

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1997  
7:00 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members - Land, Mann, Sieglock, Warner and Pennino (Mayor)

Absent: Council Members - None

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, Public Works Director Ronsko, City Engineer Prima,  
Community Development Director Bartlam, City Attorney Hays and City Clerk  
Perrin

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Harvey, Lodi Community Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pennino.

4. AWARDS / PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

- a) Public Works Director Ronsko shared with the City Council the prestigious award made to Diana Gonzales, Supervising Administrative Clerk, by the Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Ms. Gonzales was honored at the APWA secretaries' luncheon with the 1996 Secretary of the Year Award and \$50.00. Ms. Gonzales works at the Municipal Service Center (MSC) supervising a clerical staff of five, and is "mom" to the MSC employees. She is the single mother of two teenage boys, is active in the Lodi City Employees' Association (LCEA) and chairman of the Lodi Employees' Credit Union. Ms. Gonzales is grateful for this recognition and indicated it would not be possible without the cooperation and team efforts of the Public Works clerical staff at City Hall, MSC and White Slough. Public Works functions as a unit and a team concept as a direct reflection of the leadership of Public Works Director Ronsko.  
FILE NO. CC-34

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5. CONSENT CALENDAR

In accordance with report and recommendation of the City Manager, Council, on motion of Council Member Sieglock, Warner second, unanimously approved the following items hereinafter set forth **except those otherwise noted**:

- a) Claims were approved in the amount of \$2,540,574.49.  
FILE NO. CC-21(a)
- b) The minutes of January 15, 1997 (Regular Meeting), January 21, 1997 (Special Meeting) and January 28, 1997 (Special Meeting) were approved as written.
- c) Received the report of sale of surplus property with proceeds totaling \$138.75.  
FILE NO. CC-20 AND CC-47

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- d) Approved the specifications and advertisement for bids for printed envelopes, 1997 requirements and authorized advertisement for bids.  
FILE NO. CC-12.1(b)
- e) Agenda item #E-5 entitled, "Scope of work and authorization to advertise for bids for asbestos abatement and demolition of fire-damaged commercial structure located at 122 North Cherokee Lane as an abatement action" was removed from the Consent Calendar and was discussed and acted upon following approval of the Consent Calendar. (Removed by Council Member Mann.)
- f) Adopted Resolution No. 97-13 awarding the purchase of water rescue and confined spaces rescue equipment for the Fire Department in the amount of \$15,572.32.  
FILE NO. CC-12(d) AND CC-300
- g) Adopted Resolution No. 97-14 awarding the purchase of one three-quarter-ton cab and chassis for the Water/Wastewater Division to Swift Auto World North, Sacramento, in the amount of \$21,944.37.  
FILE NO. CC-12(d) AND CC-300
- h) Adopted Resolution No. 97-15 awarding the contract for 1997 Sidewalk Repair Program and Miscellaneous Concrete Work to Tri-Valley Construction, Manteca, in the amount of \$46,374.50.  
FILE NO. CC-12(a) AND CC-300
- i) Accepted the improvements under Lane Line Painting, Various City Streets, 1996 contract and directed the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's office.  
FILE NO. CC-90
- j) Approved the request for proposals (RFP) for 1997 City-wide aerial photograph services.  
FILE NO. CC-6 AND CC-12.1(c)
- k) Approved the request for proposals (RFP) for services to investigate various communication business opportunities.  
FILE NO. CC-6 AND CC-12.1(c)
- l) Agenda item #E-12 entitled, "Request for proposals for radio system maintenance service and repair" was removed from the Consent Calendar and was discussed and acted upon following approval of the Consent Calendar. (Removed by Council Member Mann.)
- m) Authorized the City Manager to execute the Letter and five-year Oil and Gas Lease agreements with Enron Oil & Gas Company, a Delaware corporation, for the purpose of oil and gas exploration on a 527.79-acre portion of the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility (in consideration for the lease, Enron Oil & Gas Company has offered \$7,916.85 per year plus a one-sixth royalty share.)  
FILE NO. CC-6 AND CC-90
- n) Authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement for professional services with Boyle Engineering Corporation, Sacramento, for the purpose of developing Phase I of a water supply master plan for the City of Lodi and appropriated funds in accordance with staff recommendation.  
FILE NO. CC-6, CC-90 AND CC-183(a)

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- o) Agenda item #E-15 entitled, "Letter regarding relocation of Central California Traction Company tracks in Lodi Avenue to Southern Pacific Kentucky House Branch south of Lockeford Street" was removed from the Consent Calendar and was discussed and acted upon following approval of the Consent Calendar. (Removed for public comment.)
  - p) Accepted the quarterly report of the City of Lodi pooled money investment account as required by SB564.  
FILE NO. CC-21(a)
  - q) Approved the replacement of \$20,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds with \$20,000 of HOME funds for a previously approved property acquisition project by Habitat for Humanity.  
FILE NO. CC-6 AND CC-55
  - r) Set Public Hearing for March 5, 1997 to consider and approve potential uses of Federal funds received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs for the 1997-98 fiscal year.  
FILE NO. CC-6 AND CC-55
  - s) Adopted Resolution No. 97-16 awarding the bid for the purchase of one replacement photocopier, to be installed in the Fire Department's administrative offices, to the low bidder, Business Office Systems of Stockton, in the amount of \$9,850.50.  
FILE NO. CC-12(d) AND CC-300
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6. ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) The City Council, on motion of Council Member Sieglock, Warner second, unanimously approved a letter from the Mayor to be sent to the Union Pacific/Southern Pacific Railroad describing a proposal to relocate the Central California Traction Company (CCTC) tracks from Lodi Avenue to the Kentucky House Branch tracks along the south side of Lockeford Street.

Speaking on the matter was the following person:

- 1. Jim Schweickardt, representing Pacific Coast Producers (PCP), 32 East Tokay Street, Lodi, commented on the affect the abandonment of the main street spur would have on his business. Currently it loads the rail cars at warehouse #5; however, it would have to move west onto Vine Street and load the rail cars at consolidated warehouse. PCP supports the move to the Kentucky House Line and would be willing to absorb the costs to move the loading facility to consolidated warehouse. However, PCP would like assurance that they will enjoy the same kind of service out of consolidated warehouse that they currently have from warehouse #5 in order to remain competitive. Mr. Schweickardt has been working with City Engineer Prima towards some input into the letter to Union Pacific/Southern Pacific Railroad.  
FILE NO. CC-6 AND CC-7(h)
- b) The City Council, on motion of Council Member Mann, Warner second, unanimously approved the scope of work for bids for asbestos abatement and demolition of fire-damaged commercial structure located at 122 North Cherokee Lane and authorized advertisement for bids.  
FILE NO. CC-12.1(c) AND CC-24(b)

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- c) The City Council, on motion of Council Member Mann, Sieglock second, unanimously approved the request for proposals (RFP) for ongoing maintenance of the entire City radio system with further staff research into current maintenance figures, and furthermore that the bidders list be restricted to Motorola factory authorized service companies.  
FILE NO. CC-6 AND CC-12.1(c)

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS (CITY CLERK)

- a) On recommendation of the City Attorney, Risk Manager and/or the City's contract administrator, Insurance Consulting Associates, Inc. (ICA), the City Council, on motion of Council Member Pennino, Mann second, unanimously rejected the following claims:

- 1. Karen Abrams, date of loss 12/1/96
- 2. Bill Manley, Jr. date of loss 11/15/96  
FILE NO. CC-4(c)

- b) City Clerk Perrin read the following ABC Licenses:

- 1. David C. Sproul, 1649 Victor Road, Lodi, Wineblender, Original License  
FILE NO. CC-7(f)

- c) The City Council, on motion of Council Member Sieglock, Warner second, unanimously directed the City Clerk to post for the following vacancies:

**East Side Improvement Committee**

Kevin Suess

**Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission**

Jennifer Rios                      term to expire June 30, 1998  
(student appointment)

FILE NO. CC-2(s) AND CC-2(t)

9. RECESS

Mayor Pennino called for a ten-minute recess and the City Council meeting reconvened at approximately 7:46 p.m.

