



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Amendment to City Council Protocol Manual Adding Section 7.9 Regarding Communications at the Request of the League of California Cities
MEETING DATE: May 18, 2011
PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve amendment to City Council Protocol Manual adding Section 7.9 regarding communications at the request of the League of California Cities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the City Council meeting of April 20, 2011 staff was asked to bring back a policy for Council consideration to allow timely response to requests for communications received from the League of California Cities. From time to time, the City receives a request from the League asking the City to support and/or oppose a particular piece of legislation and/or proposal and send in a letter signed by the Mayor to various legislators indicating the position that the City has taken. Currently, those requests are agendized at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting and processed thereafter. Recently, the City has been asked by the League to process these requests within a relatively short time period in light of pending hearings on the subject matter in the Legislature. As such the following policy is provided for Council consideration:

“Section 7.9. Communications at the Request of the League of California Cities

From time to time, the City is asked by the League of California Cities to take a support and/or oppose position on a particular piece of legislation and/or proposal. When such a request is received, the matter shall be agendized and acted upon at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. When a request is received necessitating a more timely response in that action is required prior to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, the Mayor, on behalf of the City, may sign and submit the requested communication so long as the position is consistent with the position taken by the League and previous positions, if any, taken by the City. A copy of the communication shall be presented as an informational item on the Consent Calendar at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.”

The above amendment to the City Council Protocol Manual is submitted for Council consideration and approval if so desired.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.
FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

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APPROVED:
Konradt Bartlam, City Manager