

SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL,  
CITY OF LODI  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL  
LODI, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 6, 1977

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi and Mr. Gerald Yoachum, Field Representative for United States Senator Alan Cranston was held pursuant to written notice being mailed to each member of the City Council, Mr. Gerald Yoachum, Field Representative for Senator Alan Cranston, the Stockton Record, KCVR TV News, the Lodi News-Sentinel, KCVR Radio Station, Life and Times Magazine, and Lodi Cable TV at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in compliance with Section 54956 of the California Government Code.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Katnich.

PRESENT: Councilmen - Ehrhardt, Hughes, and  
Katnich (Mayor)

Mr. Gerald Yoachum, Field Representative for United States Senator Alan Cranston.

ABSENT: Councilmen - Katzakian and Pinkerton

Also present were: City Manager Henry Graves, Assistant City Manager Jerry Glenn, and City Clerk Reimche.

ROLL CALL Attendance was recorded by the City Clerk.

CONCERNS EXPRESSED RE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO MEET WITH SENATOR Councilman Ehrhardt apprised Mr. Yoachum of his unsuccessful efforts to see Senator Cranston during a visit he had made to Washington. Discussion followed with Mr. Yoachum suggesting that if Senator Cranston is not available, he would suggest speaking with one of his legislative assistants as they can be most helpful.

AUBURN DAM PROJECT Discussion followed regarding Senator Cranston's position on the Auburn Dam and the Folsom South Canal. Mr. Yoachum apprised the Council that Senator Cranston will be fully supportive of the project at such time as the seismological survey indicates that it can be constructed safely.

ENERGY CONCERNS Councilman Hughes apprised Mr. Yoachum that the American Public Power Association of which the City of Lodi is a member, has very carefully studied President Carter's plan for setting up an Energy Office and that he believes that the general consensus of the A. P. P. A. is that of general support of the proposed reorganization with one primary objection and that is the

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ENERGY  
CONCERNS  
(Continued)

inclusion of the Federal Power Commission within the Cabinet level office. Councilman Hughes further stated that it is felt that the Federal Power Commission should be retained as an autonomous commission and not be made a part of the Executive Branch.

Councilman Hughes then spoke of HR 5065 which has been introduced by Congressmen McFall and Clawson which would basically change the manner in which the Federal Power Commission regulates rates. Councilman Hughes explained present Federal Power Commission procedures and stressed the importance of this proposed change. Councilman Hughes stated that it is hoped that Senator Cranston is aware of the problem and would be supportive of this bill.

Councilman Hughes also addressed the subject of difficulties being experienced with transmission rights of power.

CONCERN  
EXPRESSED RE  
PUBLIC LAW  
94-566

Following introduction of the subject by City Manager Graves, discussion followed regarding Public Law 94-566 which requires state and local governments to provide unemployment insurance for their employees where heretofore they had been exempt from the unemployment compensation program. Mr. Yoachum was apprised of the problems including an estimate of costs that this legislation would impose upon the City of Lodi.

PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES/  
BINDING  
ARBITRATION

Councilman Hughes raised the point of binding arbitration relating to public employees and the fact that it always seems to be threatening to come up before Congress, as well as before the State legislature. Councilman Hughes states that he feels that local Governments, particularly in California, have a good bargaining relationship with the guidelines that have been established. Councilman Hughes stated that he feels that local government is sensitive to both community needs and the needs of the employees and that it is his feeling that Federal as well as State Government has no stake in this at all and should not be involved in any type of legislation to mandate upon local government how they should deal with their employees.

HEALTH SYSTEMS  
AGENCIES

The subject of Health Systems Agencies and the voluminous regulations imposed upon them by legislation was introduced by Councilman Ehrhardt with discussion following on the matter.

Additional discussion followed regarding various subjects concerning local problems as related to the Federal Government.

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INVITATION  
EXTENDED TO  
CVD QUARTERLY  
DINNER IN LODI

An invitation was extended to Senator Cranston to attend the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities quarterly dinner to be held in Lodi on September 15, 1977.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Katnich at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Attest:

*Alice M. Reimche*  
ALICE M. REIMCHE  
City Clerk