10. REGULAR CALENDAR

- a) In regards to Century Boulevard, Cherokee Lane to Stockton Street - speed limit, truck travel restriction, and pedestrian crosswalk study, the City Council, on motion of Council Member Sieglock, Pennino second, unanimously took the following actions:

- Directed the Chief of Police to look into initiating a pilot program, in which residents in the area would receive a radar gun to track traffic speeds. The residents would log violators' speeds and license plate numbers and forward the list to the Chief, who would in turn send a letter to the registered owner of the vehicle indicating they were observed speeding in the area. The letter would serve as a warning only, not a citation. The Police Department would then follow up with traffic enforcement in the area;
- Determined that the speed limit of 40 mph would remain the same; however, staff is to do an "eyeball" review of the speeds to determine if a new speed study would result in an increased or decreased speed limit;
- Directed staff to contact local businesses and truckers about voluntarily not using Century Boulevard, between Stockton Street and Cherokee Lane, as a part of their truck route;
- Directed staff to look into the possibility of installing signage on Century Boulevard indicating "No Through Truck Traffic";
- Deferred action on installation of a crosswalk until the proposed school site is built; and
- Directed staff to prepare letters to Congressman Larry Bowler and Senator Patrick Johnston requesting a review and possible revision of the 85th percentile law in determining traffic speeds.

Speaking on the matter were the following persons:

1. John Sutphin, 321 East Century Boulevard, Lodi, voiced the concerns of petition signers. There are approximately 357 residences and 582 children that will be impacted by the Council's decision. The speed and truck traffic jeopardizes these children. The survey by staff was not done during peak truck traffic times. It should have been done between 4:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. and between 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (during the summer, the evening peak time is between 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.). There are two major trucking operators in the vicinity that use Century Boulevard. Lodi Trucking Company is not a big concern; however, during the tomato harvest trucks continue along Century all day and all night. Waiting for the proposed traffic signal at Harney Lane and Stockton Street is not an acceptable solution. Regarding pedestrian crosswalks, they are there to provide a sense of security to the pedestrian and would be beneficial to the school children. Residents appreciate the efforts of staff in preparing their report and the efforts of the Police Department in their additional patrol, but give the residents' concerns an unbiased decision. The suggestion about restricting truck traffic at night would be only a partial solution, and it would not help the children;
2. Don Soares, 359 East Century Boulevard, Lodi, presented a two-minute video demonstrating the truck and vehicle travel on Century Boulevard periodically throughout the day. Mr. Soares appreciates having the Police Department in the area for extra enforcement. The noise from the truck traffic is outrageous, and, even though it is heavier at times, it is constant throughout the day. Restricting truck traffic after 5:00 p.m. until morning is only a partial solution. Further, the study is old and needs to be redone, because it is based on when the street was originally opened and traffic has increased considerably since then;
3. Marlene Souza, 501 Swallow Lane, Lodi, commented on the increase in traffic since she moved into the subdivision nine years ago. During peak season, Tiger Lines trucks come through about every 15 minutes, and it is impossible to carry on a conversation. The truck travel occurs seven days a week;

4. Patty Vida, 507 Swallow Lane, Lodi, expressed her concern that the survey was done in 1993 when Century Boulevard was new. Since then Steeplechase has built a lot of homes, and there are a lot more children. There is a need for a new speed survey. The trucks frighten her and there are no crosswalks. She does not understand how this area can be classified as an industrial area, when it is clearly residential. The developer did tell her that eventually Century Boulevard would become a four-lane road and would go through past Stockton Street;

Police Chief Hansen informed the City Council of a pilot program he has been considering, whereby residents would be equipped with a radar gun and could track excessive speeds. A log would be turned into the Police Chief indicating the vehicle license plate number and the speed clocked by radar. The Police Chief, in turn, would then send a warning letter to the registered owner informing the driver that he was observed exceeding the speed limit in this area. The Police Department would then follow up with traffic enforcement by motorcycle officers.

