

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 16, 1966

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, March 16, 1966, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON, DOW,  
WALTON and KIRSTEN(Mayor)

Absent: Councilmen - None

Also present: City Manager Graves, City Attorney Mullen (8:20 p.m.), Administrative Assistant Peterson and Planning Director Schroeder.

MINUTES On motion of Councilman Brown, Walton second, the Minutes of March 2, 1966, were approved as written and mailed after correcting the second paragraph on page 4 by changing the word "three" in the second sentence to "two."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BUILDING  
HEIGHTS IN  
INDUSTRIAL  
ZONE

ORD. NO. 812  
INTRODUCED

Notice thereof having been published in accordance with law, Mayor Kirsten called for public hearing on the recommendation of the City Planning Commission to amend Chapter 27 (zoning ordinance) of the City Code by permitting the following building height limit in "M" Industrial zones: Five stories but not to exceed 100 feet. Buildings requiring a height in excess of this provision may be erected after first securing a use permit from the Planning Commission. No communications on this matter had been received and there was no one in the audience who wished to be heard. On motion of Councilman Brown, Dow second, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 812 amending the City Code to provide the above recommended height limit in "M" zones.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PREZONING  
SW CORNER  
LODI AVE. &  
LOWER SACTO RD

The Planning Commission recommended the pre-zoning of a 13-acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Lodi Avenue and Lower Sacramento Road to C-S Commercial Shopping District which is in the process of annexation to the City. On motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second, the matter was set for public hearing at the meeting of April 6, 1966.

PC ACTIONS

Other actions of the Planning Commission of interest to the Council were reported as follows:

1. Denied a request of change of zoning from R-1 to C-1 for property on the north side of Turner Road about 400 feet west of Ham Lane.
2. Denied a request for change of zoning from R-1 to P-D to include commercial, multiple-family and single-family land uses for property between West Lodi Avenue and Iris Drive from Ham Lane to Hutchins Sunset Park Subdivision.
3. Denied the request for a variance to permit the construction of a detached second unit at 921 S. Garfield Street in the R-3 zone.
4. Approved request for a variance to reduce the required side yard from 5 feet to 4 feet 8 inches to allow an addition to a dwelling at 209 Watson Street in the R-3 zone.

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5. Approved the following County referrals:

- a) Request of East Side Winery for a change in zoning at the winery site on Victor Road at Central California Traction Company tracks and also for a parcel adjacent to the Mokelumne River and west of the CCTCo. tracks.
- b) Request of Claude C. Wood Company for a use permit to expand outside storage of heavy equipment on the north side of Lockeford Street from the East Frontage Road to Cluff Avenue.

6. Received withdrawal of application for rezoning the northwest corner of Lodi Avenue and Ham Lane from R-1 to C-1

Councilman Culbertson moved that the report be accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS

LOADING ZONE  
REQUEST

Request of Gienger Linoleum Service for a loading zone for their business at 15 West Oak Street. On motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second, the matter was referred to the Administration for study and report.

LEGISLATION  
RE MARIJUANA

A letter was received from Supervisor Warren M. Dorn of Los Angeles County asking the Council to oppose any proposal to place an initiative measure on the ballot which would legalize growth and sale of marijuana in this state and enclosing a resolution of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors stating its opposition to such legislation. Councilman Culbertson moved that decision on the request be postponed to the meeting of April 6, that information thereon be obtained from the League of California Cities, and that a copy of the proposed legislation be obtained. His motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried.

ABC LICENSE

Notice was read of the application for Alcoholic Beverage License, Premises to Premises Transfer, On Sale General, by Garry and Vionne Seefried, for Garry's Lounge, 7 South School Street.

SCHOOL ST.  
MALL ON  
SHOPPING  
NIGHTS

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to close School Street between Pine and Walnut Streets on Monday nights for a trial period of six weeks so it could be used as a mall for shoppers. (City Attorney Mullen arrived.) Councilman Brown moved that the City Manager be authorized to work with the Chamber of Commerce on closing a portion of School Street as requested. His motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried.

CVD, LCC  
RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Graves read a letter from Roger Huckins, President of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities, recommending that resolutions to be presented for vote to the Central Valley Division be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Division for clearance at its meeting one month prior to the Division meeting. He also stated that when a roll call vote is requested at the Division meeting, the roll should be called. Mr. Huckins would like to have the Executive Committee formulate a policy in regard to resolutions at its meeting of March 24. Some members of the Council felt that having to submit a resolution at least one month in advance might not always be practicable. It was suggested that copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to cities at least a week

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before the Division meeting. The suggestion was also made that there be a resolutions committee to which resolutions could be submitted on the night of the meeting. Councilman Culbertson invited other members of the Council to attend the Executive Committee meeting with him.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS Claims in the amount of \$157,359.29 were approved on motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 Mr. Graves read the recommendation of Mr. Marion J. Varner, Architect for the Public Safety Building, on the suggested Change Order which would permit use of more standardized equipment for the elevator at a savings of \$2,360. According to Mr. Varner the change would not lessen the quality of the elevator, but on the contrary would be superior in some respects. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Dow second, the City Council adopted Change Order No. 1 on the elevator specifications under the contract for the public safety building, subject to approval by the Civil Defense Office.

