LODI CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM
305 WEST PINE STREET, LODI
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.

C-1 Call to Order / Roll Call

The City Council Closed Session meeting of June 3, 2026, was called to order by Mayor Yepez at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez

Absent: Council Member Bregman and Council Member Nakanishi

Also Present: Interim City Manager Busch, Interim City Attorney Luebberke, and City Clerk Nashed

NOTE: Council Member Bregman arrived at 6:45 p.m.

C-2 Announcement of Closed Session

a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): Scott R. Carney v. City of Lodi, San Joaquin County Superior Court Case No. STK-CV-UWM-2026-0003828.

C-3 Adjourn to Closed Session

At 6:34 p.m., Mayor Yepez adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session to discuss the above matter. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

C-4 Return to Open Session / Disclosure of Action

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Yepez reconvened the City Council meeting, and Interim City Attorney Luebberke disclosed that there was no reportable action.

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Regular City Council meeting of June 3, 2026, was called to order by Mayor Yepez at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez

Absent: Council Member Nakanishi

Also Present: Interim City Manager Busch, Interim City Attorney Luebberke, and City Clerk Nashed

B. Presentations - None

C. Consent Calendar (Reading; Comments by the Public; Council Action)

Council Member Craig-Hensley made a motion, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, to approve the following items hereinafter set forth, **except those otherwise noted**, in accordance with the report and recommendation of the City Manager.

VOTE:
The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez
Noes:	None
Absent:	Nakanishi

C.1 Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving the Allocation of Public Benefit Funds of $7,500 from District 4 Non-Profit Funds to Heritage Elementary School (CLK)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-107 approving the allocation of Public Benefit Funds in the amount of $7,500 from District 4 Non-Profit Funds to Heritage Elementary School.

C.2 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager or Designee to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with RRM Design Group, Expanding the Scope of Work to Include Downtown Specific Plan Implementation Support Services and Extending the Term of the Agreement Through June 30, 2027 (CD)

This item was pulled at the request of Mayor Yepez.

At Interim City Manager Busch's suggestion, Council Member Craig-Hensley made a motion, second by Mayor Yepez, to hear Item C.2 after Item F.1.

VOTE:
The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez
Noes:	None
Absent:	Council Member Nakanishi

This item was heard following Item F.1.

Council Member Craig-Hensley stated that the three items which should be included in the upcoming scope of work with RRM Design Group should be the historic preservation draft ordinance, the Downtown Mixed-Use guideline, and Downtown Specific Plan edits and follow-up items.

Interim Community Development Director Cynthia Marsh clarified that some of the items mentioned by Council Member Craig-Hensley are tied to grant applications and that plans and cost analysis are required for the applications.

Council Member Craig-Hensley stated that she would support the minimum amount of work to satisfy the grant applications.

Scott Hamilton, a member of the public, spoke in support of the Downtown quiet zone.

Council Member Craig-Hensley stated she would support the Downtown quiet zone.

Council Member Craig-Hensley made a motion, second by Mayor Yepez, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager or designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with RRM Design Group expanding the scope of work to include Downtown Specific Plan implementation support services as prioritized by Council comments and extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2027, and further, if funds remain, staff will return to Council for direction on the use.

VOTE:
The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez
Noes:	None
Absent:	Council Member Nakanishi

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-108 authorizing the Interim City Manager or designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with RRM Design Group, expanding the Scope of Work to include Downtown Specific Plan implementation support services as prioritized by Council comments and extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2027, and further, if funds remain, staff will return to Council for direction on the use.

C.3 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager or Designee to Update the Current Abatement Fee Schedule (CD)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-109 authorizing the Interim City Manager or designee to update the current Abatement Fee Schedule.

C.4 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Clean Power Research, LLC, of Napa, for PowerClerk Software Modernization and Enhancements ($54,000) (EU)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-110 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Clean Power Research, LLC, of Napa, for PowerClerk software modernization and enhancements, in the amount of $54,000.

C.5 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Execute Five-Year Professional Services Agreement with Efficiency Services Group, LLC of Hillsboro, OR for Energy Program Administration, Implementation and Support ($2,388,784) (EU)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-111 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a five-year Professional Services Agreement with Efficiency Services Group, LLC, of Hillsboro, Oregon, for energy program administration, implementation, and support, in the amount of $2,388,784.

C.6 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager or Designee to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with CivicPlus of Manhattan, Kansas for Website Hosting and Management Services ($176,268.11) (IS - IT)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-112 authorizing the Interim City Manager or designee to execute a Professional Services Agreement with CivicPlus, of Manhattan, Kansas, for website hosting and management services, in the amount of $176,268.11.

C.7 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Execute Amendment No.1 with West Yost & Associates, Inc., of Davis, for Monitoring Well Network Modification Support at White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility ($76,840) (PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-113 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment No.1 to the Professional Services Agreement with West Yost & Associates, Inc., of Davis, for monitoring well network modification support at White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility, in the amount of $76,840.

C.8 Adopt a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Assessments, Approving the Annual Report, and Declaring Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for the Lodi Consolidated Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 2003-1 for Fiscal Year 2026/27; and Set Public Hearing for June 17, 2026 (PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-114 initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments, Resolution No. 2026-115 approving the Annual Report, and Resolution No. 2026-116 declaring the intention to levy and collect assessments for the Lodi Consolidated Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 2003-1 for Fiscal Year 2026/27; and set a public hearing for June 17, 2026.

C.9 Adopt a Resolution Repealing Traffic Resolution No. 2026-008, and Reenacting the Complete, Current Version of the Traffic Resolution Hereby Approving a Multi-Way Stop Control on Pine Street at Cluff Avenue, 140-foot No Parking along the Lakewood Elementary School's Parking Lot on Ham Lane, and Converting Angled Parking to Parallel Parking on Washington Street and Sacramento Street (PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-117 repealing Traffic Resolution No. 2026-008 and reenacting the complete, current version of the Traffic Resolution hereby approving a multi-way stop control on Pine Street at Cluff Avenue, a 140-foot no-parking zone along Lakewood Elementary School's parking lot on Ham Lane, and converting angled parking to parallel parking on Washington Street and Sacramento Street.

C.10 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement with LDA Partners, Inc., of Stockton, California for Design and Construction Document Services for the City of Lodi Animal Services Facility (PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-118 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with LDA Partners, Inc., of Stockton, for design and construction document services for the City of Lodi Animal Services Facility.

C.11 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 7 to Professional Services Agreement with ICR Refrigeration, Inc., of Lodi, for On-Call Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Services ($40,000) (PW)

This item was pulled at the request of the Public Works Department in order to provide additional information.

Interim Public Works Director Sean Nathan provided additional information on this item, including the upcoming bid for on-call HVAC services, the need for a three-month extension of the current agreement to prevent a gap in coverage, and the addition of funds due to the possible need for services before the new contract is executed.

This item was included in the vote for the Consent Calendar.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-119 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment No. 7 to the Professional Services Agreement with ICR Refrigeration, Inc., of Lodi, for on-call heating, ventilation, and air conditioning services, in the amount of $40,000.

C.12 Accept Poplar Street Sidewalk Improvements at 1230 South Central Avenue (Lodi Academy) and Deem Improvement Deferral Agreement Complete (PW)

This item was pulled at the request of Mayor Yepez.

In response to Mayor Yepez, City Clerk Nashed and Interim Public Works Director Sean Nathan stated that representatives of Lodi Academy had been notified of this item but were not in attendance.

This item was included in the vote on the Consent Calendar.

Accepted the Poplar Street sidewalk improvements at 1230 South Central Avenue (Lodi Academy) and deemed the Improvement Deferral Agreement complete.

C.13 Set Public Hearing for July 1, 2026, to waive the first reading and introduce an ordinance amending Lodi Municipal Code Title 9 by amending Chapter 9.18 (Vending on Streets, Sidewalks and Private Property) to revise regulations related to mobile food vending, including permit requirements, location standards, and operational regulations (Applicant: City of Lodi; CEQA Status: Exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) - General Rule Exemption and Section 15378, as the ordinance is not a project) (CD)

Set a public hearing for July 1, 2026, to waive the first reading and introduce an ordinance amending Lodi Municipal Code Title 9 by amending Chapter 9.18 (Vending on Streets, Sidewalks and Private Property) to revise regulations related to mobile food vending, including permit requirements, location standards, and operational regulations (Applicant: City of Lodi).

D. Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Ammar Ali, a member of the public, spoke regarding food trucks in the Downtown area.

Bailey Caswell, representing the Lodi Arts Foundation, provided supplemental documents and spoke regarding the Lodi Art Hop.

E. Comments by the City Council Members on Non-Agenda Items

Council Member Craig-Hensley spoke regarding her attendance at the Bio Catalyst Conference hosted recently in Lodi by BEAM, the Memorial Day events held at Lodi Memorial Cemetery and Cherokee Memorial Cemetery, and the recent Salas Park baseball tournament.

Council Member Bregman spoke regarding his attendance at the Memorial Day event at Cherokee Memorial Cemetery and the animal services town hall meeting held earlier that day.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi spoke regarding the recent Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) General Manager recruitment and the hiring of Tony Zimmer for that position.

F. Public Hearings

F.1 Public Hearing to Consider a Resolution Adopting the Downtown Specific Plan (CD)

Notice thereof having been published according to law, an affidavit of which publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mayor Yepez called for the public hearing to consider a resolution adopting the Downtown Specific Plan.

Interim Community Development Director Cynthia Marsh provided a brief introduction. Jami Williams, Managing Principal of RRM Design Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding adoption of the Downtown Specific Plan. Specific topics of discussion included Lodi Downtown Specific Plan team, specific plan overview, steering committee, study sessions and community outreach, multi-day open house charrette, future Downtown recommended improvements, enhanced connectivity and placemaking, Main Street enhancement, Main Street with Union Pacific acquisition, Hale Park concept, pedestrian connectivity, existing alleys, alley and paseo improvements, and staff recommendation.

Mayor Yepez opened the public hearing for public comment 7:28 p.m.

David Claxton, President of the Downtown Business Alliance (DBA), spoke regarding the DBA's support of the adoption of the Downtown Specific Plan and the creation of an ad hoc committee to oversee the implementation.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mr. Claxton spoke regarding the DBA's view that objective design standards' attachment to the Downtown Specific Plan should be a short-range goal.

Steve Dutra, President of Tree Lodi, spoke regarding Tree Lodi's support of the Downtown Specific Plan and the urban canopy planning review completed by a member of Tree Lodi. Mr. Dutra further offered the services of the group as the City does not have a certified arborist or urban forestry professional on staff.

JP Doucette, CEO of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce and member of the Specific Plan Steering Committee, spoke regarding implementation; the willingness of groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, DBA, and Visit Lodi, to help; business retention and expansion in the Downtown area; and evaluation of a Property-Based Improvement District (PBID).

There being no further public comments, Mayor Yepez closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Council Member Craig-Hensley spoke regarding her priority, near-term goals, which include: streamline permitting and entitlement; objective design standards; Locust Street closure; water, wastewater and electric utility infrastructure evaluation; the density transfer program; active transportation program funding from San Joaquin Council of Governments; historical preservation, landmarking and California State historical building code implementation; alleyway improvements with lighting and public safety as a top priority; and parking structure security improvements. She also spoke regarding the addition of partners, including the Chamber of Commerce on the PBID and the outreach efforts on restaurants and retail businesses; Visit Lodi on the gateway and wayfinding program; the Regional Transit District and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission on the Downtown shuttle service; Economic Development on grant funding; and possibly removing the Chamber of Commerce on the Stockton Street bike lane improvements.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi made a motion, second by Mayor Yepez, to adopt a resolution adopting the Downtown Specific Plan, including edits outlined by Council Member Craig-Hensley.

VOTE:
The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez
Noes: None
Absent: Council Member Nakanishi

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-120 adopting the Downtown Specific Plan, including edits outlined by Council Member Craig-Hensley.

F.2 Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) (CD)

Notice thereof having been published according to law, an affidavit of which publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mayor Yepez called for the public hearing to consider adopting a resolution approving the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Neighborhood Services Manager Jennifer Rhyne provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Specific topics of discussion included CDBG purpose, 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Annual Action Plan process, 2026 CDBG budget, 2026 requests for funding, 2026 funding recommendations, upcoming timeline, and staff recommendation.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Neighborhood Services Manager Rhyne provided information regarding the Community Based Organizations receiving funding.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Neighborhood Services Manager Rhyne and Interim Public Works Director Sean Nathan provided information regarding graffiti abatement.

Council Member Craig-Hensley requested that future reports include information regarding how Council priorities align with HUD criteria. Neighborhood Services Manager Rhyne noted that staff will be presenting the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) soon and that the requested information could be presented at that time.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, Neighborhood Services Manager Rhyne provided information regarding the potential projects for the Boosters of Boys and Girls Sports (BOBS) and Interim Public Works Director Nathan provided information regarding alleyway improvements.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Interim Public Works Director Nathan provided information regarding funding mechanisms for alleyway improvements in portions of the City not within the CDBG target area.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Neighborhood Services Manager Rhyne provided information regarding the Fair Housing program.

Mayor Yepez opened the public hearing for public comment at 8:18 p.m.

There being no public comments, Mayor Yepez closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Council Member Craig-Hensley made a motion, second by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, to adopt a resolution approving the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

VOTE:
The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez
Noes: None
Absent: Council Member Nakanishi

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-121 approving the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

F.3 Public Hearing to Conduct the Annual Review of Ordinance 2001, Lodi Municipal Code Chapter 2.26, and Adopt a Resolution Approving the Annual Review and Report of the Military Equipment Use Policy (PD)

Notice thereof having been published according to law, an affidavit of which publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mayor Yepez called for the public hearing to conduct the Annual Review of Ordinance No. 2001, Lodi Municipal Code Chapter 2.26, and adopt a resolution approving the Annual Review and Report of the Military Equipment Use Policy.

Police Chief Ricardo Garcia provided a brief introduction and Captain Kevin Kent provided a drone demonstration. Police Lieutenant Mike Manetti provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Annual Review of Ordinance No. 2001, Lodi Municipal Code Chapter 2.26, and the Annual Review and Report of the Military Equipment Use Policy. Specific topics of discussion included background, AB 481, drones, unmanned remote control robots, ballistic armored transport, the Watch Commander vehicle, mobile operations command center, rifles, flash bangs, tear gas, projectile launchers, launching cup, and intended future purchases, including breaching ammunition.

Mayor Yepez opened the public hearing for public comment at 8:37 p.m.

There being no public comments, Mayor Yepez closed the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi made a motion, second by Council Member Craig-Hensley, to adopt a resolution approving the Annual Review and Report of the Military Equipment Use Policy.

VOTE:
The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez
Noes: None
Absent: Council Member Nakanishi

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-122 approving the Annual Review and Report of the Military Equipment Use Policy.

G. Regular Calendar

G.1 Receive Update from the Downtown Lodi Business Alliance and Provide Direction for Funding Request (ED)

Economic Development Director Luis Aguilar provided a brief introduction. Downtown Lodi Business Alliance (DBA) President David Claxton provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the update from the DBA. Specific topics of discussion included DBA mission, potted planter project, marketing and communications, holiday program, community engagement, fund distribution, goals, projected budget, and funding needs.

Council Member Bregman spoke regarding the parking structure as a possible DBA revenue source.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Electric Utility Director Jeff Berkheimer provided information regarding sponsorship of the Downtown holiday event as part of the Electric Utility Department's branding and marketing campaign and DBA President Claxton spoke regarding expenses and funding of the holiday event.

Council Member Craig-Hensley stated she felt DBA funding should be part of a long-term plan and that the DBA should bring its request for funding in January so Council could prepare the budget accordingly. She further noted that non-profit grant funds will become available in July.

DBA President Claxton spoke regarding the institution of the Downtown Lodi Foundation and the Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) as a funding source.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, Interim City Manager Busch provided information on funding in the upcoming budget.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi and Council Member Bregman spoke in support of finding funding for the DBA.

Interim City Manager Busch provided information regarding cuts being made to departments supported by the General Fund.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Interim City Manager Busch confirmed the non-profit grant program is included in the upcoming budget.

Mayor Yepez spoke regarding collaboration among the Downtown organizations now that the Downtown Specific Plan has been approved.

Mayor Yepez pledged $5,000 from District 4's non-profit grant to the DBA, Council Member Bregman pledged $10,000 from District 3, and Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi pledged $5,000 from District 5.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi spoke in favor of programming funding for the DBA into future budgets.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi and Interim City Manager Busch, DBA President Claxton provided information regarding holiday flags.

No Council action was required on this item.

