

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 5, 2019, commencing at 7:01 a.m.

Present: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne, and Mayor Chandler

Absent: Council Member Mounce

Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Ferraiolo

NOTE: Council Member Johnson participated in the meeting via teleconference.

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Update on Office of Emergency Services Vehicles and Fire Station 2 Training Upgrade (FD)

Fire Chief Gene Stoddart provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding California Office of Emergency Services (OES) vehicles. Specific topics of discussion include current OES Engine 338, OES planned fleet expansion, OES Type III engine, OES Type VI engine, and benefits to the City.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne, City Manager Schwabauer stated the proposal is to trade the OES Type I engine for a Type III and Type VI to have a more versatile fleet. Chief Stoddart added the City sent a letter to OES expressing interest in this proposal, but it is not a guarantee at this time.

Council Member Nakanishi expressed support for the proposal. Chief Stoddart stated the idea came from the labor unit because the firefighters would like to be deployed more often and it adds greater resources to the Department.

Myrna Wetzel, member of the public, questioned why some fire vehicles are red and some are white, to which Chief Stoddart responded that vehicle colors are decided by each agency and there are many different colors across the country.

Chief Stoddart provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Fire Station 2 training upgrade. Specific topics of discussion included challenges, potential available training space, potential basic layout, 3D view, street view, potential street view, and costs.

Council Member Johnson questioned if the Fire Department considered adding on to the Police Department's training proposal at the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility, to which Chief Stoddart replied the long-term goal is to carve out a section for the Fire Department, but this short-term option is a nearby training opportunity that is inexpensive to implement.

Mr. Schwabauer added this \$5,000 project is inexpensive and provides quick, easy access for the Fire Department while enabling firefighters to remain inside of its call radius.

Council Member Nakanishi expressed support for the training proposal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne stated he witnessed the Fire Department's training first-hand and can attest to the importance of maintaining and improving firefighter skills. He expressed support for the proposal because of the low cost, the training opportunities it will provide Lodi firefighters

and other agencies, and because the Conex boxes will be disguised from public view.

Myrna Wetzel questioned where Fire trains for high-story fires and if there is a plan to provide such an opportunity in town. Chief Stoddart stated that is a long-range goal because the cost is significant. He stated there are properties in town that allow firefighters to practice in stairwells, as well as simulated training. Currently, the Fire Department goes to Stockton for most of this type of training. He added that, thanks to Measure L, Fire Engine 1 will be back in full service, which will no longer leave the Department short-staffed on engines during out-of-town training. In further response, Chief Stoddart stated that a four-story building is sufficient to provide training because it is all about stamina and that citizens are not allowed to participate in firefighter training due to liability concerns.

Mayor Chandler expressed support for the proposals and was pleased to hear about the overwhelming moral support throughout the Department.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Ferraiolo
City Clerk