

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, February 9, 2021, commencing at 7:00 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 Presentation Regarding National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) (PD)

Lieutenant Mike Manetti provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Specific topics of discussion included history, major benefits, how this will affect Lodi, and probable increase in crime statistics.

Chief of Police Sierra Bruscia stated that he is unsure as to how much time will be spent maintaining the NIBRS, in response to questions asked by Mayor Nakanishi.

Mayor Pro Tempore asked about the potential impact of prosecutions and convictions. Chief Bruscia stated that this will not impact either.

There were no questions from the public.

B-2 Receive Annual Overview Presentation from Lodi Police Department's Animal Services Division (PD)

Animal Services Supervisor Jennifer Bender provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the annual overview of the Animal Services Division. Specific topics of discussion included activity description, job duties, 2020 major accomplishments, 2020 major objectives, performance measures, future goals, deficiencies at existing shelter, pictures of existing shelter, size comparison of shelter, needs of a new shelter, and historical information.

Deputy City Manager Keys provided information regarding new shelter financing options.

City Manager Schwabauer provided some background information regarding the state of the current animal shelter and the need for a new facility. City Manager Schwabauer encouraged the City Council Members to visit the current shelter and noted that it has been a 21-year capital priority but has been postponed due to lack of funding.

Mayor Nakanishi noted that the Animal Shelter has been in need of replacement for some time and stated that he supports potential refinancing options to fund a project.

Chief Sierra Bruscia answered questions asked by Mayor Nakanishi regarding the shelter's current budget, funding sources, the establishment of a foundation, and deceased animal disposal methods.

Mayor Pro Tempore Chandler stated that the current facility is under equipped and asked if there is a proposed site for the project. City Manager Schwabauer responded that there is no site selected but would focus on using City-owned property to keep costs down. The location would need to be approved by Council.

Council Member Kuehne commented on the current state of the shelter and stated that he supports moving forward and trying to stay toward the lower end of the cost estimate. Chief Bruscia responded to questions asked by Council Member Kuehne regarding partnerships with private organizations.

City Manager Schwabauer stated that there were fewer animals being brought into the shelter and that resulted in a lower adoption rate, in response to a question asked by Council Member Kuehne.

Council Member Hothi requested additional information regarding from where animal calls are originating. Council Member Hothi suggested touring neighboring facilities.

City Manager Schwabauer responded to questions asked by Council Member Khan about local animal rescue and foster organizations.

City Manager Schwabauer explained that he has asked the Parks and Recreation staff to put together a capital project to separate large and small dogs at one of the City's dog parks.

Mayor Nakanishi suggested staff consider designing a new facility that would be budget neutral and would not increase the need to hire additional staff.

There were no public comments on this item.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cusmir
City Clerk