

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 30, 2019, commencing at 7:18 a.m.

Present: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Mounce, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne

Absent: Mayor Chandler

Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Ferraiolo

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

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Information on Church Street Road Diet Project (PW)

Firoz Vohran, the City's contracted Traffic Engineer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Church Street Bike Lane Improvement Project. Specific topics of discussion included video by the Federal Highway Administration, project location, current conditions, project purpose, existing and proposed cross sections, benefits, collision history, reduction of conflict points to improve safety, feasibility analysis, simulation results, recommendation, project funding, similar lane configuration, public outreach, and next steps.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Public Works Director Charlie Swimley stated the proposed project supports the Chamber of Commerce Vision 2020 plan with bike tourism and bike lanes leading to the downtown and the Chamber provided positive feedback on the proposal. Unfortunately, no one representing the downtown merchants attended the public outreach meeting with the Chamber.

Council Member Mounce stated that, while she dislikes the terminology "road diet," she does support changing Church Street from four lanes to two lanes with a two-way, left turn lane and suggested doing the same on the upcoming Lockeford Street improvement project. In response, Mr. Swimley stated the Lockeford Street project is also a three-lane configuration (i.e. two lanes with a two-way, left-turn lane).

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne stated the Chamber meeting was highly attended by Bike Lodi members. Further, he stated the green lane striping is costly, and suggested, if the City opts to proceed with that option, it be intermittent with the first 5 to 6 feet striped and additional green striping a few feet apart. He also expressed opposition to swapping the lane structure, as suggested at the Chamber meeting, because there are too many driveways that could make it hazardous for bicyclists and stated he believes there is not enough room to include the northbound Church Street approach at Lodi Avenue, which was another suggestion made at the Chamber meeting. Overall, he stated he is in favor of the project because it will enhance the downtown area and make it safer and more user-friendly.

Council Member Mounce expressed support for the project. In response, Mr. Swimley stated additional costs have not yet been determined should the green lane striping be added, but staff is researching newer products that hold up better and longer. Council Member Mounce stated she would like to see those figures before a decision is made on whether or not to add that component to the project.

Myrna Wetzel, member of the public, suggested the City consider doing a similar "road diet" on Ham Lane between Elm Street and Turner Road because of the heavy traffic and drivers performing illegal turns and holding up traffic.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Ferraiolo
City Clerk