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CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JUNE 6, 1956

regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi
beginning at 8:00 o'clock of Wednesday, June 6, 1956; Council-
or, Hughes, Katzakian, Robinson, and Mitchell (Mayor)
none absent. City Clerk, Graves also present.

minutes of the previous meetings of April 17, 1956 and May 2,
approved as written and mailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Mitchell called for the continuation of
Public Hearing adjourned from the regular meeting
of May 16, 1956. The City Clerk reported that a
verification of the petition protesting the forma-
tion of the Eureka-Louie Avenue lighting district
contained the signatures of 39.6% of the property
owners. The total front footage within the district
was 13,411.81. The protest represented 5,322.24
front feet which failed by 1,383.66 front feet of
being 50% of the total. The Mayor asked for those
people opposing, to offer protests. Mrs. Cella-
Manna addressed the Council to state that she
opposed the district formation on the basis that
she had a large amount of unimproved frontage.
There were no other protests offered. Various
property owners addressed the council to state
that they favored the installation of street lights
under the special assesment proceedings. On the
motion of Councilman Hughes, Katzakian second,
Resolution No. 1924 overruling the protests, was
adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson,
Hughes second. Resolution No. 1928, ordering the
work, was adopted on the motion of Councilman
Fuller, Katzakian second.

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Mr. Bill Rempher, 115 S. Fairmont Street, addressed
the Council to state that he had a disagreement
with the City Engineer over a number of items. The
City Engineer had placed a barricade at the inter-
section of Pacific Avenue and Oak Street. He had
asked that this barricade be removed and this
had not been done. He stated he had a home for
sale on Pacific Avenue and that the barricade
interfered with the showing and sale of this house.
He stated that he had further been irritated
by the City Engineer's refusal to approve curb and
gutter installation over the west 12 feet of the
lots within the Corda Tract on Palm Avenue and
Turner Road. He said he thought this was a pri-
vate right-of-way and the responsibility for the
installation should rest with him, the developer.
The City Clerk pointed out that in the case of
the barricade of Oak Street, the property owners
on the South side of Oak Street have protested
the truck traffic involved with the construction
of the High School and the dust problem created
by these trucks spreading mud on the street. The
matter was referred to the City Manager by gen-
eral agreement of the City Council.

CCUMU-
IN ALLEY

Mr. Jim Dages addressed the Council to protest
the accumulation of water in the alley behind the
South side of the 200 block of Pine Street and
stated that this water originated at the rear of
the Newspaper Office.

COMMUNICATIONS

- QUONSET HUT USE A letter from the Church of God (Seventh day) dated May 29, 1956 requesting use of the city owned Quonset Hut on North Stockton Street in conjunction with a Conference to be held by the Church at the National Guard Armory. City Manager reported that he had checked with the Fire Marshall, Building Inspector and Health Officer and found that the building would be approved for the occupancy of no more than 15 persons of one sex. City Attorney Mullin stated that he felt the City would be needlessly letting themselves open to liability. In so far as the building was intended to quarter people and because the City would have little influence or control over its use. Councilman Robinson stated that he felt the City had no reason to be afraid of its use. He felt that the City should make visitors to the City welcome and comfortable. Councilman Robinson moved that the request be granted on the condition that it be limited to fifteen people of one sex and on the basis that the Church hold the City harmless for any mishaps. The motion was passed by the following vote:
- AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Fuller, Katzakian and Robinson
- NOES: Councilmen - Mitchell
- ABSENT: Councilmen - None
- QUONSET HUT USE POLICY Councilman Hughes then moved, Katzakian second that no further use be made of the Quonset Hut for housing of people after this present instance. This motion was passed by the following vote:
- AYES: Councilmen - Fuller, Hughes, Mitchell, and Katzakian
- NOES: Councilmen - Robinson
- ABSENT: Councilmen - None
- PURCHASE OF SUNSET ADDITION ELECTRIC DIST. FACILITIES Notice from P.U.C. regarding the decision No. 53144 dated May 28, 1956, approving the purchase by the City of Lodi from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company of the electric distribution facilities in the "Sunset Addition" for the agreed sum of \$5,195.00 plus tax.
- INVITATION TO I.C.M.A. CONFERENCE Letter dated June 1, 1956, International City Managers Association extending an invitation to the City to be represented by the City Manager for the 42nd annual Conference of the I.C.M.A. to be held at Banff Canada, September 16, to 20, 1956. On the motion of Councilman Fuller, Hughes second, the council voted to leave the matter of attending to the descretion of the City Manager.
- FLORA EXTENSION BE ABANDONED Letter dated May 25, 1956 from Tokay Cold Storage Co. & Cecil V. Mumbert requesting that portion of Flora Street west of Main designated as lot 14 in Block A. Subdivision of Lot 72, Barnhart Track be abandoned. Councilman Robinson stated that two years ago the City Council had turned down a similar request from the writers of this letter and that he could see no reason for changing

