



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution approving the purchase of mobile computing equipment acquired through the Code Enforcement Grant Program and appropriating funds (\$36,695.50)

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2005

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council grant final approval and authorize the purchase of new Tablet PC computers and related equipment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In April 2003, the Council authorized the Community Development Department's application for grant funding through the Code Enforcement Grant Program (CEGP), offered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development Department.

The use of these grant funds is to purchase materials and equipment to aid the code enforcement personnel in carrying out their activities more effectively and efficiently. The equipment identified in the grant application included a new vehicle, mobile computer equipment and related equipment, wireless technology for those mobile computers, and video surveillance cameras.

The City of Lodi was the last jurisdiction funded through the CEGP, so while we were authorized to purchase the aforementioned equipment, we received only \$51,295 of the requested \$74,264. Due to the reduced funding amount, we have had to scale back portions of our proposed purchases. This reduction of funding impacted the ability to purchase equipment to establish a wireless network. We will instead look to subscribing with a local wireless Internet Service Provider (ISP) for that wireless access.

As of this date, \$14,600 of the CEGP funds has been used to acquire a new vehicle for the Community Improvement Division.

The purchase of the new Tablet PC computers and related equipment will allow code enforcement personnel to access information and carry out much of their duties in the field rather than having to return to the office. This will provide a more effective method of reviewing case information, accessing permit records, and allowing for the documentation of their activities and the printing of documents out in the field.

FISCAL IMPACT: The CEGP provides 100% of the funding for the purchase of this equipment. There will be a monthly cost of approximately \$150 for the subscription to a local wireless ISP.

APPROVED: Blair King
Blair King, City Manager

FUNDING AVAILABLE:

Appropriate \$36,695.50 from Account 1211003, which will be reimbursed from the CEGP funds that the State has allocated for this purpose.


James R. Krueger, Finance Director


Randy Hatch
Community Development Director

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cc: City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING
PURCHASE OF MOBILE COMPUTING EQUIPMENT
ACQUIRED THROUGH THE CODE ENFORCEMENT GRANT
PROGRAM, AND FURTHER APPROPRIATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, in April 2003, the City Council authorized Community Development to submit an application for grant funding through the Code Enforcement Grant Program (CEGP), offered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development Department; and

WHEREAS, the equipment identified in the grant application included a new vehicle, mobile computer equipment and related equipment, wireless technology for those mobile computers, and video surveillance cameras; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi was the last jurisdiction funded through the CEGP and received only \$51,295 of the requested \$74,264, and therefore the purchases were scaled back; and

WHEREAS, \$14,600 of the CEGP funds have been expended to acquire a new vehicle for the Community Improvement Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi hereby approves the purchase of mobile computing equipment using Code Enforcement Grant Program funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds in the amount of \$36,695.50 be appropriated from Account 1211003, which will then be reimbursed from the CEGP funds that the State has allocated for this purpose.

Dated: November 16, 2005

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-239 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 16, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and
Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk