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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Lazar called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Bill DeHart, Steven Nascimento, Forrest White, and Mayor John S. Lazar
ABSENT: Councilmember Bublak

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. Justin Levitt 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.

Mr. Johnson introduced Sarah Rubin of the Institute for Local Government. Ms. Rubin provided information about the ILG and their efforts to provide support to the City of Turlock in order to help other California cities that may consider moving from at-large elections to district elections.

Mayor Lazar asked for public comment.

Discussion by unnamed individuals included how determinations will be made on which districts are introduced first, why four districts were chosen, Plan C being a continuation of the status quo, and Plan B seeming most fair.

Milt Trieweiler spoke in favor of Plan C for reasons including downtown representation, it brings Turlock together, is in harmony with the 20 year plan, the University is represented by a district, and it gives Latinos the best representation.

Bob Endsley spoke in favor of Plan C for reasons including that it is good for keeping Turlock moving forward with focus on downtown and residential development.

Maggie Mejia spoke in favor of Plan B for reasons including that the industrial area is together on the west side, the apartments above the University are brought into the area, the Catholic Church in District 2 comes together with the Latino population on Lander Avenue, and there are several schools with a high population of Latino students.

Maggie Mejia introduced Dave Geer, past Modesto Councilmember, who congratulated Turlock on their efforts to move forward with district elections.

Balvino Irizarry commended Turlock for moving forward with this issue.

Mary Jackson, past Turlock City Councilmember, spoke in favor of the process of moving forward with district elections and regarding the proposed plans, noting that districts need to be clear, readable and easily decipherable for voters. She commented that Plan C wasn't bad, but was concerned that Plan B with District 1 could take away someone from west side to be on the Council.

Mayor Lazar closed public comment.

Consultant Justin Levitt provided final comments including that if the ballot measure does not pass, it leaves Turlock vulnerable to a lawsuit.

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:

Mayor Lazar adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Kellie E. Weaver
City Clerk