A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, July 9, 2019, commencing at 7:20 a.m.

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

NOTE: Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne left the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

NOTE: Council Member Nakanishi left the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Information Regarding 200-Year Flood Risk Assessment (PW)

Senior Civil Engineer Sean Nathan provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 200-year flood risk assessment. Specific topics of discussion included Senate Bill 5 background, State Plan of Flood Control facilities, urban level of flood protection, compliance finding requirements, timelines, mapping process, results of floodplain study, City options, requirements in FEMA and 200-year flood areas, project to provide additional protection, next steps, and staff recommendations.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne, Mr. Nathan stated he will provide Council with copies of all of the maps referenced in the PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Nakanishi stated he supports staff's recommendations to meet the minimum SB 5 requirement to allow up to three feet of standing water and the City project to construct a wall at Turner Road and Mills Avenue; however, he questioned if the City must do the third component of requiring buildings to raise floors up to the 200-year flood elevation level. Mr. Nathan responded that the City is required to make building floor levels be three feet, but it could impose stricter regulations at a higher level. If the City does not impose at least the minimum requirement, it would be in violation of SB 5. City Manager Schwabauer explained that additionally the City would open itself to litigation if homes were not built to the minimum flood standards. Council Member Nakanishi responded that it appears the City must implement the third component as well, otherwise it will be in violation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne stated he was satisfied with the City meeting the minimum requirements set forth by SB 5 and he supports construction of a wall on Turner Road and Mills Avenue; however, he would like to see the schematics as aesthetics of the wall are just as important as its protective features.

Mike Lusk, member of the public, stated he realizes this plan takes into account that the river would be overflowing at the time of a storm, but he questioned what the City's response would be for the street runoff that would also be occurring at the same time during a significant storm. Mr. Schwabauer stated that SB 5 only addresses outside water coming into the system; not inside water getting out. He added the City has an internal storm drainage plan that meets the needs. Mr. Lusk further questioned how the City map will affect existing homeowners with respect to taking out home loans and looking for flood protection insurance; would this map prohibit
people from getting loans. Mr. Schwabauer explained there would be no impact on most of the new housing being constructed because all of the areas to be developed over the next 20 years are outside of the floodplain. Mr. Nathan further explained that even homes already developed that are destroyed by some means and rebuilt to new standards would not be affected because SB 5 only affects new development. In response to Mr. Lusk, Mr. Nathan stated that data was collected for the 1955 flood and the 1986 flood, but he was uncertain what level events they were (i.e. 100-year, 200, 300, etc.).

B-2 Receive Information Regarding Riverbank Stabilization Project and Associated Tree Removals (PW)

Senior Civil Engineer Sean Nathan provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Lodi Lake Park Riverbank Stabilization Project and associated tree removal. Specific topics of discussion included location, background information, State grant, consultant for design and permitting, existing condition assessment, design/project overview, required permits, tree assessment, removal of 30 trees, and next steps.

NOTE: Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne left the meeting at 8:01 a.m. (followed by Council Member Nakanishi’s departure at 8:11 a.m.), effectively terminating a quorum of the Council. Staff continued with an informal presentation on the topic. Background materials and PowerPoint presentation are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 a.m. due to lack of a quorum.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Ferraiolo
City Clerk