LEASE - SPORTSMAN'S CLUB LAND City Manager Graves recommended renewal of the Lease with the Lodi Sportsman's Club at \$300 per year for two acres adjacent to the old City dump site along the Mokelumne River. On motion of Councilman Brown, Dow second, the City Council approved extension of the lease for one year ending March 31, 1967.

LIPILT LEASE Mr. R. M. Lipelt is requesting renewal of a yearly lease with the City covering a small portion of the Lodi Lake area immediately east of his property. Mr. Graves recommended that this lease be renewed. On motion of Councilman Dow, Brown second, the City Council renewed the lease with Mr. Lipelt for one year ending March 31, 1967.

TREE REMOVAL AT 536 E. OAK Consideration of the appeal of Mr. Ensminger of 536 East Oak Street for removal of a sycamore tree in front of his property having been continued from the meeting of March 2, 1966, was brought up for action at this time. Councilman Brown moved that the sycamore tree at 536 East Oak Street be removed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson. Councilman Walton felt the recommendation of the Public Works Department, which advocated root surgery rather than removal, should be upheld. Councilman Culbertson's opinion was that the tree would give trouble before another ten years. Mayor Kirsten felt the Council should be guided by a consistent policy. After further discussion, the motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON and DOW

Noes: Councilmen - WALTON and KIRSTEN

APPLICATION - FEDERAL GRANT SEWAGE PLANT RES. NO. 2930 ADOPTED Mr. Graves recommended the reapplication for a Federal Grant for the Sewage Treatment Plant under Public Law 660. On motion of Councilman Brown, Dow second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2930 authorizing the filing of application for Federal Grant for sewage treatment works under the terms of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE Mr. Graves presented specifications for a 85-foot aerial platform truck which will be needed by the Fire Department next year. Both the City Manager and the

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Fire Chief recommended that the truck be purchased directly from Van Pelt Fire Truck Company in Oakdale, California, because replacement of parts would be less expensive and faster than with American LaFrance or Seagrave equipment, experience in Northern California with Van Pelt equipment has been excellent, and, because of the proximity of Oakdale, the equipment could be inspected during construction and later maintenance would be readily available. Further, the Van Pelt Company has given the City a firm offer of \$56,000 including sales tax which would be a savings to the City inasmuch as if the truck were put to bid, the Company's bid would be substantially higher than their present offer. It will take a year to build this type of truck. On motion of Councilman Brown, Culbertson second, the City Council accepted the offer of the Van Pelt Fire Truck Company for purchase of an 85-foot aerial platform truck at a total cost of \$56,000.

STATE EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM

RES. NO. 2931  
ADOPTED

Mr. Graves presented the Council with figures and information prepared by the State Employees' Retirement System Board on what it would cost the City to place its employees under the State Retirement System. He also explained the transfer of City assets which the State wanted converted to cash. This is expected to result in a loss of between \$45,000 and \$50,000 to the City. In discussing the plan, Mr. Graves recommended that retired employees be included. The State has prepared three alternatives: 1) S.E.R.S. for active employees only; 2) S.E.R.S. for active employees and administration of the present City system for retired employees by S.E.R.S.; and 3) S.E.R.S. for both active and retired employees. Costs per year, based on the January 1966 payroll, would be as follows: Alternate 1 - \$93,515; Alternate 2 - \$96,875; and Alternate 3 - \$110,711. Mr. Graves cited reasons why S.E.R.S. would be advantageous to the City. In discussing the proposal to adopt the State Retirement System, the Council expressed concern over inadequacy of the present City pension for retired employees. Councilman Walton moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2931 giving notice of the City's intention to approve a contract providing for participation in the State Employees' Retirement System for active and retired employees. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried by unanimous vote.

CIVIC CENTER  
SITE  
312 W. ELM  
ACCEPTED

A deed to the Thomas J. Carey property at 312 West Elm Street was presented for acceptance by the Council for the sum of \$20,000 with the understanding the Carey's have the right to remove the dwelling prior to June 30, 1966. City Attorney Mullen and City Manager Graves recommended acceptance of the deed. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Walton second, the City Council accepted the deed to the property at 312 West Elm Street, with Councilman Dow abstaining.

SPECS -  
VINE STREET  
STORM DRAIN

Plans and specifications for a storm drain on Vine Street between Fairmont Avenue and Sacramento Road were approved and advertising for bids authorized on motion of Councilman Culbertson, Walton second.

SPECS -  
STOCKTON &  
VINE STREET  
IMPROVEMENTS

Plans and specifications for the improvement of Stockton Street adjacent to the Stokely-Van Camp property and Vine Street from Stockton Street westerly to the railroad tracks were approved and calling for bids authorized on motion of Councilman Dow, Walton second, with Mayor Kirsten abstaining.

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SPECS - TRUCKS Specifications for the replacement of two trucks for the Public Works Department were presented. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Brown second, the City Council approved the specifications and authorized calling for bids for two trucks by unanimous vote.

SPECS - CAR Mr. Graves recommended the replacement of a car in the Public Works Department. Since the car needs extensive repair work, he feels that it would be more economical to trade it in at this time. On motion of Councilman Brown, Dow second, the City Council approved specifications for a sedan for the Public Works Department and authorized calling for bids thereon.

PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTOR CLASSIFICATION Mr. Graves recommended that the Council establish the classification of Public Works Inspector. Because of the amount of subdivision work going on, a full time employee is needed plus a car for his use. On motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2932 adopting specifications for Public Works Inspector at Salary Range No. 61-A.

RES. NO. 2932 ADOPTED On motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second, the Council also approved purchase of a car for use of the Inspector.

CAR APPROVED

WATER RESOURCES SURVEY The State Department of Water Resources has asked the City for an exploration permit to conduct surveys on the City's Thornton Road disposal area. This work is in connection with the Peripheral Canal. On motion of Councilman Dow, Culbertson second, the Council authorized Mayor Kirsten to sign the exploration permit allowing the State to conduct surveys at the disposal area as requested.

COMPUTERS FOR TRAFFIC SURVEY In connection with the traffic survey being conducted by Dr. Faustman, an agreement has been prepared which would permit use of State-owned computers at no cost to the City except for furnishing the State Division of Highways with ten copies of the traffic report. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Dow second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2933 approving the agreement with the State Division of Highways and authorizing its execution by the Mayor.

RES. NO. 2933 ADOPTED

CITY HALL PARKING Mr. Graves reported that because of the construction of the Public Safety Building, parking in the area will be very limited, and he recommended that the parking lot east of the City Hall be reserved for police cars and other City vehicles and remaining stalls for City Hall business. On motion of Councilman Culbertson, Dow second, the City Council approved the recommendation.

PLAQUES FOR COUNCILMEN Mayor Kirsten stated that Administrative Assistant Peterson had made arrangements for having plaques made for retiring councilmen and would need to know how many should be ordered. The Mayor felt that each retired councilman should be given a plaque and other members of the Council agreed. Councilman Brown moved that twenty-five plaques be purchased. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walton and carried.

ORDINANCES

SOIL TEST FOR SUBDIVISIONS ORDINANCE NO. 811, entitled "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A PRELIMINARY SOIL REPORT OF SUBDIVISIONS AND SPECIFYING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A SOIL INVESTIGATION OF EACH LOT IS REQUIRED," having been introduced at the regular meeting of March 2, 1966, was brought up for passage

ORD. NO. 811 ADOPTED

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on motion of Councilman Dow, Walton second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title and the ordinance was passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON, DOW,  
WALTON and KIRSTEN

Noes: Councilmen - None

Absent: Councilmen - None

MISCELLANY

COUNCILMEN  
PHOTOS

Councilman Culbertson mentioned having seen photos in Turlock's City Hall of mayors who had served that City which he considered a nice idea and he suggested that photos be obtained of persons who had served on Lodi's City Council. Standard type frames could be used for hanging the pictures in a suitable place in the City Hall. Councilman Dow suggested the City Manager consult the architect on the remodeling of the Council Chambers concerning this idea.

OFFICIAL  
CREST &  
BLAZER

Councilman Walton asked if anything had been done towards having a crest made to put on blazers for City officials. There was some discussion of blazers and a wine-colored fabric was suggested. The Administrative Assistant was requested to get information on crests and blazers which would be distinctive for the City of Lodi.

TREES AT  
303 W. ELM

Councilman Brown mentioned that Mr. W. C. Hoegerman, 303 West Elm Street, had purchased several ginko trees which he wished to plant in the City's right of way area in front of his home rather than liquid ambers which are preferred by the Public Works Department. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Hoegerman be told that he could plant the ginkos, but that the City prefers liquid amber.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 10:45 p.m. on motion of Councilman Dow, Walton second.

*Beatrice Garibaldi*

Attest: BEATRICE GARIBALDI  
City Clerk