LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Special City Council meeting of May 20, 2020, was called to order by Mayor Kuehne at 10:31 p.m.

Present:    Council Member Chandler, Council Member Mounce, Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, and Mayor Kuehne
Absent:     None
Also Present:    City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and Assistant City Clerk Farris

B. Regular Calendar

B-1 Discuss City’s Response to COVID-19 and Adopt Joint Resolution with San Joaquin County Petitioning the Governor to Allow the County to Draft and Implement Local Directives to Allow Individuals, Businesses, Houses of Worship, and Schools to Resume Activities During the COVID-19 Pandemic in a Manner that Does Not Menace Public Health (CM/CA)

City Manager Schwabauer provided an introduction regarding the implementation of local directives to allow certain activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, explaining there has been a request to allow counties to have an earlier opening related to their individual matrix rather than the Statewide matrix.

City Attorney Magdich reported that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors is seeking to adopt a joint resolution with the cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, and Tracy petitioning the Governor to allow counties to develop and implement local directives to allow individuals, businesses, houses of worship, and schools to resume activities in a manner that does not menace public health. The cities have either adopted the joint resolution or plan to at their next meeting. She further noted that at the County level, Dr. Park will be submitting the attestation under the new variance under the Governor's pandemic roadmap.

In response to Council Member Chandler, Ms. Magdich stated if the State Public Health Official approves the County application, all retail will be allowed under certain criteria.

Council Member Mounce indicated her support of the joint resolution.

In response to Council Member Mounce’s question regarding the Atwater City Council sanctuary city declaration, Ms. Magdich stated that while she is sure the Atwater City Council had reasons for the declaration, local jurisdictions cannot override County or State orders without jeopardizing funding.

Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi indicated his support of the joint resolution.

Ms. Magdich stated that the boards of supervisors of eight California counties are putting together similar resolutions; additionally, more information has been received on a local level showing flattening of the curve and the ability to handle an uptick in COVID-19 cases.

An email was received (filed) and read into the record from Alex Aliferis in support of reopening
Lodi businesses, places of worship, and club meetings.

Ms. Magdich clarified that the resolution does not allow the City to reopen; it is a request to the Governor for local control over reopening.

Council Member Mounce made a motion, second by Council Member Chandler, to adopt joint Resolution No. 2020-106 with San Joaquin County petitioning the Governor to allow the County to draft and implement local directives to allow individuals, businesses, houses of worship, and schools to resume activities during the COVID-19 pandemic in a manner that does not menace public health.

VOTE:
The above motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Council Member Chandler, Council Member Mounce, Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, and Mayor Kuehne
Noes: None
Absent: None

C. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Farris
Assistant City Clerk