated the Blakely Park project is currently in design and should be ready in the fall.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Farris
Assistant City Clerk