

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1999
6:30 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members – Hitchcock, Mann, Nakanishi, Pennino and Land (Mayor)

Absent: Council Members – None

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, Deputy City Manager Keeter, Public Works Director Prima, Community Development Director Bartlam, Police Chief Hansen, Fire Chief Kenley, Finance Director McAthie, City Attorney Hays and City Clerk Reimche

2. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

A presentation regarding the Public Safety Building was presented by Public Works Director Prima and Fire Chief Kenley.

The agenda for this meeting included the following elements:

- Provide more detail on the recommended project.
- Review alternative sites.
- Describe interim improvements to the Public Safety Building.
- Requested confirmation of the recommended project.

The Public Safety Building recommended project included:

- Build new police building on north side of Elm Street.
- Remodel existing building for Fire Department and other City functions.
- Build parking structure on southwest corner of Elm and Church Streets.
- Make interim improvements.

Details regarding the recommended project were outlined by Public Works Director Prima and Fire Chief Kenley.

Information regarding the police building alternate locations were presented by Public Works Director Prima as follows:

- Downtown area or outlying area.
- Fundamentally a Land Use decision.
- Major detrimental impact to downtown if Public Safety Building relocates out of the area.
- Other Sites:
 - West of Parks and Recreation Office – close Main Street;
 - Old Safeway store block on Lodi Avenue; or
 - Numerous sites east of Highway 99, south of Kettleman Lane or west of Lower Sacramento Road.

Mr. Prima presented the following additional information regarding the Public Safety Building recommended project:

- Addressed public safety needs;
- It is cost effective – 42,000 square feet for proposed new Police Building at an estimated costs of \$17.7 million dollars (including parking structure and remodel of old Public Safety Building;
- Simplest project to build – Mr. Prima presented diagrams of the proposed building;
- Provides needed civic center space and parking;
- Good downtown solution; and
- Allows for future court expansion.

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Public Works Director Prima presented the following information regarding the Public Safety Building Interim Improvements:

- Police; and
- Upgrade main Heating Ventilation and Air Condition (HVAC) unit.

Public Safety Building – Interim Fire Station measures were presented by Fire Chief Kenley as follows:

- Build Station Four;
- Remodel at Station Two; and
- Split Station One staff to those two sites during the remodel of the Public Safety Building.

Details of fire interim measures were presented by Fire Chief Kenley as follows:

- Relocate downtown personnel;
- Build Fire Station Four;
- Relocate Engine Company to Station Four;
- Remodel Station Two to address existing deficiencies; and
- Relocate truck company to Station Two.

Additional information regarding the subject of Fire interim measures – relocation of downtown personnel were outlined by Chief Kenley as follows:

- Temporary housing in downtown area impractical and not cost effective.
- Addressed response times on the west side of the City.
- Cost of Station Four covered by Development Impact Mitigation Fees.
- Funds for providing temporary housing will be diverted to address Station Two deficiencies.

Diagrams regarding these matters were presented for the City Council's perusal.

The following people addressed the City Council regarding the matter:

- a) Lew Van Buskirk, Executive Director of the Downtown Lodi Business Partnership (DLPB), 77 Peltier Road, Acampo, indicated that they would like to see the Public Safety Building kept in the downtown area.
- b) Alan Goldberg, President of the DLBP, 912 Evert Court, Lodi, spoke about the attempts to create density, people and activities in the core of the City. Mr. Goldberg stated that he feels the building should be kept downtown.
- c) James Dean, 16 North Crescent Avenue, Lodi, stated that he owns the property next to the courthouse and indicated they would like to look into trading the property with the City that would generate a like amount of income as he is currently receiving.

A very length discussion followed with questions being directed to staff and to those who had addressed the City Council regarding this matter.

Council Members Pennino and Nakanishi and Mayor Land indicated their support of the recommended project.

Council Member Hitchcock indicated that she thought we were putting the cart before the horse and that she has a problem with not knowing where we are going to get the money to finance this. She further indicated that she does not feel that the required funding is reachable with the current budget.

Both Council Members Hitchcock and Pennino indicated that they would not be supportive of Certificates of Participation for this project.

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Council Member Pennino made a motion, Land second, to confirm the recommended Public Safety Building project, which includes:

- Build new police building on north side of Elm Street;
- Remodel old Public Safety Building for Fire and other City uses;
- Remodel Fire Station Two; and
- Temporarily relocate Fire Station One staff to Stations Two and Four.

Prior to voting on this motion, Council Member Pennino, the maker of the above motion, stated that he would like to see the design and construction of the Police Department and Fire Station Four move forward in a parallel manner; that he does not feel we should upgrade the Public Safety Building HVAC until we have moved personnel out of the building; and that staff do the design work. Further, staff was directed to come back to the Council as soon as possible with a funding strategy for this project.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members – Mann, Nakanishi, Pennino and Land (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members – Hitchcock

Absent: Council Members – None

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk