

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LODI
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
 JULY 1, 1953

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held at 8:05 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, July 1, 1953. Councilmen Preszler, Rinn, Robinson, and Richey (Mayor) present; absent, none; vacancy, one.

Minutes of the adjourned meeting of June 10, 1953 were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

PROPOSED
 S.P.CO.
 PARKING
 LOT

A letter from the Southern Pacific Company regarding the development of Southern Pacific Company property on Sacramento Street as a parking lot was read. The S. P. Company informed the Council that the Associated Oil Company had released a portion of the property under lease to them and the Union Oil Company had released the entire area previously held by them. A new lessee for the corner site must be found, at which time the area between the two corner leases can be leased to the City of Lodi as requested by the City Council.

UNION OIL
 LEASE
 TERMINATED

A letter from the Brazos Oil and Gas Company informing the City Council that it does not care to continue the lease of the 303 acre site. A Quitclaim Deed dated June 8, 1953, whereby Union Oil Company of California and Brazos Oil and Gas Company quitclaim to the City all of the right, title and interest of Union and Brazos will be recorded by the Union Oil Company. The City Clerk was authorized to accept the deed.

PETITION
 TO START
 SUNSET
 ANNEXATION

A petition signed by 11 people requesting permission of the City Council to commence annexation proceedings under the Annexation Act of 1913 of the territory bounded by west Lodi Avenue, the southerly projecting of Ham Lane, South Fairmont Avenue and the south line of the Derald Wagers property was accepted by the City Council and referred to the City Planning Commission for report in accordance with Section 35108 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

DOWNTOWN
 LIGHTING
 DISTRICT

PROTESTS
 OVERRULED

RES. #1754
 ADOPTED

WORK ORDERED
 RES. NOS.
 1755, 1756
 AND 1757
 ADOPTED

Mayor Richey then opened the meeting to the hearing of protests to the formation of the Downtown Street Lighting District. The City Clerk informed the Council that prior to the meeting he had received written protests from La Relda R. Patton and Gladys F. Wood, owning property within the district with 165 front feet, and Kreiger Properties, owning property with 150 front feet, or a total protest of 315 front feet. The total front footage in the proposed district is in excess of 16,000 feet. Mrs. Wood addressed the Council from the audience to say that her protest was based on the belief that taxes were too high at this time and the proposed assessment would be an unnecessary addition. Councilman Robinson stated that, in view of the fact that the majority of the owners of property in the proposed district still wanted the proceedings, he felt that the Council had no alternative but to continue the proceedings. Resolution No. 1754, overruling the protest, was then adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson. Resolution No. 1755, adopting the scale of prevailing wage rates, was then adopted on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Preszler second. Resolution No. 1756, ordering the work, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Rinn second. Resolution No. 1757, directing the assessment to be prepared, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson.

HIGHWAY 99
BY-PASS
DISCUSSED

Mayor Richey then invited the representatives of the Division of Highways to join the Council at the table, and invited interested persons to direct questions relative to the proposed Highway 99 by-pass to these people. Representing the Division of Highways were Mr. John G. Meyers, Mr. Cliff Tenby, Mr. Ed. Tenny and Mr. Wm. Hurd. Mr. Ben Horton addressed the Council from the audience and received permission to read a personal statement. In his statement, Mr. Horton said: He believed the people were entitled to a public hearing more than ever; California population will have increased by 60% before the 4-lane highway is completed in 6 to 8 years, and this will call for new highways which will go east or west of Lodi; we will need 8-lane highways at that time, not 4-lane; the highway between Lodi and Sacramento should be completed before dissecting good vineyards and constructing unnecessary bulges; there is no need for haste in bypassing Lodi when the present 6-lane highway is sufficient; and he begs the City Council to request the Highway Commission to meet with the Council in a public hearing. In reply to this statement Mr. Meyers stated: There is a possibility of a highway east or west of Lodi, but Highway 99 must be completed first; it is impossible to use Cherokee Lane for the new freeway because it will require more width than they now have; the location of the by-pass must be determined before construction of the freeway north of Lodi because the location of the bypass is the key to the location of the northern route; the by-pass probably would not be started before 1960; there is a possibility of locating the by-pass further east, but it would not carry as much traffic; and the Highway Commission has not officially seen this proposed route, but it would be presented to them at a meeting around July 22, 1953. Mr. Meyer added that he felt the issue before the City Council is whether the location suits the purpose of the City of Lodi, or whether or not the welfare of the City is hurt by the proposed route. In answer to a question from the City Attorney as to just what he wanted from the City Council, Mr. Meyer stated that he wanted approval of the route in principle and a resolution from the City Council stating that a public hearing is unnecessary. He added that after the route is adopted the City would still have some protection by the fact that a Freeway Agreement must still be signed. Councilman Rinn stated that he had no opinion as to where the freeway should be located, that is, whether it should be east of Cherokee Lane by 200 feet, 600 feet or 2,000 feet. He added that he felt they should permit the Highway Commission to adopt the route and then ask the City Council if it wished to request a hearing. This would allow the Council more time to study the problem. He added further that he did not feel that this City Council has the capacity at the present time to determine whether the route is good for the City. Councilman Robinson stated that he thought the proposed route was reasonable and would eventually improve the values on Cherokee Lane. Mr. Clifford Bull stated that he could see nothing to complain about until the Highway Commission has adopted the route. He added that he only wanted to be sure that all of the other deficient highways in San Joaquin were completed before the by-pass is completed. In answer to a question from the audience Mr. Tenby stated that they had located the route where it would do the minimum amount of damage to properties and still serve its purpose. Councilman Rinn stated that he did not believe the Council should be concerned with

what the route will do to individual property owners. He continued that, since the matter must still be presented to the State Highway Commission, he would move that the Council take no action at this time, but when the Declaration of Intention to adopt the route is passed by the Highway Commission and received by the Council, that the Council take the necessary action as expeditiously as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Preszler and passed.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

1953-54 MAJOR STREET AGREEMENT RES. #1753 ADOPTED	The Council adopted Resolution No. 1753, approving the Agreement for Expenditure of Gas Tax Allocation for Major City Streets for the 1953-54 fiscal year on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Rinn second, and Mayor Richey was authorized to sign the agreement for the City of Lodi.
NO PARKING ORANGE-LODI AVENUE INTERSECTION	A request from the Safety Council that the curb at the northeast corner of Orange Avenue and Lodi Avenue be painted red as a means of overcoming a hazardous condition brought about by the existence of a high fence and hedge just inside the curb line at this corner was approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, second Preszler. The curb is to be painted red for the length of one parking stall east on Lodi Avenue and north on Orange Avenue.
AWARD OIL AND GREASES RES. #1758 ADOPTED	The City Manager presented the tabulation of bids for the furnishing of oils and greases for the fiscal year 1953-54. The Seaside Oil Company submitted the low bid of \$.558 per gallon for oil and \$.1250 and \$.1275 for gear and chassis grease, respectively. He pointed out that Richfield Oil Company presented the only firm bid, but this bid was approximately 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per gallon higher than the bid of Seaside. Resolution No. 1758, awarding the contract to Seaside Oil Company, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Preszler second.
SPECS FOR SEDAN	Specifications for the purchase of a sedan for use in the Fire Department were adopted on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Preszler second.
CLAIMS	Claims in the amount of \$114,835.61 were approved and ordered paid on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Rinn second.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

BUNCH REZONING	Mr. Weller presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission that property belonging to Lillian Bunch for a width of 115 feet parallel to South Fairmont Avenue be rezoned from the R-1 Residential District to the R-3 Residential District. The Council set July 15, 1953, as the date for the public hearing on the matter.
1953-54 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 492 ADOPTED	ORDINANCE NO. 492, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF LODI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1953, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, having been introduced at the regular meeting of June 17, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Preszler second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted

and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Preszler, Rinn, Robinson
and Richey

NOES: None ABSENT: None VACANCY: One
Mayor Richey then signed Ordinance No. 492 in
approval thereof.

TRAFFIC
ORDINANCE

ORD. NO. 493
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 493, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
LODI REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS
AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NOS. 64, 137, 222, 233,
446 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES
IN CONFLICT HERewith, having been introduced at
the regular meeting of June 17, 1953, was brought
up for passage on the motion of Councilman Robin-
son, Rinn second. Second reading was omitted by
unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was
then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the
following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and
Richey

NOES: None ABSENT: None VACANCY: One
Mayor Richey then signed Ordinance No. 493 in
approval thereof.