RES. # 1932
ADOPTED

that decision at this time since he felt that the City may have use for the property some time in the future. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Katzakian second, resolution No. 1932, declaring the decision of the City Council to abandon that portion of Flora street west of Main Street, was then adopted by a unanimous vote.

INCREASE ADV.
BUDGET OF
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

Letter from the Chamber of Commerce stating that because of the additional expense as a result of the Jubilee Celebration, the Chamber of Commerce requests the addition of \$500 to the Advertising fund for 1956-57 budget. The motion of Councilman Hughes, Katzakian second, the Council instructed the City Manager to increase the item in the 1956-57 budget for the Chamber of Commerce from \$2800 to \$3300.

PETITION RE-
QUESTING LIGHTS
ON ORANGE AVE.

A petition requesting the installation of street lights on that portion of Orange Avenue between Oak and Dockeford Streets, excepting Lot 21 of the Handel Subdivision, containing the signatures of owners of property representing 63% of the front footage in the proposed district was submitted by the City Clerk. The signatures on the Petition being sufficient to give the City Council jurisdiction. Resolution No. 1933, declaring the intentions of the City Council to form the Orange Avenue lighting district was adopted on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Robinson second. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Fuller second, the Council then adopted Resolution No. 1934 adopting the plans and specifications for lighting district.

RES. # 1933
ADOPTED

RES. # 1934
ADOPTED

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

BUDGET SUB-
MITTED TO
COUNCIL

The City Manager reported that draft copies of the Budget for 1956-57 had been submitted to the members of the City Council. It was agreed that no action would be taken at this meeting but the matter would be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

COURTESY MAIL
BOX

Mr. Weller reported that the request from the Post Office for a courtesymail box on the East side of Church Street North of Lodi Avenue had received no objections from the City Engineer or Chief of Police. The Council agreed to take the matter up with other requests involving street controls.

STATE PERSONNEL
SERVICES

Mr. Weller reported that a standard agreement with the State Personnel Board for the use of personnel facilities for the next year had been submitted by the Board and he recommended its approval. He pointed out that this only made it possible for the City to use its services, but would not obligate us to the expenditure of any funds unless their services were requested. The contract was approved and the Mayor authorized to sign with the adoption of Resolution No. 1929 on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Katzakian second.

RES. # 1929
ADOPTED

RES. # 1930
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 1930 authorizing and establishing Cross Walks adjacent to public schools was established on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second. Councilman Robinson objected to the procedure whereby the walks had been painted prior to receiving the approval of the City Council.

LOADING ZONE

The City Manager then presented a recommendation from the City Engineer to increase the loading zone in the front of the Sunset theatre on West Lodi Avenue. He pointed out that the present loading zone was not long enough to accommodate the users, and resulted in double parking and traffic congestion. The result will be the elimination of one parking stall. Councilman Robinson stated that he did not feel that the Sunset Theatre provided sufficient parking space for their patrons. He felt that they had other property in the vicinity of the Theatre and that they should provide additional parking for their patrons. As a second recommendation from the City Engineer, the City Manager explained that the bus stop formerly used by the Gibson Bus Lines at the corner of Elm and School Streets was no longer needed and that loading zone could now be eliminated. Resolution No. 1931 establishing a loading zone for the mail box on south Church Street, increasing the loading zone in front of the Sunset Theatre, and eliminating the Bus stop at the corner of Elm and School Streets was then adopted on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Robinson second.