G.2 Receive Presentation Regarding Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 2026/27) General Fund and Measure L Budget, and the General Fund and Measure L Five-Year Forecast (IS - BUD)

Budget Manager Jennelle Baker provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 2026/27) General Fund and Measure L budget, and the General Fund and Measure L five-year forecast. Specific topics of discussion included budget timeline; Balancing Act submissions, interaction, and comments; budget challenges; General Fund overview, budget development, unfunded requests, revenue, expenditures, and transfers out; Police Department expenses and revenue overview, reductions, and unfunded personnel requests; Fire Department overview, reductions, and unfunded personnel requests; Administrative

Services overview and service cuts; Public Works Department (General Fund) overview, reductions, and personnel; City Attorney overview; City Clerk overview; City Manager overview; Economic Development overview; Public Information overview; Community Improvement overview; City Council overview; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (PRCS) support; Library support; Measure L; Information Systems/Computer Replacement Fund; Vehicle Replacement Fund; General Fund Capital; Unfunded Liability Pension funding; pension funding status; five-year forecast assumptions, memorandum of understanding term dates, five-year assumptions revenue, five-year assumptions expense, revenue, expenses, fund balance, and risks and opportunities; and Transit follow-up.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Budget Manager Baker provided information on suggested changes submitted through the Balancing Act program.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Interim City Manager Busch provided information regarding funding procurement for street repairs.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Budget Manager Baker verified the General Fund revenue shown in the presentation is the projected revenue for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Budget Manager Baker provided information regarding Unfunded Accrued Liability.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Police Chief Ricardo Garcia provided information regarding the decrease in funding for overtime and part-time salaries.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Police Chief Garcia provided information regarding the Real Time Information Center (RTIC) and possible grant opportunities.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Police Chief Garcia provided information regarding staffing levels and the potential for filling the second Community Liaison Officer position.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Fire Chief Ken Johnson provided information regarding contract services.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Administrative Services Director Jamie Bandy provided information regarding staffing levels.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Interim Public Works Director Sean Nathan provided information on the reduction in the Facilities Maintenance Fund.

In response to Council Member Bregman, Interim Public Works Director Nathan provided information regarding roof warranties and industry standards.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Interim Public Works Director Nathan provided information regarding HVAC system assessments.

In response to Mayor Yepez and Council Member Craig-Hensley, Interim City Attorney Luebberke and Budget Manager Baker provided information on outside counsel expenses.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, City Clerk Nashed provided information regarding the recruitment of an Assistant City Clerk and the continued part-time work of retired annuitant Pam Farris.

In response to Mayor Yepez, Interim City Manager Busch provided information regarding the transfer of expenses for the Public Information Officer and Economic Development Director to their own organizational budget.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Budget Manager Baker provided information regarding contract services.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Budget Manager Baker and PRCS Director Christina Jaromay provided information regarding Measure L support levels compared to previous years and peaker plant revenue.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Budget Manager Baker provided information regarding excluded revenue, particularly the peaker plant.

Scott Hamilton, a member of the public, spoke against deferred maintenance.

Council Member Bregman spoke regarding consideration of self-insurance or higher insurance deductibles for future budgets.

Council Member Craig-Hensley concurred on revisiting insurance costs before the next budget.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi stated the revenue issue needs to be addressed, potentially with new revenue, such as cannabis tax, and to consider lobbying services for State and Federal funds.

In response to Council Member Craig-Hensley, Budget Manager Baker confirmed funds are budgeted for lobbying services.

No Council action was needed on this item.

H. Ordinances

H.1 Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 2047 to Enter a Development Agreement with Rogers Media Company to Install, Maintain, and Operate Electronic Message Signs on City-Owned Properties (CLK)

Interim City Attorney Luebberke recused himself from this item and left the dais.

Deputy City Attorney II William Baird came to the dais and assumed the City Attorney duties for this item.

Council Member Craig-Hensley made a motion, second by Mayor Yepez, (following reading of the title) to waive reading of the ordinance in full and adopt and order to print Ordinance No. 2047 entitled, "An Ordinance for a Development Agreement between the City of Lodi and Rogers Media Company, Inc., for Three Programmable Electronic Signs," which was introduced at a regular meeting of the Lodi City Council held May 6, 2026.

VOTE:
The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez
Noes:	None
Absent:	Council Member Nakanishi

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Olivia Nashed
City Clerk