G.P.C.
JOINT
MEETING

MASTER
PLAN
DISCUSSED

HALL OF
JUSTICE

At this point the City Planning Commission joined
the City Council in joint session. Mayor Richey
introduced Mr. Harold Wise and his associate, Mr.
Randall Walker. Mr. Wise began the discussion
with the explanation that he had already commenced
the survey with an accumulation of such economic
data as is available on the City of Lodi from
various State and Federal agencies. He explained
that one of the first questions which must be
answered by the City is, "What kind of a city do
we want?" The master plan will then be developed
accordingly. He then asked if any particular
phases of the survey should be given priority over
the others. Councilman Robinson pointed out that
there was some pressure on the City Council to
remove parking meters, so he offered the parking
and traffic problem in the downtown area as one
possibility for early priority. Mr. Wise suggested
that the month of September, when business activity
was high, as the best time for the parking and
traffic survey. This suggestion received general
approval. Councilman Robinson then mentioned that
the question of the location for the proposed Hall
of Justice and Civic Center was a pressing topic.
Mr. Wise stated that he had already studied this
matter and was prepared to make a recommendation
which would be subject to some modification after
further study. He stated that the present proposed
site was adequate and proper for such a structure.
He explained that area surrounding the present site
was devoted largely to institutional use. He
gave as examples the Odd Fellows Hall across the
street, the Library, Masonic Hall, Women's Club,
the Telephone Company and the various churches.
He pointed out that these were all properly located
on the fringe of the commercial area. He added
that unless all of the buildings were taken out
of the area, there would be no extension of the
business district west on Pine Street. He said
that the possible modification he referred to would
be relative to the exact location relative to the
City Hall. The arrangement of buildings in the
Civic Center should be determined by long range
planning. Finally, he stated that if the alternate

of the present site is a location out of town, he did not think there is any question about it-- the site should be where it is. Mr. Weller asked if locating the Hall of Justice next to the City Hall would affect the values of commercial property in the vicinity. Mr. Wise replied that in general there would be no effect. The desirability of a lot for a particular use may not be so great as for another use; however, he added, he did not believe that it is within our province to be concerned with the speculative values.

COFFIELD &
ROTT
APPOINTED
TO LIBRARY
BOARD

The Council then discussed the appointments to fill the expired terms of Dr. Coffield and Dr. Ridenour on the Library Board. Mayor Richey pointed out that due to ill health, Dr. Ridenour would be unable to continue on the Board. She stated further that the name of Mr. Reuben Rott had been suggested for appointment. Councilman Robinson then moved, Preszler second, that Dr. Coffield and Mr. Rott be appointed to fill the two vacancies. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

MIL MILLER
REAPPOINTED
TO C.P.C.

In discussing appointments to the City Planning Commission to fill the expired terms of Mr. Homer Miller and Mr. Carl Wishek, Mayor Richey stated that she had been informed by Mr. Wishek that he did not wish to be reappointed. Mr. Robinson stated that he was sorry that Mr. Wishek could not continue because he felt that Mr. Wishek had been a very valuable member of the Commission. Councilman Preszler then moved the reappointment of Mr. Miller to the Planning Commission and the deferral of the appointment of Mr. Wishek's successor until a recommendation could be received from the Planning Commission. Following the second of Councilman Rinn, the motion was passed. Councilman Rinn moved, Robinson second, that a letter be sent to Mr. Wishek expressing the appreciation of the Council for his past service and the regret that he cannot serve again.

HILLMAN
APPOINTED
TO CITY
COUNCIL

Mayor Richey then called for the appointment of a councilman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilman Haskell. Councilman Rinn stated that the members of the Council had given serious consideration to every name suggested to them, and they had attempted to find and select the best man available to them. He then moved the appointment of Mr. Robert E. Hillman to fill the vacancy on the City Council. In seconding the nomination, Councilman Robinson stated that he believed Mr. Hillman possessed the necessary experience for the position and that he would be a valuable addition. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk