An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, January 7, 2020, commencing at 7:05 a.m.

Present: Council Member Mounce, Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, and Mayor Kuehne
Absent: Council Member Chandler, and Council Member Johnson
Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and Assistant City Clerk Farris

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Presentation Regarding 21st Century Policing and Investigations by Police Department (PD)

Police Chief Tod Patterson provided an overview of the upcoming presentation and introduced the presenters.

Corporal Mitchell LeStrange provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding advancing 21st Century policing. Specific topics of discussion included a community message and addressed the six pillars of Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Reduction, Training and Education, and Officer Wellness and Safety.

In response to Mayor Kuehne, Corporal LeStrange stated all officers have a duty to intercede in the case of excessive force. Chief Patterson further stated that officers receive weekly training through the use of different scenarios and that the training is tracked and monitored.

In response to Mayor Kuehne, Chief Patterson stated he was not aware of any incidents of excessive force but will look into it.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Corporal LeStrange stated that officers receive eight to ten hours of training each year on dealing with people with mental health issues. City Attorney Magdich further stated that POST training also includes this now.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Chief Patterson stated that the anti-gang program is provided to four or five schools each year.

Lieutenant Shad Canestrino provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Lodi Police Department’s Investigations Division. Specific topics of discussion included Code Enforcement; guns; drugs; gangs; homicides; officer-involved shootings; Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit, Child Protective Services, and U/T (non-immigrant) visas; sex, arson, narcotic, and gang registration; training and equipment; community outreach; and 2020 and beyond.

In response to Mayor Kuehne, Lt. Canestrino stated that following the homicide on Louie Avenue in 2018, two arrests were made immediately, a third arrest was made two weeks later, a fourth arrest was made recently, and they are looking for a fifth suspect.

In response to Mayor Kuehne, Lt. Canestrino stated that the Lodi Police Department does not usually get involved in human trafficking issues; those are usually handled by the Department of
Justice or another federal entity.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Lt. Canestrino confirmed there are three units: General Investigations Unit (four officers), Special Investigations Unit (six officers) and Code Enforcement (two officers).

Council Member Mounce stated that the Code Enforcement Unit needs more personnel; two full-time employees is not enough to keep up with the number of cases throughout the City.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, member of the public, Lt. Canestrino stated that cold cases go back to the 1980's but it is difficult to account for all cases due to the changes in electronic systems over the years and some files still being on paper. Ms. Wetzel clarified that she was interested in the case of an elderly woman being killed in her home on Locust Street, which Lt. Canestrino confirmed is among the cold cases.

Chief Patterson announced that one full-time officer came through the citizen academy, and he further thanked Council for Measure L.

Mayor Kuehne echoed Council Member Mounce's sentiments on beefing up the Code Enforcement Division.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Farris
Assistant City Clerk