

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 1970

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 1970, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmen - EHRHARDT, HUGHES, KATNICH, KIRSTEN and SCHAFFER (Mayor)

Absent: Councilmen - None

Also present: City Manager Graves, Assistant City Manager Peterson, City Attorney Mullen, Planning Director Schroeder, and Public Works Director Jones.

PLEDGE Mayor Schaffer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES On motion of Councilman Katnich, Kirsten second, the Minutes of November 18, 1970 were approved as written and mailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPEAL - Notice thereof having been published in accordance with law, Mayor Schaffer called for the public hearing on the appeal of Mr. David Chavier of the Silver Dollar Club from the decision of the City Planning Commission in denying his request for a Use Permit to establish a cocktail lounge with eating facilities at 212 West Kettleman Lane. This matter had been continued from the meeting of October 21, 1970 at the request of the appellant. A letter was presented from Mr. Chavier requesting withdrawal of his appeal. Mayor Schaffer then stated that the decision of the Planning Commission would stand and the appeal was withdrawn.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The City Manager gave the following report of the City Planning Commission meeting of November 23, 1970:

AMEND The Planning Commission recommended the SPECIFIC PLAN amendment of the Specific Plan of Century Boulevard (a future street) between West Lane (Hutchins Street) and South Stockton Street. On motion of Councilman Kirsten, Ehrhardt second, the matter was set for public hearing on December 16, 1970.

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REZONE
235 E. KETTLEMAN
FROM R-MD TO
THE C-2 DISTRICT

The Planning Commission also recommended the approval of the request of Mr. Victor C. Haupt by Mr. Bozant Katzakian for a change in zoning from the R-MD, Medium Density Multiple Family Residential District to the C-2, General Commercial District for a parcel located at 235 East Kettleman Lane. The matter was set for public hearing on January 6, 1971 on motion of Councilman Ehrhardt, Kirsten second.

OF INTEREST

The Planning Commission also took the following action of interest to the City Council:

1. Determined that a zoning hardship did not exist and denied the request of Mrs. Delores Becker for a Variance to reduce the required off-street parking from 18 to 13 stalls to permit the erection of a 12-unit apartment house at 111 and 115 South Rose Street in an area zoned R-MD, Medium Density Multiple Family Residential.

COMMUNICATIONS

RE WELCOME
TO LODI SIGNS

The City Clerk read a letter from Paul W. Bosholm, an architect and planner at 595 Lytton Avenue, Palo Alto, in which he stated he felt the "Welcome to Lodi" signs should not be constructed from sheet metal simulated wood as proposed but rather he suggested the use of custom-designed glue-lam columns.

STOCKTON
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
RE PSA
REQUEST

A letter was received from Mr. Jay Roek, President of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, requesting the City Council to adopt a resolution urging the California Public Utilities Commission to give favorable consideration to the application of Pacific Southwest Airlines for permission to introduce commuter jet service to Stockton Metropolitan Airport. On motion of Councilman Ehrhardt, Hughes second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 3443 endorsing the efforts of Pacific Southwest Airlines to serve the San Joaquin County area with adequate commercial air service and urging the California Public Utilities Commission to give favorable consideration to the request.

RES. NO. 3443

WESTERN
UNION RE
RATE INCREASE

A Notice of Application by the Western Union Telegraph Company to the Public Utilities Commission for certain changes in rates for intrastate service was received.

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CITY OF
MODESTO -
RESOLUTION
RE ECOLOGY

A resolution urging the League of California Cities and the County Supervisors' Association of California to seek action to alleviate the problem of litter and waste disposal created by the sale of beverages in disposable, non-returnable containers was received. Mayor Schaffer directed the City Clerk to forward the resolution to Lodi's Ecology Action group for study and recommendation.

FOLSOM
SOUTH CANAL

A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District urging support of the earliest possible completion of the Folsom South Canal was received.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$297,662.34 were approved on motion of Councilman Kirsten, Katnich second.

AWARD -
POLES

At the meeting of November 18, 1970 the Council awarded the contract for the furnishing of wood poles for the Utilities Department to the low bidder, Anixter-Pruzan Company. The Company bid the same price for both the dark treated poles and the natural treated poles. It was later learned that the firm made an error in completing the bid form by showing the bid price for both items. Since the firm does not handle the natural treated poles, it did not intend to bid for them. After discussion, on motion of Councilman Kirsten, Ehrhardt second, the Council agreed to accept the dark treated poles at the bid price of \$11,542.65 from the Anixter-Pruzan Company.

WELCOME TO
LODI SIGNS

The City Council resumed their discussion of the "Welcome to Lodi" signs which had been continued from the meeting of November 18, 1970. Public Works Director Jones presented a letter received from the Division of Highways which set forth criteria which will be adopted after the first of the year which would limit the proposed signs. Criteria set forth in the letter read as follows:

1. The sign may not contain any blinking or flashing lights.
2. The area of the sign may not contain more than 150 square feet of copy.
3. The height or length of a copy panel is limited to 20 feet.

