

City Council Meeting Minutes



September 26, 2023

6:00 p.m.

City of Turlock Yosemite Room

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bublak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Present: Councilmembers Cassandra Abram, Rebecka Monez, Kevin Bixel, Vice Mayor Pam Franco, and Mayor Amy Bublak.

Absent: None

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
None	None	None	None	None

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

Motion: Approval of Agenda as posted as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

2. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND BRIEFINGS

A. Presentation Certificate of Recognition in honor of the 9th Annual Assyrian Festival

Mayor Bublak presented a certificate of recognition to representatives from the Central valley Parishes of the Assyrian Church of the East in honor of their 9th Annual Assyrian Festival held in the city of Turlock on September 16-17, 2023.

B. Presentation Turlock Police Department Animal Services – Adoptable Pets

Staff from the Turlock Police Department Animal Services Division introduced one of the dogs that is currently available at the animal shelter.

C. Presentation GO GOV presentation by Kevin Strauss (*Sims*)

Economic Development Director Sims introduced Kevin Strauss, VP of Regional Sales for GOGov, who provided a presentation on the GOGov mobile app and the services it could provide to the City and citizens

D. Presentation Fire Department Annual Report (*Hunter*)

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Fire Chief Hunter provided the Fire Department Annual Report. He spoke about the value of regionalization, discussed station locations, and reviewed challenges and opportunities.

- E. Proclamation Fire Prevention Week (October 8 – 14, 2023) (*Hunter*)

Fire Marshal Bickle read aloud the proclamation proclaiming October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week.

- F. Briefing Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2023 (*Hunter*)

Fire Captain Saldivar spoke on the pink Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts the Fire Department was selling as a fundraising to raise awareness about breast cancer.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Bublak opened public comment and the following members of the public spoke:

John Gebelein
Robert Dylina
Vito Chiesa
Christon Santos
Milt Trieweiler
Mary Jackson
Ron Puffer

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

4. MOTION WAIVING READING OF ALL ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA, EXCEPT BY TITLE

Action: Motion: Waiving reading of all ordinances on the agenda, except by title as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Bublak announced that Consent Calendar Item 5A and 5B would be pulled for separate consideration and that Item 5E would be pulled off the agenda and not considered at this time.

- A. Item was pulled for separate consideration

- B. Item was pulled for separate consideration

- C. Resolution 2023-214: Approving the establishment of a new job description for a Fleet Services Manager and amending the Management Salary Schedule effective September 26, 2023 (*Dhami*)

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- D. Resolution 2023-215: Approving the revision to the job description for Police Officer I/II effective September 26, 2023. (*Dhami*)
- E. Item was pulled off agenda and not considered.
- 1) Resolution 2023-XXX: Appropriating \$1,806,000 to Fund 246 "Landscape Assessment" account number 246-60-600.43700 "Slurry Seals" from Fund 246 unallocated reserves
- 2) Resolution 2023-XXX: Awarding bid and approving an Agreement with VSS International of West Sacramento, California in the amount of \$3,312,000, and authorizing a contingency amount of \$200,000 (6.0%) for construction of City Project No. 21-033 "Slurry Seals 2023" (*Morris*)
- F. Resolution 2023-216: Accepting an allocation of funds to administer the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety in an amount not to exceed \$110,000, and appropriating said funds into account number 266-20-255-352.35720 "OTS Step Grant" and accounts 266-20-255-352.41100_013 "Overtime OTS Step Grant" with associated benefit accounts for overtime in the amount of \$66,152, 266-20-255-352.47095_017 "Training Step Grant #PT24207" in the amount of \$4,069, 266-20-255-352.44001_043 "Supplies STEP Grant #PT24207" in the amount of \$9,779 and 266-20-255-352.51109_004 "Equipment STEP Grant #PT24207" in the amount of \$30,000, in Fund 266 "Police Grants" Program 352 "OTS Step Grant" (*Hedden*)
- G. Resolution 2023-217 Approving grant deeds to transfer property identified as Caltrans Parcels numbered 16662-1, 16663-1, 16664-1, and 16665-1 from the City of Turlock to the State of California for City Project No. 0828 "SR-99/Fulkerth Road Interchange" (*Morris*)
- H. Resolution 2023-218: Approving Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 2020-62 between the City of Turlock and Pace Supply, in a form approved by the City Attorney, increasing the annual compensation for the final year of the agreement from a maximum of \$120,000 by \$100,000 (non-general fund), for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$220,000 and the total maximum compensation under the Agreement from \$480,000 to \$580,000 (*Guerrero*)
- I. Motion: Accepting improvements for City Project 22-030 "Senior Center Sliding Glass Doors" and authorizing the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion (*Morris*)
- J. Resolution 2023-219: Accepting an allocation of funds, authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and appropriating funds from the California for All Animals shelter assistance program through UC Davis in the amount of \$13,045.71 to be appropriated into revenue account number 266-20-255-348.35074 "Cat Kennel Grant Revenue" and expenditure account 266-20-255-348.47163 "Cat Kennel Grant Expenses" in Fund 266 "Police Grants" Program 348 "Animal Services" (*Hedden*)
- K. Resolution 2023-220: Approving revisions to the job descriptions for Public Facilities Maintenance Supervisor and Public Facilities Maintenance Assistant Supervisor effective September 26, 2023 (*Dhami*)

Action: Motion by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

5A Accepting Weekly Demands of 08/31/2023 in the amount of \$1,706,027.53, 09/07/2023 in the amount of \$819,256.86, 09/14/2023 in the amount of \$762,830.37, the AP EFT Payment Register for July 2023 in the amount of \$6,324,830.56, the EFT Payment Register for March 2023 in the amount of \$6,510.57 and the Treasurer’s Report for August 2023.

Councilmember Abram provided comments regarding the Cash and Investment Report (Treasurer’s Report) and stated she would like to have a cash needs analysis done and have a discussion regarding having an asset management firm assist in managing funds.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment. With no one speaking, she closed public comment.

Action: Accepting Weekly Demands of 08/31/2023 in the amount of \$1,706,027.53, 09/07/2023 in the amount of \$819,256.86, 09/14/2023 in the amount of \$762,830.37, the AP EFT Payment Register for July 2023 in the amount of \$6,324,830.56, the EFT Payment Register for March 2023 in the amount of \$6,510.57 and the Treasurer’s Report for August 2023 as motioned by Councilmember Abram, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

5B Accepting improvements for City Project No. 19-51A “Columbia Pool Facility Demolition” and authorizing the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion (*Morris*)

Councilmember Monez provided comments regarding the Columbia Pool demolition. She thanked Director Schulze for saving approximately \$157,000 on the project and thanked staff for the work they have done on the project thus far in efforts to keep children and community members safe throughout the project.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment and the following members of the public spoke:

Ron Puffer
Milt Trieweiler

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Action: Accepting improvements for City Project No. 19-51A “Columbia Pool Facility Demolition” and authorizing the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
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6. FINAL READINGS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Renewing the Downtown Turlock Property and Business Improvement District, approving the assessment formula, declaring the results of the majority protest proceedings and ordering the levying of the assessments (*Sims*)

Mayor Bublak announced this item would be continued to the October 24, 2023 meeting. She opened the hearing for public comment and with no members of the public wishing to speak, reiterated the hearing would be continued to the October 24, 2023 meeting.

Action: Public Hearing continued to the October 24, 2023 regular City Council meeting.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between Fusus, Inc., of Peach Tree, GA, and the City of Turlock to provide a video and data collaboration platform for intelligence gathering for a period of thirty-six (36) months, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 annually for a total not to exceed of \$225,000 and appropriate \$75,000 from Fund 118 “Measure A” unassigned reserves to account number 118-20-210-44030_001 “Minor Equipment Safety” (*Hedden*)

Police Chief Hedden introduced Jim Macedo, a representative from Fusus, who provided a presentation on the Fusus platform. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chief Hedden and Mr. Macedo responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment and the following members of the public spoke:

Milt Trieweiler
Ron Puffer
Mary Jackson
Ryan Taylor

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Chief Hedden and Mr. Macedo responded to questions from the public.

City Council requested a follow up report on how the system is working.

Action: Resolution 2023-221: Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between Fusus, Inc., of Peach Tree, GA, and the City of Turlock to provide a video and data collaboration platform for intelligence gathering for a period of thirty-six (36) months, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 annually for a total not to exceed of \$225,000 and appropriate \$75,000 from Fund 118 “Measure A” unassigned reserves to account number 118-20-210-44030_001 “Minor Equipment Safety” as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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- B. Accepting the City of Turlock’s audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and related reports (*Moreno*)

Finance Director Moreno introduced Amy Meyer of Maze & Associates who provided the Audit of the Basic Financial Statements and Other Related Annual Audit Reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Ms. Meyer and Director Moreno responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment and the following members of the public spoke:

Milt Trieweiler
Ron Puffer

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Director Moreno responded to questions from the public.

Action: *Motion:* Accepting the City of Turlock’s audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and related reports as motioned by Councilmember Abram, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- C. Approving the First Amended and Restated Agreement between the City of Turlock and Operational Technical Services, LLC, to provide senior water treatment plant operator services for a maximum annual compensation amount of \$1,638,794 and an option for a one year extension with a total maximum compensation of \$3,277,588 if the extension option is exercised, and appropriating \$1,638,794 in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Fund 450 SRWA (Stanislaus Regional Water Authority) expense account number 450-53-550.43314 “Contract Help - Service” and revenue account number 450-53-550.37435 “SRWA JPA (Fund 950) Reimbursement” (*Estrada*)

Water Treatment Plant Manager Estrada presented a staff report for this item. She explained the difficulty staff has been experiencing with recruiting applicants for the vacant positions and thus the purpose of the request. Director Moreno provided the financial details for the requested contract.

Manager Estrada and Director Moreno responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment and the following members of the public spoke:

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Milt Trieweiler
Ron Puffer
Mary Jackson

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Director Moreno responded to questions from the public.

Action: Resolution 2023-222: Approving the First Amended and Restated Agreement between the City of Turlock and Operational Technical Services, LLC, to provide senior water treatment plant operator services for a maximum annual compensation amount of \$1,638,794 and an option for a one year extension with a total maximum compensation of \$3,277,588 if the extension option is exercised, and appropriating \$1,638,794 in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Fund 450 SRWA (Stanislaus Regional Water Authority) expense account number 450-53-550.43314 "Contract Help - Service" and revenue account number 450-53-550.37435 "SRWA JPA (Fund 950) Reimbursement" as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- D. Appropriating \$95,000.00 from Fund 218 Measure L unallocated reserves to Fund 218 "Measure L" account number 218-40-461.48001_329 "Transfers Out F215 Pedras Rehab" and account number 215-40-420-38001_329 "Transfers In From F218 Pedras Rehab" to be expensed from account number 215-40-420.51210 "Federal Streets Project" to provide necessary funding for City Project No. 21-021 "Pedras Road Rehabilitation" and awarding bid and approving an Agreement with Sinclair General Engineering Construction of Oakdale, California in the amount of \$1,484,336.29 and authorizing a contingency amount of \$148,000 (10%) for construction of City Project No. 21-021 "Pedras Road Rehabilitation" to be funded by Fund 215 "Streets -Grant Funded Projects," account number 215-40-420.51210 "Federal Streets Project," and funded in part by the federal Surface Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (*Schulze*)

Public Works Director Schulze introduced our new City Engineer Bill Morris and then presented the staff report for this item. He discussed the bid process, funding for the project including grant funds, and some of the major components of the project.

Director Schulze responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment and the following members of the public spoke:

Ron Puffer

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment for this item.

Director Schulze responded to questions from the public and the Council provided additional comments on this item.

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Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment and the following members of the public spoke:

Ron Puffer

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Action:

- 1) Resolution 2023-223: Appropriating \$95,000.00 from Fund 218 Measure L unallocated reserves to Fund 218 "Measure L" account number 218-40-461.48001_329 "Transfers Out F215 Pedras Rehab" and account number 215-40-420-38001_329 "Transfers In From F218 Pedras Rehab" to be expensed from account number 215-40-420.51210 "Federal Streets Project" to provide necessary funding for City Project No. 21-021 "Pedras Road Rehabilitation," and Resolution 2023-224: Awarding bid and approving an Agreement with Sinclair General Engineering Construction of Oakdale, California in the amount of \$1,484,336.29 and authorizing a contingency amount of \$148,000.00 (10%) for construction of City Project No. 21-021 "Pedras Road Rehabilitation" to be funded by Fund 215 "Streets -Grant Funded Projects," account number 215-40-420.51210 "Federal Streets Project," and funded in part by the federal Surface Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

9. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES

A. We Care Update

City Manager Wilson responded to the public comment provided earlier regarding the Municipal Services Director position.

10. COUNCIL ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Abram hoped there would be discussion regarding communication wants and needs when the new communications person is hired.

Vice Mayor Franco stated she was looking forward to seeing the HOME Annual Action Plan and asked for a list of items that the money can be spent on and stated she would like to make that information available to the public. In regards to Agenda Item 9A, the We Care Update, she requested the list of participants in order to verify there is no duplication.

Councilmember Monez asked for a status update on the Sikh Temple road sign.

11. COUNCILMEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Franco encouraged everyone to support the Fire Department's breast cancer awareness t-shirts. She also congratulated Joseph Spangler on his appointment as the City's new Communications Specialist.

Councilmember Monez mentioned the upcoming Montana Park dedication.

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Mayor Bublak requested information go out to the public regarding the street cleaning schedule. She spoke about her meeting with the CSUS President.

12. CLOSED SESSION

City Clerk Christel provided the Closed Session items.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Cal. Gov't Code §54956.9(d)(2)
“For the purposes of this section, litigation shall be considered pending when any of the following circumstances exist... A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency.”
Potential Case(s): (2 cases)


13. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Bublak advised no reportable action was taken during closed session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bublak adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Julie Christel, City Clerk