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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Lazar called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Amy Bublak (arrived at 5:40 p.m.), Bill DeHart, Mary Jackson, Forrest White, and Mayor John S. Lazar.
ABSENT: None

 2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

David Fransen and Sergio Alvarado spoke in favor of City Council prioritizing funding for streets with General Fund monies.

 3. **A. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:** None

 4. **WORKSHOP – ROAD CONDITIONS, EVALUATION, AND POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES**

Development Services Director Mike Pitcock provided the staff report to Council, which included information about the Pavement Management System, conditions of our existing street network, funding required to improve our existing street network, the cost of various types of street improvements, gas tax funding, federal and state grant funding, and options for alternative funding sources.

Mr. Pitcock introduced Jennifer West, a consultant from J. West Group, who provided additional information regarding funding sources.

Council and staff discussion included current funding mechanisms and how funding is expended, potential grant options associated with being deemed a “Self Help” city, the importance of educating the public regarding roadways and funding sources, formation of assessment districts, and the potential for a sales tax ballot measure.

Mayor Lazar opened public comment. Toby Wells, City Engineer from the City of Ceres, spoke in favor of a roads tax and provided information about ACA 23 (Perea) which would only require a 55% voter approval rate for imposition of a special tax for local transportation projects. Stanislaus County District 2 Supervisor Vito Chiesa spoke regarding StanCOG’s acceptance of the 55% voter threshold as part of their legislative platform. Mayor Lazar closed public comment.

 5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Kellie E. Weaver
City Clerk