GIBSON LOADING
ZONE ELIMINATEDRES. # 1931
ADOPTEDADDITIONAL PARK-
ING SPACE FOR
SUNSET THEATRE

Councilman Robinson then moved, Hughes second, that the City Manager write a letter to the Sunset Theatre requesting them in their own interest, and in the interest of the public to provide additional parking space on their property for their Theatre patrons. This motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Katzakian,
Robinson, and Mitchell

NOES: Councilmen - Fuller

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

DRIVEWAY
APPROVED

A request for two thirty-foot drive ways on Lockeford Street ~~South~~ of Ham Lane and on Ham Lane north of Lockeford Street by Associated Oil Company was approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Katzakian second. The motion included the qualifications that the request was granted under existing conditions and could be withdrawn or amended when conditions warrant it.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$112,934.78 were approved on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second.

ORD. NO. 557
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 557, ENTITLED "ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WYA AT THE INTERSECTION OF TURNER ROAD AND MILLS AVENUE", having been introduced in regular meeting of May 16, 1956, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Katzakian second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Fuller, Hughes, Katzakian, Robinson and Mitchell

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Ordinance No. 557 was then signed by Mayor Mitchell in approval thereof.

ORD. NO. 558
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 558, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 536 AND AMENDING SET-BACK LINE ON SOUTH SACRAMENTO STREET", having been introduced in regular meeting of May 16, 1956, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Fuller, Hughes, Katzakian, Robinson and Mitchell

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Ordinance No. 558 was then signed by Mayor Mitchell in approval thereof.

ORD. NO. 559
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 559, ENTITLED "AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 469 TO REDUCE BUILDING SET-BACK REQUIREMENTS IN THE R-1, R-2 AND R-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS", having been introduced in regular meeting of May 16, 1956, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Hughes second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Fuller, Hughes, Katzakian, Robinson and Mitchell

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Ordinance No. 559 was then signed by Mayor Mitchell in approval thereof.

GARBAGE RATES
INCREASED

Mr. Weller then reported that he had received a request for an increase in garbage rates from the Sanitary Scavenger Company. He reported that in his opinion an increase could be justified but not to the extent requested by the company. He suggested that the condition of the Company could be analyzed if the cannery business, carried on by the City Scavenger Company would be included as business income when the rates are set. He also felt that the Company should be protected from loss of this cannery business from other individuals or Companies by a suitable amendment to the Garbage Ordinance. Mr. George Kerston, representing the Sanitary Scavenger Company, presented arguments on behalf of the company. Councilman Hughes, stated that he felt the Council should determine the basis by which the need for rate increases should be met. He suggested that this be done by establishing a rate of return to the Company. Councilman Hughes then moved to introduce Ordinance No. 560 to amend the Garbage Ordinance to provide for the increase of domestic garbage rates from .65 to .85 with the rate to be based on the assumption that the Company will be protected in the handling of Cannery garbage. Mr. Weller asked if it was understood that the Company would receive 100% of the gross income

ORD. NO. # 560
INTRODUCED

from the Cannery collection, rather than pay 15% to the City. The Council agreed that the City would not collect its 15% from this item.

GAS TAX
PROJECTS

The City Engineer, Heckinlaible and his Assistant, Chapman then joined the City Council to discuss the major Street Gas Tax projects for 1956-57. The proposal was approved for the widening of Lodi Avenue from School Street to the Southern Pacific Tracks, also extended to Main Street.

The meeting was then adjourned until 8:00 o'clock of June 13, 1956 on the order of the Mayor.

Henry A. Glaves, Jr.
ATTEST: HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk