

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING
SPECIFICATIONS, AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOR SERVICES FOR THE ABATEMENT BY DEMOLITION AND CLEARING
OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 428 RAILROAD AVENUE
(APN 043-201-16), AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO AWARD OR REJECT THE CONTRACT UP TO \$8,000

WHEREAS, this project includes the abatement by demolition and clearing of the property located at 428 Railroad Avenue (APN 043-201-16); and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department/Community Improvement Division issued a Notice to Vacate on September 4, 1998, to the resident/property owner of 428 Railroad Avenue due to extremely unsanitary and deteriorated conditions existing within the dwelling; and

WHEREAS, since that time no one has been allowed to legally occupy the dwelling due to the substandard conditions of the building and property; and

WHEREAS, the property has been a continuing blight and nuisance since it was vacated, and the owner has failed to take any responsibility for maintaining the property by keeping it clean from garbage, weeds, junk, and debris or the structure secured from illegal or unauthorized entry; and

WHEREAS, the unsecured dwelling has become illegally occupied by transients and local homeless, and due to these conditions, notices have been issued to the property owner to either repair and maintain the property or demolish the structure; and

WHEREAS, to date, "Notices to Demolish" sent to the property owner have been disregarded, and since a small fire erupted in the dwelling due to transients, the City has secured the dwelling to prevent further occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the homeless have established an encampment in the rear yard, and the overgrown conditions of the trees and foliage raise a serious concern that a fire from the homeless encampment could damage or destroy adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, staff therefore recommends approval of the specifications and authorization for bids for the demolition and clearing of the property located at 428 Railroad Avenue (APN 043-201-16), and further recommends authorizing the City Manager to award or reject the contract up to \$8,000 for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the specifications and authorizes advertisement for bids for the demolition and clearing of the property located at 428 Railroad Avenue (APN 043-201-16); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to award or reject the bid up to \$8,000 for this project.

Dated: April 6, 2005

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-56 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 6, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Johnson, Mounce, and Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan J. Blackston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "B".

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk