



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Review "Town Hall" Meetings Schedule

MEETING DATE: January 6, 1993

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council review the available "Town Hall" dates and take action as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In the agenda packet for the regular meeting of December 16, 1993, the City Council received a proposal prepared by City Councilmember Snider recommending a series of "Town Hall" meetings to hear presentations by the various operating departments and boards and commissions where applicable, as part of the budget review process for the 1993-94 fiscal year. It is important that the schedule for these meetings be established as quickly as possible. Attached (Exhibit A) is a listing of dates on which the Carnegie Forum is available for such meetings. As the City Council is aware, in addition to regularly scheduled and special meetings of the City Council, the Forum also serves as the location for meetings of the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and Citizen Awareness groups. In addition, there are some other mid-week meetings of other organizations and groups both in and out of the City which all, or some of the Councilmembers may wish to attend. These include, for example, the Cities-County of San Joaquin Association meeting which is to be held in Lodi Thursday, January 14, and the quarterly meeting of the Central Valley Division, League of California Cities, scheduled for Thursday, January 21 in Waterford. There will also be Cities-County of San Joaquin Association meetings on Thursdays in the months of February and March. In addition, Citizen Awareness group meetings, conducted annually by the Police Department, are scheduled to start Thursday, February 4, and will be held each Thursday evening thereafter for the next few months. Because of several conflicting events, and the Citizen Awareness group meetings, Thursdays would appear to be out. The annual Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held Friday, January 15. To minimize public confusion regarding the scheduling of these meetings, it is recommended that they be held on the same one or two days of each week.

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If we limit the length of these meetings to an hour and one half, or two hours maximum as suggested, it may be necessary to hold as many as 12-14 meetings. There are eight operating departments. These are Police, Fire, Public Works, Electric Utility, Parks and Recreation, Finance, Community Development and the Library. Public Works, because of the scope and complexity of this department, will require at least two sessions and perhaps three. Parks and Recreation may require two (one for Parks and one for Recreation). One session would be needed for the offices of City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk. Another session will be needed for the Community Center (Hutchins Street Square) and Personnel. It may be possible to squeeze some of these meetings together, but it will still be difficult to get the number much below ten. The process will thus take us through the month of March.

The staff stands ready to assist the City Council in the development of this schedule.

FUNDING: None required

Respectfully submitted,

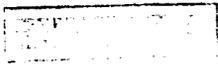


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POSSIBLE "TOWN HALL" MEETING DATES
BASED ON CARNEGIE FORUM AVAILABILITY

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursday	Fridays
January 18	January 12	January 13	January 28	January 22
February 1	January 19	January 27	-	January 29
March 1	January 26	February 24	-	February 19
March 15	February 9	March 10	-	February 26
March 29	February 16	March 24	-	March 5
-	February 23	March 31	-	March 12
-	March 9	-	-	March 19
-	March 16	-	-	March 26
-	March 23	-	-	-
-	March 30	-	-	-