

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008**

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Special City Council meeting of March 11, 2008, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen at 7:01 a.m.

Present: Council Members – Hansen, Johnson, and Katzakian

Absent: Council Members – Hitchcock and Mayor Mounce

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. REGULAR CALENDAR

B-1 “Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Cost Reimbursement Only ‘Lease Agreement’ between the Administrative Office of the Courts and the City of Lodi for Utilization of Courtroom No. 1, Located at 230 West Elm Street, Lodi (Old Public Safety Building Court Space), for an Approximate Two-Month Period; and Further Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate a Conservative Estimate for the Cap of Utility and Maintenance Costs”

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter. He provided an overview of the current status of the old Public Safety Building and the request to allow the courts to utilize the space for a special trial. Mr. King stated there is a requirement that the courts vacate the space by May 16, 2008, in order to facilitate the Finance Department transition. He stated that the courts will cover out of pocket costs, including utilities.

Judge Murray stated the courts are requesting the use of the space for a trial that will take approximately eight weeks using a retired judge because there is a shortage of space in the downtown Stockton courts.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Judge Murray stated he does not anticipate the trial will last longer than May 16. He stated the courts will vacate the space regardless of the schedule, even if they are required to make additional accommodations in downtown.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Judge Murray stated he does not think it is possible to start the trial earlier in light of the schedule of the parties and witnesses, but he does anticipate the trial will move according to schedule because the retired judge will only be focusing on this case alone.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Judge Murray stated the courts will not have additional space in the new County building because the courts are a separate entity under the State.

MOTION / VOTE:

The City Council, on motion of Council Member Johnson, Hansen second, adopted Resolution No. 2008-41 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cost Reimbursement Only “Lease Agreement” between the Administrative Office of the Courts and the City of Lodi for utilization of Courtroom No. 1, located at 230 West Elm Street, Lodi (old Public Safety Building court space), for an approximate two-month period; and further authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a conservative estimate for the cap of utility and maintenance costs. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members – Hansen, Johnson, and Katzakian

Noes: Council Members – None

Absent: Council Members – Hitchcock and Mayor Mounce

- K-2 "Authorize the City Manager to Engage Lamont Financial Services to Provide Advice with Regard to Redemptions of Electric Utility Certificates of Participation Dated 2002"

City Manager King provided a brief overview of the status of the 2002 Electric Utility Bonds and the related redemption of the municipal bonds.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. King stated there is not a specific timeline because staff is unsure of how long the process will take in light of the fact that other municipalities are going through the same thing as the City of Lodi with the banks.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. King stated staff is in the process currently of determining various alternatives and paths for Council consideration, additional information will likely be available from Lamont Financial Services by March, and efforts are underway to determine the viability of a letter of credit with the French bank.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Tom Dunphy with Lamont Financial Services stated credit liquidity is a current issue, thousands of cities are experiencing the same concerns, and timing is uncertain as a result. He stated the City is speaking with various letter of credit providers, as are other municipalities, and they will keep the City Council aware of the options while being mindful of the related costs.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. King stated the 2002 Electric Utility bonds are the only City bonds that are subject to a variable rate and therefore the only bonds that are susceptible to this type of a call.

MOTION / VOTE:

The City Council, on motion of Council Member Johnson, Katzakian second, authorized the City Manager to engage Lamont Financial Services to provide advice with regard to redemptions of Electric Utility Certificates of Participation dated 2002. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members – Hansen, Johnson, and Katzakian

Noes: Council Members – None

Absent: Council Members – Hitchcock and Mayor Mounce

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl  
City Clerk