



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Response to Council Inquiry on Downtown Sacramento Street Trees

MEETING DATE: April 1, 1992

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None. Information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At its March 18 meeting, Council requested an update on the stumps in the tree wells on Sacramento Street in the downtown area. These trees were affected by last year's freeze. After waiting to see which trees would recover, those that did not were topped.

Since staff had received **comments from** businesses on the street that **some** did not want their trees replaced, we mailed questionnaire notices to all. The businesses that have a tree fronting their property are responsible for watering the tree. **Some** businesses just didn't want the tree; others did not want the responsibility of watering. Since we had little response, the matter was discussed with the Lodi **Downtown** Business Association (LDBA). The City made another mailing to generate **more** response. The result is that, of the forty-seven tree wells, ten have been filled with brick and sand due to negative or no response. The remaining thirty-seven locations will be replanted. The stumps were left in place so they can **be** removed and replaced in one operation. This is much more efficient than removing and replacing the tree well bricks twice, backfilling the hole, then **redigging** for the new tree, **etc.**

The **new** trees are being purchased as part of the annual tree planting program which is presently out to bid. The remaining tree removal and replanting will be completed by City forces in late **April/early** May 1992.

FUNDING: Street Tree Maintenance Account

Prepared by Richard C. Prima, Jr., Assistant City Engineer

JLR/RCP/lm

cc: Street Superintendent

APPROVED

THOMAS A. PETERSON

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March 25, 1992

Lodi Downtown Business Association  
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9 N. School Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

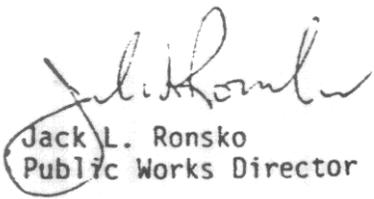
SUBJECT: Response to Council Inquiry on Downtown Sacramento Street Trees

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item that will be discussed at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street. You are welcome to attend.

If you wish to communicate with the City Council, please contact Alice Reimche, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item, please call Richard C. Prima, Assistant City Engineer or me at (209) 333-6706.



Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

JLR/lw

Enclosure

cc: City Clerk

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April 13, 1992

Lodi Downtown Business Association  
Attn: John Borelli, President  
9 North School Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

SUBJECT: Replanting Trees on Sacramento Street

At the last Council meeting, we shared with the City Council information on the replanting of trees on Sacramento Street. A copy of that Council Communication is enclosed. The Council Communication indicates that a number of trees on Sacramento Street will not be replanted at the request of the property owner, or lessee, or renter. Councilman Hinchman had a concern about the fact that all trees were not being replanted on Sacramento Street and felt that LDBA should take a more active role in ensuring the beautification of downtown, especially Sacramento Street. I was asked by Councilman Hinchman to contact your organization and pass on his concerns. If you have not already seen the April 8, 1992 article in the Lodi News Sentinel related to this subject, I have attached it for your information.

I have also attached a memo that I sent to the City Council related to a recent request of a Sacramento Street business owner who has changed his mind and no longer wants trees planted fronting the properties of 27 North Sacramento Street to 43 North Sacramento Street. With this recent request, there will now be fifteen tree wells that will not be replanted.

Let me know if LDBA will be pursuing this matter so I can keep the City Council informed. If our department can be of any further assistance, please contact me or Glen Baitzer, Street Superintendent.

  
Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

JLR/Im

Enclosures

cc: City Manager  
City Council  
City Clerk  
Street Superintendent

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# Hinchman green over dead trees

By Tamra Adamek  
News-Sentinel staff writer

Councilmember David Hinchman thinks a little bit of greenery might help Lodi's most blighted street.

Hinchman disagrees with a suggestion by the city's public works staff not to replant a long row of dead trees on Sacramento Street unless business owners with property fronting the trees are willing to care for them.

Business owners with trees in front of their shops are responsible for watering the trees.

"We've planted trees there . . . a number of times, and they've died for lack of watering," said Public Works Director Jack Ronsko. "There are a number of property owners who don't want the responsibility of watering trees."

The city does not have a sprinkler system installed for the trees, according to Ronsko. If the city takes responsibility for watering the trees, the job will have to be done by hand.

In a report presented to councilmembers last week, Ronsko said that of the 47 dead trees along the downtown street, 37 front property where business owners are willing to care for the trees. The remaining 10 tree wells are slated to be filled with sand or bricks.

"I really feel that all the trees need to be replaced," Hinchman said. "I really believe that the downtown area needs to be upgraded."

Hinchman called it "prudent" for the city to plan for the future of Sacramento Street and plant the trees.

The councilmember said he would be willing to water the trees himself, if it means greening up Sacramento Street. "I'd be willing to water 10 trees," he said.

Hinchman also directed public works staff to talk to members of the Lodi Downtown Business Association to see if they could organize an effort to care for the trees.

The majority of trees along Sacramento Street were killed by a bitter freeze the winter before last. City crews held off on topping any of the trees until they were sure the life had been frozen out of them.

Since then, the dead trees have been trimmed, leaving nothing but tall stumps in wells in the sidewalk along Sacramento Street.

According to Ronsko's report, the dead stumps were left in place so they can be removed and replaced in one operation.

The new trees are being purchased as part of the city's annual tree planting program.

MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Public Works Department

TO: city Manager  
City Council

FROM: Public Works Director

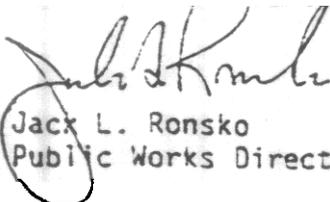
DATE: April 7, 1992

SUBJECT: Report on Sacramento Street Trees

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The report in the last Council packet on Sacramento Street trees indicated there were ~~ten trees~~ that would not be replanted. Since that report was written, the City received the attached request from Clay Saylor which rescinds his previous request for tree replanting. Therefore, there will now be a total of fifteen tree wells on Sacramento Street which will not be replanted.

I will be sharing Councilman Hinchman's comment of the possibility of LDBA taking on the responsibility of the Sacramento Street trees with LDBA Chairman John Borelli.

  
Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

JLR/1m

Attachment

bcc: Public Works Director ✓  
Street Superintendent

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

City of Lodi  
Public Works Department, Street Division  
1331 South Ham Lane  
Lodi, CA 95242

SUBJECT: Trees, Sacramento Street

I, the property owner at the following address(es) 27 thru 43 N. Sacramento St Please replant the Potocarpia trees that were there, but died do to the frost. request that the City:

- replant trees.
- do not replant trees-
- I am undecided. please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Clay Saylor owner of Property  
41 N. Sac. St.  
Address

*I still pay \$275. - a year on my tax statement for the beautification of Sacramento St. It is my understanding I'm paying for these trees. So please replant them for our beautification.*

I Clay Saylor wish to rescind my request for the planting of trees from 27 through 43 North Sacramento Street.

3-27-92  
date

Clay Saylor  
Clay Saylor