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4. Sight distance between the ground and the bottom of the copy panel shall not cause a sight distance problem to traffic.
5. The message on the sign shall be limited to identification of the city and directional information useful to the traveler such as mileage, route numbers or interchange identification.
6. Descriptive words or phrases and pictorial or photographic representations of the city or its environs are prohibited.
7. The sign must be placed a minimum of 2,000 feet away from an interchange.

Public Works Director Jones explained that items 2 and 7 of the above criteria would preclude installation of the signs as recommended by the Chamber of Commerce. The proposed signs would exceed the 150 feet of copy in item 2, and since they could not be placed closer than 2,000 feet from an interchange, they could not be installed at the proposed locations.

Mrs. Lynn Victor, 120 North California Street, read a letter from the Ecology Action Group expressing opposition to the proposed signs. Mrs. Victor stated she felt the signs were neither ecologically nor economically feasible.

The City Manager presented and discussed a letter received from Mr. Charles A. Bottarini of Ad Art, Inc., Stockton, in which Mr. Bottarini outlined a proposed maintenance and repair agreement and quoted the fee for preparing engineering calculations for the proposed signs to be \$2,235.

Mr. Tom Bivins, Executive Vice President of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce, was in the audience, and he stated it was his understanding that the State's criteria as presented would eliminate the possibility of erection of the signs at either of the two locations proposed. He said he had not had an opportunity to discuss this with the Chamber of Commerce Committee.

After further discussion, Councilman Ehrhardt moved the signs be referred back to the Chamber of Commerce Civic Affairs Committee for study and evaluation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hughes. After discussion, the motion passed by the following vote:

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Ayes: Councilmen - Ehrhardt, Hughes and Schaffer

Noes: Councilmen - Katnich and Kirsten

The Council then, on motion of Councilman Ehrhardt, Hughes second, instructed the City Manager to send letters of appreciation to owners of the property on which the signs were to be erected and to notify the property owners that the City cannot accept the options at this time.

PURCHASE
TENNIS
CARPET

On motion of Councilman Kirsten, Ehrhardt second, the Council approved expenditure of up to \$1500 for the purchase of an indoor tennis carpet, if one cannot be rented, for use in a tennis tournament; said purchase being subject to the City being reimbursed for the costs from any profits realized from the tournament. The Council also indicated that, if the carpet is purchased, it should be used for other activities and not only for an annual tennis tournament.

SUPPLEMENTAL
ALLOCATION -
STADIUM TURF

The Council, on motion of Councilman Kirsten, Ehrhardt second, approved a supplemental allocation in the amount of \$1650 for replacement of a portion of the Stadium turf with hybrid Bermuda grass sod.

SPORTSMAN'S
CLUB LEASE

On motion of Councilman Kirsten, Ehrhardt second, the Council approved extension of the lease with the Lodi Sportsman's Club for a parcel on the Mokelumne River adjacent to the City's property for a period of two years at \$425 per year, effective January 1, 1971. The Council also approved prorating the rent to December for 1970.

METER
CITATION
PROCEDURE
CHANGE

City Manager Graves reported on the progress of the review of the meter citation procedure. He explained the City will be assuming part of the responsibility for processing of the meter citations. He said a study will be made of the entire process to determine what would be the most effective system before a change is effected.

SPECS -
TRUCK

On motion of Councilman Kirsten, Katnich second, the Council approved specifications for a 3/4-ton truck for the Fire Department and authorized advertising for bids on the same.

SUPPLEMENTAL
ALLOCATION -
POLICE DEPT.

On motion of Councilman Ehrhardt, Kirsten second, the Council approved a supplemental allocation in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of steel sheets to replace the springs in the bunk beds in the jail at the Police Department.

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HIGHWAY 12
ASSOCIATION

Councilman Ehrhardt reported on a recent meeting of the Highway 12 Association which he attended.

ADDITIONAL
COUNCIL
MEETINGS

Mayor Schaffer announced that this meeting would be adjourned to Wednesday, December 9, 1970 at which time the Council would be meeting with the Lodi Area Behavior Deterioration and Drug Abuse Council. He also stated that he hoped to meet in adjourned sessions on each second Wednesday of the month in an effort to devote time to the study of particular subjects of interest to the City Council.

ORDINANCES

AMEND
ZONING
ORDINANCE

ORD. NO. 939
INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE NO. 939, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-18 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LODI AND THEREBY SUBSTITUTING SITE PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL FOR THE EXISTING APPROVAL OF PLANS REQUIREMENT," having been introduced at a regular meeting November 18, 1970, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Kirsten, Ehrhardt second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and the ordinance was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen - Ehrhardt, Hughes, Kirsten
and Schaffer

Noes: Councilmen - Katnich

Absent: Councilmen - None

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 10:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, 1970, on motion of Councilman Katnich, Kirsten second. The Council then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Bessie L. Bennett
Attest: BESSIE L. BENNETT
City Clerk