

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM
305 WEST PINE STREET, LODI
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025 - 7:00 PM**

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

The open session of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 4, 2025, was called to order by Mayor Bregman at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Council Member Craig-Hensley Council Member Hothi, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Bregman

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez

Also Present: Acting City Manager Lindsay, City Attorney Lucchesi, and City Clerk Nashed

B. Presentations

B.1 Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Mohr-Fry Ranches In Recognition for Being Awarded "2025 Vineyard of the Year" (CLK)

Mayor Bregman presented Certificate of Recognition to Jerry Fry, Bruce Fry and Mohrgan Fry, of Mohr-Fry Ranches, in recognition for being awarded "2025 Vineyard of the Year."

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

Council Member Hothi made a motion, seconded by Council Member Craig-Hensley, 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 Hothi, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Bregman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez

C.1 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 2 to Attorney-Client Representation Agreement with Meyers Nave, of Sacramento, for Legal Services Related to Employment Matters and Personnel Investigations (\$260,000) (CA)

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Council Member Craig-Hensley.

City Attorney Lucchesi provided a brief verbal report on the item.

Council Member Craig-Hensley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hothi to pull this item to be heard at a future meeting.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Hothi, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Bregman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez

- C.2** Adopt a Resolution Setting City of Lodi Electric Utility Energy Efficiency Program 10-Year Target (EU)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-074** setting City of Lodi Electric Utility Energy Efficiency Program 10-Year target.

- C.3** Adopt a Resolution Updating City Staff Signers on City of Lodi Farmers & Merchants Bank Accounts (ISD - BUD)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-075** updating City Staff Signers on City of Lodi Farmers & Merchants bank accounts.

- C.4** Adopt a Resolution Accepting the Draft Employment Agreement and Authorizing the Corresponding Budget Allocation for Library Director Salary at \$167,000 Per Year Subject to Final Consideration and Approval by the Library Board of Trustees (ISD - HR)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-076** accepting the draft Employment Agreement and authorizing the corresponding budget allocation for Library Director salary at \$167,000 per year subject to final consideration and approval by the Library Board of Trustees.

- C.5** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contracts for Fiscal Year 2025/26 Contracts with United Cerebral Palsy of San Joaquin, Amador, and Calaveras Counties for Downtown Cleaning (\$117,096.00), Transit Facility Cleaning (\$94,753.75), and Hutchins Street Square Landscape Maintenance (\$26,180.00) (PW)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-077** authorizing City Manager to execute contracts for Fiscal Year 2025/26 contracts with United Cerebral Palsy of San Joaquin, Amador, and Calaveras Counties for Downtown Cleaning (\$117,096.00), Transit Facility Cleaning (\$94,753.75), and Hutchins Street Square Landscape Maintenance (\$26,180.00).

Item C.6 was pulled by staff.

- C.6** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Electric Utility and Public Works Department Directors to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement between City of Lodi Public Works Department and Lodi Electric Utility for Purchase of Senate Bill 1383-Eligible Electricity Procured from Biomass Facilities that Convert Recovered Organic Waste (PW)

- C.7** Adopt a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Assessments, a Resolution Approving the Annual Report, and a Resolution Declaring Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for the Lodi Consolidated Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 2003-1 for Fiscal Year 2025/26; and Set Public Hearing for June 18, 2025 (PW)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-078** initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments, **Resolution No. 2025-079** approving the annual report, and **Resolution No. 2025-080** declaring intention to levy and collect assessments for the Lodi Consolidated Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. 2003-1 for Fiscal Year 2025/26; and set public hearing for June 18, 2025.

- C.8** Adopt a Resolution Approving Safe Routes to School Plan and Authorizing Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer to Make Changes as Needed (PW)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-081** approving Safe Routes to School Plan and authorizing Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer to make changes as needed.

- C.9** Adopt a Resolution Accepting Rose Gate II Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Tract No. 4144, Public Improvements, and Adopt a Resolution Repealing Traffic Resolution No. 2025-050, and Reenacting the Complete, Current, Version of the Traffic Resolution with Two-Way Stop Control on Coronado Drive at Barcelona Lane, Barcelona Lane at La Jolla Way, and Camrose Street at La Jolla Way (PW)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-082** accepting Rose Gate II Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Tract No. 4144, Public Improvements, and adopted **Resolution No. 2025-083** repealing Traffic Resolution No. 2025-050, and reenacting the complete, current, version of the traffic resolution with two-way stop control on Coronado Drive at Barcelona Lane, Barcelona Lane at La Jolla Way, and Camrose Street at La Jolla Way.

- C.10** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 3 to Contract with Cintas Corporation No. 3, for Rental and Cleaning of Uniforms for Certain Field and Warehouse Employees (\$130,000) (PW)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-084** authorizing City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3 to contract with Cintas Corporation No. 3, for rental and cleaning of uniforms for certain field and warehouse employees.

- C.11** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Valley Outdoor Advertising, of Lodi, for Water Conservation, Pesticide Education, and Stormwater Awareness Advertising (\$33,192) (PW)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-085** authorizing City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Valley Outdoor Advertising, of Lodi, for water conservation, pesticide education, and stormwater awareness advertising.

- C.12** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing an Increase of the City Manager's Change Order Authority by \$100,000 for a Total of \$200,000, for Guild Avenue and Victor Road (SR 12) Traffic Signal and Lighting Project Contract with St. Francis Electric, LLC. of San Leandro, and Appropriate Funds (\$100,000) (PW)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-086** authorizing an increase of the City Manager's change order authority by \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000, for Guild Avenue and Victor Road (SR 12) Traffic Signal and Lighting Project contract with St. Francis Electric, LLC. of San Leandro, and appropriate funds (\$100,000).

- C.13** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfer from General Fund to General Fund Capital for Unspecified Capital Project (\$500,000) and Appropriate Funds (\$500,000) (PW)

Mark Chandler provided public comment on the item.

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-087** authorizing fund transfer from General Fund to General Fund Capital for unspecified capital project (\$500,000) and appropriate funds.

- C.14** Adopt a Resolution Adopting City of Lodi Short Range Transit Plan Update (PW)

Adopted **Resolution No. 2025-088** adopting City of Lodi Short Range Transit Plan Update.

- C.15** Accept Improvements Under the 2023 Playground Replacement Project (PW)

Accepted Improvements Under the 2023 Playground Replacement Project.

- C.16** Appoint Scott Spencer to the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission and Post for Expiring Terms on the Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee (CLK)

Appointed Scott Spencer to the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission and post for expiring terms on the Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee.

D. Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items

John Slaughterback provided public comment regarding on-going investigation re: Scott Carney.

Patrick Byron provided public comment regarding funding allocated to the Kofu Skatepark.

Zeddy Khan provided public comment regarding Lodi's economic development and provided supplemental document to the City Clerk.

Donna Phillips provided public comment expressing concerns regarding public parking on Laurel Avenue.

JP Doucette, President and CEO of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce, provided public comment regarding initiation of Property and Business Improvement District (PBID).

Mike Collins provided public comment regarding Downtown PBID proposal.

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

Council Member Nakanishi provided comments regarding Lodi Lake and noted that one of his priorities during the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget discussions is Lodi parks.

Council Member Craig-Hensley provided comments regarding upcoming challenges to grape growers and wine industry, a new CEO search for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, her attendance a Lodi Chamber of Commerce meeting with Lodi's bike cop, her attendance at the Lawrence Elementary School GREAT program graduation, her attendance at United Way's monthly meeting with local non-profits, her attendance on the San Joaquin Council of Governments' One Voice trip to support Lodi's Hydrogen Hub project, thanked the American Legion for Memorial Day activities, presentation of certificate to graduates of the Union Building Trades, confirmation from Supervisor Ding regarding funds allocated by San Joaquin Board of Supervisors to be spent on the current Skatepark in Kofu Park in Lodi, and the addressing of Lodi's S&P Global rating by Acting City Manager Lindsay.

Mayor Bregman thanked all those who served, in honor of Memorial Day.

F. Public Hearings

F.1 Public Hearing to Receive and Accept the Staff Presentation on Workforce Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts in Compliance with Assembly Bill 2561 (Government Code 3205.3) (ISD - HR)

Human Resources Administrative Analyst Nancy Ramirez provided PowerPoint presentation on the item.

Mayor Bregman opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

Jeremiah Miller, union representative of AFSCME Local Chapter 146, provided public comment on the item.

Mayor Bregman closed the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Council Member Nakanishi made a motion, seconded by Council Member Craig-Hensley, to receive and accept the staff presentation on workforce vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts in compliance with Assembly Bill 2561 (Government Code 3205.3)

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Hothi, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Bregman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Yopez

G. Regular Calendar

- G.1** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Increase to Customer Assistance and Relief Energy (CARE) Program Maximum Emergency Assistance Benefit Payment and Further Authorizing Annual Adjustment (EU)

Electric Utility Assistant Director Melissa Price provided PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Hothi made a motion, seconded by Council Member Craig-Hensley, to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-089** authorizing increase to Customer Assistance and Relief Energy (CARE) program maximum emergency assistance benefit payment and further authorizing annual adjustment.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Hothi, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Bregman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Yopez

- G.2** Adopt a Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2025/26 Financial Plan and Budget; Approving the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Appropriation Spending Limit; Approving the Classifications, Job Descriptions, and Salary Ranges for Five New Positions; and Approving the Annual GANN Spending Limit (ISD - BUD)

Budget Manager Jennelle Baker-Bechthold provided PowerPoint presentation on the item.

Ria Jones provided public comment on the item.

Kristen Birtwhistle, of United Way, provided public comment on the item.

Devinder Grewal, of United Way, provided public comment on the item.

Shauna Buzunis-Jacob, of Child Abuse Prevention Council, provided public comment on the item.

Marina Narvarte, of Your Kidney, My Kidney, Our Kidney, provided public comment on the item.

Alison McGregor, of the 180 Teen Center, provided public comment on the item.

Johnny Coughran, of the Lodi Access Center, provided public comment on the item.

Roya Main, of Lodi House, provided public comment on the item.

Council Member Craig-Hensley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hothi, to amend proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to move funds of \$100,000 from Surplus Capital to the City Council Department Fund, to create a City Council Non-Profit Fund.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Hothi, Council Member Craig-Hensley, and Council Member Nakanishi

Noes: Mayor Bregman

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez

Council Member Nakanishi made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hothi, to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-121** approving Fiscal Year 2025/26 Financial Plan and Budget; approving the Fiscal Year 2025/26 appropriation spending limit; approving the Classifications, Job Descriptions, and Salary Ranges for five new positions; and approving the annual GANN Spending Limit.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Hothi, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Bregman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez

H. Ordinances

None.

I. Adjournment: Mayor Bregman adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.