

**CITY OF LODI
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2002**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, January 8, 2002 commencing at 7:02 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and Mayor Pennino

Absent: Council Members – None

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Keeter, City Attorney Hays, and City Clerk Blackston

Mayor Pennino announced that Tony Gora, Mayor of Galt, passed away yesterday. Council observed a moment of silence in his memory.

Mayor Pennino also announced that Victor Mow was elected Chair of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and Jack Sieglock as Vice Chair.

B. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR UPDATE

City Clerk Blackston reviewed the weekly calendar (filed).

C. TOPIC(S)

C-1 "Legislative and Priority Projects for State and Federal Advocacy"

Deputy City Manager Keeter explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential issues and projects for State and Federal advocacy. The results will be forwarded to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (COG) for the third annual San Joaquin "One Voice" visit to Washington, D.C. and the first annual San Joaquin "One Voice" to Sacramento. The purpose of both efforts is to meet with legislators to advocate for regional and local projects. An item will be placed on the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting to adopt a resolution supporting the legislative priorities.

STATE:

Vehicle License Fee Backfill

Finance Director McAthie outlined the history of vehicle license fees. She stated that the City is currently supposed to be getting 18.75% of any taxes collected on vehicles registered in Lodi, which amounts to \$3.3 million annually. A decision was made by the Governor to backfill 67.5% of the license fees from the general fund of the State. For Lodi, the backfill amounts to \$2 million. Due to State budget deficits there is a likelihood that the backfill to cities will be terminated.

Ms. Keeter stated that the League of California Cities has encouraged all cities to send letters to the Governor supporting his commitment not to take the vehicle license fee from cities.

Caltrans Environmental Requirements for Lodi Lake Grant Funds

Ms. Keeter stated that the City received a Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) grant in the amount of \$163,000, which was to be used toward Phase 2 of the Lodi Lake bike trail project. Caltrans required that the City do a hazardous waste study on the 13-acre parcel, a visual impact study on the bike path east of the levee, a natural environmental study, an archaeological study, and a cultural resources study. Staff calculated that it would cost over \$100,000 to conduct these studies.

Public Works Director Prima stated that staff will be recommending that Council approve the transfer of this grant money to the Kettleman Lane project. He suggested that Council might want to advocate a threshold amount on grants, whereby local agencies can use its own processes rather than Federal regulations.

Support Caltrans Having More Flexible Streets and Highways Design Standards

Mr. Prima stated that many cities have complained that Caltrans has an inordinate amount of requirements that impede cities where a State highway runs through the downtown area.

Ms. Keeter suggested that the Animal Shelter be considered for State legislative advocacy, as well as Federal. She commented that there are unfunded State mandates requiring Animal Shelters to keep animals for a longer period of time.

Council Member Nakanishi asked for a list of unfunded State mandates and what the projected cost is to the City. Ms. McAthie replied that she would provide this information.

Mayor Pennino asked why the Woodbridge Irrigation District restoration project was not included on the list of legislative projects.

Mr. Prima indicated that it was overlooked when the list was prepared. He reported that the District submitted its final application for construction funding in September. A CALFED decision is due in late spring or early summer.

Council Member Land requested that the following items be added to the State legislative advocacy list:

- Create Housing Solutions – Providing decent, affordable housing, multi- and single-family. Addressing the live-work housing issue and agricultural worker housing.
- Leave municipal power companies alone.
- Water – Supporting our effort in searching for additional water rights and storage.

Council Member Nakanishi voiced support for the issues of maintaining the vehicle license fee backfill to cities, restoration of ERAF to cities, and local control of municipally owned utilities.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock chose the issues of local control of municipally owned utilities and the animal shelter as priorities.

Council Member Howard stated that maintaining the vehicle license fee backfill to cities, the Woodbridge Irrigation District restoration project, and the animal shelter were her highest priorities on the list. She noted that the issue of maintaining local control of municipally owned utilities could effectively be advocated on many levels.

FEDERAL:

Railroad Track Safety Improvements

Ms. Keeter stated that this would be for street work on Lockeford Street and Guild Avenue as a result of the Kentucky line being put in so that the tracks can be removed.

Animal Shelter Project

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Ms. Keeter noted that the upgrade is necessary as a result of requirements for discharge.

Highway 12 Improvements for Operations and Safety

Ms. Keeter commented that this issue was advocated in Washington D.C. last year.

Transit Maintenance Facility

Ms. Keeter stated that it typically takes two years to get funds for these types of facilities.

Mr. Prima noted that the transit maintenance facility was built in the 1960s and the number and sizes of vehicles has increased substantially since that time.

Fire Chief Pretz reported that the following Federal legislation is being proposed:

1. To provide Federal resources to protect firefighters from the effects of chemical and biological agents.
2. Increase funding to the Assistance to Firefighters Program.
3. Federal program being established to hire additional 75,000 firefighters across the country. This is a grant that would pay for firefighters salaries for the first three years of employment.
4. Increase the capability and responsiveness of the urban search and rescue task forces and the metropolitan medical response system.
5. Define Federal leadership for the fire service.
6. Improve communication infrastructure for emergency responders.
7. Enact legislation to make the Federal Emergency Management Agency office of natural preparedness as the single point of contact for terrorism preparedness.
8. Increase funds for counter terrorism programs.
9. Fund Operation Respond to improve the response to hazardous materials incidents.
10. Direct the formation of terrorism early warning groups.
11. Augment local and Federal fire emergency service departments to protect critical installations, particularly under heightened security.

Mayor Pennino requested that Chief Pretz prioritize these issues according to what would best meet the needs of the City. Addressing Ms. Keeter he noted that the issue of maintaining local control of municipally owned utilities should be placed under both the State and Federal lists.

Council Member Land requested that 'Creating Housing Solutions' be added to the list.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock requested the addition of infrastructure financing and the Indoor Sports Center.

Mayor Pennino pointed out that the Indoor Sports Center could be placed on both the State and Federal lists.

Council Member Howard and Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock expressed an interest in attending the San Joaquin "One Voice" trip to Sacramento.

D. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

E. ADJOURNMENT

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

Mayor's & Council Member's Weekly Calendar

WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2002

Tuesday, January 8, 2002

- 7:00 a.m. Shirtsleeve Session
1. Legislative and Priority Projects for State and Federal Advocacy
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Wednesday, January 9, 2002

- 5:30 p.m. Special Council meeting
1. Closed Session
 - a) Review of Council Appointees - City Manager and City Attorney
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Thursday, January 10, 2002

- 5:00 p.m. Pennino and Land. 2 x 2 meeting with LUSD, Carnegie Forum.
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Friday, January 11, 2002

- 8:45 - 11:45 a.m. San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee meeting, County-City Building at Tenth Street Place, Modesto.
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Saturday, January 12, 2002

- 8:00 a.m. Joint Council meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission
1. Tour of Parks and Recreation facilities
NOTE: Meet at the Lodi Transit Station, 24 S. Sacramento St.
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Sunday, January 13, 2002

Monday, January 14, 2002

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CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Discuss list of projects for submittal to San Joaquin County Council of Governments (COG) for "San Joaquin ONE VOICE"

MEETING DATE: January 8, 2002

SUBMITTED BY: Deputy City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council discuss the list of proposed projects for submittal to COG for the "San Joaquin ONE VOICE."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The San Joaquin Council of Governments (COG) is inviting regional business and political leaders to join in a lobbying effort, "San Joaquin ONE VOICE," in Washington, D.C. from March 18 through March 22, 2002. The purpose of the trip is to introduce regional needs to administrative and congressional officials while also affording the local participants the opportunity to network with their counterparts.

In addition, we have been requested to submit issues that the City desires for inclusion in COG's Regional Legislative Agenda for "San Joaquin One Voice, Sacramento" scheduled for February 4th and 5th, 2002. The following is a partial list of potential Legislative advocacy issues for Lodi:

1. Railroad track safety improvements
2. Animal Shelter funding – unfunded mandate
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade funding
4. Highway 12 improvements for operations and safety

Staff recommends that Council support the aforementioned list of projects and consider any other additional local or regional issues for Lodi's advocacy effort for purposes of lobbying for Federal and State funds.

FUNDING: Not Applicable.

Respectfully,

Janet S. Keeter
Deputy City Manager

Attachments

APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager



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TRACY,
AND
THE COUNTY OF
SAN JOAQUIN

Dear Mayor Nakanishi:

This year has been a very good year for our Region. We have just received notice from Congressman Pombo's office that several of our priorities from the 2001 Regional List of Priorities have been funded. Included are:

Arch Sperry Intersection	\$2,000,000
ACE Maintenance Facility	\$3,000,000
Airport	\$1,600,000
Downtown Transit Center	\$ 500,000
Lathrop Well Replacement	\$ 540,000

Again this year the San Joaquin Council of Governments is putting together a Regional List of Legislative Priorities. Please prepare your top two priorities that you want placed on this regional list. The SJCOG will develop the list for consideration and adoption at the January 24, 2002 meeting.

Our 2002 "One Voice" trip is scheduled for March 18 - 22, 2002. Please place these dates on your calendar for consideration of joining the San Joaquin One Voice Team.

In addition, please select your top two priorities for consideration of a Regional List of State Priorities. We plan to carry the One Voice effort to Sacramento on February 4 & 5, 2002.

Please submit two lists of priorities as soon as possible, but no later than January 2, 2002. If you have any questions or require assistance, please feel free to contact Andrew Chesley or me.

Sincerely,

Julia E. Greene
JULIA E. GREENE
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Dixon Flynn, City Manager

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San Joaquin One Voice

*Annual Unified Legislative Efforts on
Behalf of San Joaquin County*



Washington, D.C.
March 18 - 22, 2002



Sacramento
February 4 - 5, 2002

Join the San Joaquin Council of Governments and our top political and business leaders in advocating for our regional priorities. Plans are underway for the first regional legislative visit to our state Capitol and for the third annual regional legislative trip to our nation's Capitol. Be sure to save the dates!

For more information,
contact: Susan Filios
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What is San Joaquin One Voice, Sacramento?

It's an opportunity for local leaders to help shape decisions that will improve the San Joaquin region. As evidenced by the success of *San Joaquin One Voice, Washington* coordinated by the San Joaquin Council of Governments, this Sacramento legislative visit will provide a two-day opportunity for local leaders in government and business to join forces to protect and enhance our region's economic health and quality of life.

San Joaquin One Voice provides a chance to educate our legislative leaders and staff in Sacramento and influence state policies that impact our region. You will be able to meet and build new and stronger relationships with local leaders, as well as our state representatives.

A registration fee of \$50 will be charged to help underwrite the cost of the trip.

Fill out and return the registration information to the San Joaquin Council of Governments, or call Susan Filios at 209-468-3913.

Yes, I'd like more information about San Joaquin One Voice, Sacramento.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

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Sacramento

February 4 - 5, 2002

Don't delay!
Commitments are
needed by
January 15, 2002.

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Priority Projects for State and
Federal Advocacy
San Joaquin "One Voice"
2002

San Joaquin “One Voice” 2002

- Washington, D.C. - 3rd Annual Trip
- Sacramento - 1st Annual Trip

San Joaquin “One Voice”

Feb. 4-5, 2002

Sacramento

- Vehicle License Fee Backfill
- CalTrans Environmental Requirements for Lodi Lake Grant Funds
- Support CalTrans Having More Flexible Streets and Highways Design Standards

San Joaquin “One Voice”

March 18-22, 2002

Washington, D.C.

- Railroad Track Safety Improvements
- Animal Shelter Project
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Highway 12 Improvements for Operations and Safety
- Transit Maintenance Facility (Expansion?)