5. Don Soares spoke again that he does not want to lose the ability of radar enforcement and that he would be willing to try the pilot program as explained by Police Chief Hansen;
  6. Tom Murphy, 1341 West Robinhood Drive, Stockton, expressed that the residents in the area are asking for help with the truck traffic. Some kind of restriction and the experimental pilot program would help. He does not see a big cost for a crosswalk. Further, the speed limit is high, but radar is a good enforcement tool;
  7. Bill Atteberry, 670 Sandpiper Circle, Lodi, also expressed concern for the speed and the truck travel. Century Boulevard is serving as a tributary to the Highway 99 on-ramp. Perhaps an alternative would be to install signage that says no through truck traffic;
  8. Jacque Sutphin, 321 East Century Boulevard, Lodi, shared that there are about ten homes that face Century Boulevard and there are more homes under construction that will face Century. They are concerned about the children getting on and off of the school bus; and
  9. Joseph Csipkes, 383 East Century Boulevard, Lodi, complained that the staff report did not address the issue of the school buses in the area. That is a big deal in the afternoons. There are always children in the mornings and afternoons for the buses. How can they say that it is not a residential area.  
FILE NO. CC-6, CC-45(a), CC-48(a) AND CC-48(b)
- b) The City Council, on motion of Council Member Sieglock, Warner second, unanimously continued to the February 19, 1997 agenda item #H-2 entitled, "Fleet Policies and Procedures".  
FILE NO. CC-6 AND CC-300
  - c) The City Council, on motion of Council Member Warner, Sieglock second, unanimously adopted Resolution No. 97-17 awarding the two contracts for Central City Revitalization Improvement Project, Downtown and Cherokee Lane - one for the Cherokee Lane Improvements to Granite Construction Company, of Stockton, in the amount of \$3,865,318.00 for Base Bids 1, 3, 4 and 5, and the other for the Downtown Improvements to Diede Construction Company, of Woodbridge, in the amount of \$4,114,160.48 for Base Bids 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6; and authorized the City Manager to appropriate funds as described in accordance with staff recommendation.

Speaking on the matter were the following persons:

1. Michael Freedman with Freedman, Tung & Bottomley answered questions posed by the City Council and reassured that the bid is within the figure originally estimated; and
2. Bob Johnson, member of the Central City Revitalization Task Force, expressed concern about "value engineering" the project and questioned if the final project will be high quality as the plans originally indicated it would. Mr. Freedman assured that both he and City Engineer Prima are dedicated to protecting the aesthetic quality of the project.  
FILE NO. CC-12(a), CC-72, CC-300 AND CC-400

11. ORDINANCES

None.

12. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Bob Johnson, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, expressed a concern regarding the displacement of the City's recreational activities at the Lodi Boys and Girls Club. In 1996 the City entered into an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club to use their facility on set dates. Recently the City's scheduled events have been changed with a few days notice by the Boys and Girls Club due to double-booking. The City also has a use agreement with Lodi High School and was recently forced to reschedule a few of their activities. These things do happen, but it seems to happen a lot more lately. The City has rarely disenfranchised these agencies. This highlights the necessity for an indoor recreation center; it is critical and the Commission wants to see it move forward. Mr. Johnson has discussed these concerns with Marcial Fernandez, Board Member, and with Richard Jones, Executive Director, of the Lodi Boys and Girls Club. Council agreed on the need for an indoor sports facility. Further, Council Member Mann indicated that, at the right time, he would like to see the Parks and Recreation staff and the Commission come to an official agreement as to its number one priority.  
FILE NO. CC-16 AND CC-40

13. COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Council Member Sieglock wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day and reminded everyone not to forget their spouses or girlfriend or boyfriend.
- b) Mayor Pennino indicated he was very impressed with the recent Boys and Girls Club Annual Installation Dinner. He also stressed that the City of Lodi does need to use their facilities, and we need to work together. Lodi Boys and Girls Club Board Member Marcial Fernandez concurred with the Mayor. There are not enough facilities to do all of the things that we want to do. It is an unfortunate situation where they may have doubled use of the facility, and he apologized. The Club will continue to work with the City. Mr. Fernandez reminded the City Council that their Grand Opening is next Thursday, February 13, 1997. Mayor Pennino informed the City Council that he will be placing on the next agenda the creation of the Year 2000 Task Force. Once the Task Force is

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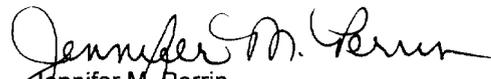
created, there will be a 30-day application period for anyone interested in serving. Further, Mayor Pennino received concurrence from the City Council to place on the next agenda the expansion of the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission from seven to eleven student appointees.

FILE NO. CC-2(a), CC-2(t) AND CC-40

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pennino adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer M. Perrin  
City Clerk