

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Lazar called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.  
PRESENT: Councilmembers Amy Bublak, Bill DeHart, Forrest White, and Mayor John S. Lazar  
ABSENT: Councilmember Steven Nascimento

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

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

4. **COMMUNITY FORUM – DISTRICT ELECTION**

City Manager Roy Wasden introduced the community forum. Doug Johnson of National Demographics Corporation provided information including election system options, the California Voting Rights Act, fiscal impacts of the new law, timeline for the proposed ballot measure, and identification of federal requirements for districts.

Maggie Mejia of the Latino Community Roundtable spoke regarding her organization's desire to make voters aware of the issues related to district elections.

Additional Council, staff and community member discussion included recent lawsuits and outcomes associated with this issue, the requirement of a public vote on the matter, and limitations on the official Council capacity to support the measures, other than through education.

Mr. Johnson provided additional information including the criteria governing the creation of boundaries, proposed district boundary maps, summarized demographic information, and next steps to be taken.

Mr. Johnson introduced Christal Love-Lazard of the Institute for Local Government and noted that the ILG is working with the City of Turlock through this process in order to help other California cities that may consider moving from at-large elections to district elections.

Mayor Lazar asked for public comment.

Milt Trieweiler spoke in favor of Plan C for reasons including it gives Latinos the best representation, it brings Turlock together because of the focus on the downtown area, and it is in harmony with the 20-year General Plan.

Ann Strahm spoke in favor of Plan A for reasons including it being the least partisan and that Plan C would have people in districts running for their position because of support for the downtown as opposed to being a representative of the district with concerns for district issues.

Bob Endsley spoke in favor of Plan C for reasons including that the focus of the plan is on downtown and the need to ensure the downtown area remains an asset to the city.

Mayor Lazar noted a green-sheeted e-mail by Jeremy Rocha indicating his support of 6 districts being included in some of the proposed plans.

Mayor Lazar closed public comment.

**5. COMMUNITY FORUM – CRITICAL ISSUES**

Mayor Lazar opened the Community Forum to provide information and receive input on critical issues, including:

- Funding of City Services
- Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities
- Police
- Water
- Fire
- Wastewater/Storm System
- Transportation/Roadways

Mayor Lazar asked for public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Lazar closed public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember White, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.  
Motion carried with Councilmember Nascimento absent.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Kellie E. Weaver  
City Clerk