

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 1983

Council was apprised that Pacific Telephone Co. is in the process of upgrading its facilities in the general area north and west of the Hutchins Street Square. In discussing this work with City Staff, the possibility of undergrounding the existing aerial cables on Oak Street in front of the Hutchins Street Square was explored.

HUTCHINS STREET
SQUARE TELEPHONE
UNDERGROUNDING

The Company has placed some underground facilities but was intending to leave the existing wire on the wood poles fronting the site on Oak Street. Since they have not installed the wire, they are willing to place the new wire and the existing cable underground, do the necessary splicing and remove the poles, if the City will install the conduit. Ordinarily undergrounding done at the request of an outside party is done entirely at that party's expense.

The estimate is a rough one based on preliminary discussions with Pacific Telephone co. A better estimate would be made after plans and specifications are prepared.

Following discussion, on motion of Council Member Pinkerton, Snider second, Council appropriated \$15,000 from the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund to provide underground conduit for telephone facilities on Oak Street fronting the Hutchins Street Square and to prepare plans and specifications for the work.



CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

K7

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager
DATE: May 25, 1983
SUBJECT: Hutchins Street Square Telephone Undergrounding

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council consider appropriating \$15,000 from the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund to provide underground conduit for telephone facilities on Oak Street fronting the Hutchins Street Square and to prepare plans and specifications for the work.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Pacific Telephone Co. is in the process of upgrading its facilities in the general area north and west of the Hutchins Street Square. In discussing this work with City Staff, the possibility of undergrounding the existing aerial cables on Oak Street in front of the Hutchins Street Square was explored.

The Company has placed some underground facilities but was intending to leave the existing wire on the wood poles fronting the site on Oak Street. Since they have not installed the wire, they are willing to place the new wire and the existing cable underground, do the necessary splicing and remove the poles, if the City will install the conduit. Ordinarily undergrounding done at the request of an outside party is done entirely at that party's expense.

Since this work will:

1. improve the appearance of the property;
2. enhance the value of the property for any possible future project;
3. be much cheaper now than in the future,

Staff felt it was worth considering at this time.

The estimate is a rough one based on preliminary discussions with Pacific Telephone Co. A better estimate would be made after plans and specifications are prepared.

Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

JLR/RCP/eeh

APPROVED:

HENRY A. GLAVES, City Manager

FILE NO.