

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
NOVEMBER 12, 1969

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p. m. on Wednesday, November 12, 1969 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON,  
HUNNELL(8:25 p. m. ), SCHAFFER  
and KIRSTEN (Mayor)

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

PLEDGE

Mayor Kirsten led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

VIET NAM  
MORATORIUM

Mayor Kirsten reported he had again received a request for the Council to endorse the Viet Nam Moratorium Day to be observed on Saturday, November 15, 1969. Councilman Culbertson moved that the Council take no action to endorse the moratorium. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HOUSING

Mayor Kirsten stated that the Council had adjourned its meeting of November 5, to this date to consider adoption of resolutions necessary for implementation of Section 23 of the Leased Housing Program in the City of Lodi. He reported that since the meeting of November 5, the City Council had received a letter from Allen R. Reed, Secretary-Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin notifying that the Housing Authority could not undertake the financial responsibility of a leased-housing program in Lodi with the limitations imposed by the Council at that meeting. The City Manager then read the letter which had been received from the Housing Authority. The Council discussed the above letter and reviewed many questions concerning the program.

The Council discussed the possibility of the City establishing its own housing authority. The City Manager reported he had contacted other agencies concerning this, and had been informed it would not be financially feasible. Mayor Kirsten felt the Council should obtain further information to determine if it would be feasible for Lodi to operate its own housing authority. Councilman Brown agreed with the Mayor. Councilman Schaffer expressed that he felt an in-depth study was necessary to answer many questions that still exist. He felt until these questions were answered, no action should be taken on the program. (Councilman Hunnell arrived.)

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Mr. Orwin Dow, President of the Community Action Council, 8 North Rose Street, spoke saying he was opposed to the City establishing a local housing authority and he urged the Council to take favorable action on the housing program immediately.

Mr. David Torres, 520 Cross Street, also spoke in favor of the leased-housing program.

Councilman Culbertson said he would like to explore the possibility of the City establishing a local housing authority and having a contractual agreement with the County Housing Authority to provide services. He said he felt the Council needed a stronger voice than is provided for in the resolution submitted by the Housing Authority and he would like the City Council to have some control concerning policies.

Councilman Hunnell felt the Council should determine if it wished to implement the leased-housing program in the City, and if so, then determine the number of units needed. All of the Councilmen agreed that there is a need for some type of low-cost housing in Lodi. Councilman Hunnell then suggested the Council discuss the program with the Board of Directors of the Housing Authority in an effort to develop a program acceptable to both the City Council and the Housing Authority.

After further discussion, Councilman Schaffer moved that action on the matter be delayed until December 17, 1969 at which time he requested the following information:

1. A definite study and proposal for a local housing authority in Lodi.
2. Determine if Section E of the Application entitled "Demonstration of Financial Feasibility" was drafted specifically for Lodi.
3. Is it possible for the City of Lodi to have a local advisory board to the County Housing Authority?
4. If the City of Lodi established a local housing authority, would the County Housing Authority enter into a contractual agreement to administer the program for the City?
5. Is it possible to have a provision in the resolution for disbursement of units throughout the City?
6. Would the Housing Authority reconsider the recommendation of the City Council for 150 units? If not, why not?

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- 7. Explain the first paragraph on page 2 of the letter received from Allen R. Reed, Secretary-Executive Director of the Housing Authority, dated November 6, 1969.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried by unanimous vote.

Councilman Culbertson then moved that the City Manager arrange for a meeting between the City Council and the County Housing Authority on November 20, 1969 in the County Courthouse to discuss the leased-housing program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schaffer and carried by unanimous vote.

CULBERTSON  
APPOINTMENT

Councilman Schaffer congratulated Councilman Culbertson on his recent appointment by the Governor to the State Committee on Factory Built Housing.

RECESS

The Mayor declared a five-minute recess at 9:45 p. m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon reconvening, the Mayor adjourned the meeting to an executive session.

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