

# City Council Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2024

6:00 p.m.

City of Turlock Yosemite Room

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California



## 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

## 2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

## 3. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

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

Absent: None

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
10B & 10C	None	10B & 10C	None	10B & 10C

## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

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

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

## 5. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND BRIEFINGS

### A. Proclamation: National Night Out 2024

Chief Hedden presented the proclamation to Crime Prevention Specialist Suffecool.

### B. Discussion: ARPA Discussion

Finance Director Moreno gave a briefing and responded to questions from the City Council.

## 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Justin Farkas

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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- A. Motion: Accepting the Weekly demands of June 28, 2024 through July 4, 2024 in the amount of \$1,039,279.25, and July 5, 2024 through July 11, 2024 in the amount of \$440,442.42.
- B. Motion: Accepting the Minutes of the July 9, 2024 Regular City Council meeting
- C. Motion: Waiving Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda, Except by Title
- D. Resolution 2024-117: Approving Amendment No. 5 for Task Order No. 4 under the terms of the Master Agreement (City Contract No. 2023-109) with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. (Sacramento, California office) in the amount of \$887,235.88 to be funded by Fund 115 “Measure A – Roads,” account number 115-10-115.43366\_001 “Design Roads” for Professional Services for the City of Turlock’s Roads Initiative Program under City Project No. 24-031 “Mark Thomas Task Order No. 4 for Roads Program – GSB (Dels to Tuolumne)” (Pezeshk)
- E. Resolution 2024-118: Approving the Tentative Agreement updating the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the City of Turlock (“City”) and Turlock Associated Police Officers (“TAPO”), covering the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 and appropriating \$977,343 in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to 110-20-200 “Police Special Operations” \$221,065 in various salary and benefit accounts; to 110-20-210 “Police Field Operations” \$506,875 in various salary and benefit accounts; to 110-20-205 “Police Support Operations” \$101,968 in various salary and benefit accounts; to 110-20-215 “Animal Services” \$10,838 in various salary and benefit accounts; to 118-20-210 “Measure A-Police Field Operations” \$120,586 in various salary and benefit accounts; to 118-20-205 “Measure A-Police Support Operations” \$11,008 in various salary and benefit accounts; and to 119-20-205 “ARPA-Police Support Operations” \$5,003 in various salary and benefit accounts (Dhami)

**Action:** Motion by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram, to adopt the Consent Calendar, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**8. FINAL READINGS**

- A. Second and final reading of an ordinance amending Turlock Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 7, Article 14 related to speed limits (Morris)

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment, and with none, closed public comment.

**Action:** Ordinance 1316-CS: Amending Turlock Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 7, Article 14 related to speed limits as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Abram, and carried 4/1 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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**10. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Slate Communications to develop and provide services for a City of Turlock Communications Plan in the amount of \$49,875 to be funded by Fund 240 “Small Equipment Replacement” account 240-00-000-203.43060\_000 “Contractual Services” (Sims)

Economic Development/Communications Director Sims introduced the item, along with Kim Newcomer from Slate Communications and responded to questions from City Council.

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

Milt Treweiler

Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

**Action:** Resolution 2024-119: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Slate Communications to develop and provide services for a City of Turlock Communications Plan in the amount of \$49,875 to be funded by Fund 240 “Small Equipment Replacement” account 240-00-000-203.43060\_000 “Contractual Services” as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

- B. Declaring the City Council’s intention for the levy and collection of assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer’s Report, and appointing a time and place for a public hearing for the existing Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Morris/Moreno)

Finance Director Moreno introduced the item and responded to questions from City Council.

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

Milt Treweiler

Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

**Action:** Resolution 2024-120: Declaring the City Council’s intention for the levy and collection of assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer’s Report, and appointing a time and place for a public hearing for the existing Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by the following motions:

Mayor Bublak stated her conflict for the record, and recused herself from the dais.

Motion #1 – Declaring the City Council’s intention for the levy and collection of assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer’s Report, and appointing a time and place for a public hearing for Traditions 5 Assessment District and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City

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of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram, and passed 4/0 by the following vote:

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

Following the vote, Mayor Bublak returned to the dais.

Vice Mayor Franco stated her conflict for the record and recused herself from the dais.

Motion #2 – Declaring the City Council's intention for the levy and collection of assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, and appointing a time and place for a public hearing for Tradition 1 and Heirlooms 1 and Heirlooms 3 Assessment District and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram, and passed 4/0 by the following vote:

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

Following the vote, Vice Mayor Franco returned to the dais.

Councilmember Abram stated her conflict for the record and recused herself from the dais.

Motion #3 – Declaring the City Council's intention for the levy and collection of assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, and appointing a time and place for a public hearing for Legends 4 and Legends North 3 Assessment District and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez, and passed 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
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Following the vote, Councilmember Abram returned to the dais.

Motion #4 - Declaring the City Council's intention for the levy and collection of assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, and appointing a time and place for a public hearing for the remaining Assessment District and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez, and passed 5/0 by the following vote:

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

C. Initiating proceedings for the annual levy of assessments for existing Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for

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Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Moreno)

Finance Director Moreno introduced the item and responded to questions from City Council.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment, and with none, closed public comment.

**Action:** Resolution 2024-121: Initiating proceedings for the annual levy of assessments for existing Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by the following motions:

Mayor Bublak stated her conflict for the record, and recused herself from the dais.

Motion #1 – Initiating proceedings for the annual levy of assessments for Traditions 5 Assessment District and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram, and passed 4/0 by the following vote:

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

Following the vote, Mayor Bublak returned to the dais.

Vice Mayor Franco stated her conflict for the record and recused herself from the dais.

Motion #2 – Initiating proceedings for the annual levy of assessments for Tradition 1 and Heirlooms 1 and Heirlooms 3 Assessment District and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as motioned by Councilmember Bixel, seconded by Councilmember Abram, and passed 4/0 by the following vote:

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

Following the vote, Vice Mayor Franco returned to the dais.

Councilmember Abram stated her conflict for the record and recused herself from the dais.

Motion #3 – Initiating proceedings for the annual levy of assessments for Legends 4 and Legends North 3 Assessment District and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and passed 4/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
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Following the vote, Councilmember Abram returned to the dais.

Motion #4 - Initiating proceedings for the annual levy of assessments the remaining Assessment District and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year

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2024-2025 as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez, and passed 5/0 by the following vote:

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

D. Determining the need to continue the actions undertaken by the City Manager in response to the emergency created by the inoperative computer room air conditioning units at the Public Safety Facility, finding that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and finding that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Fisher)

Municipal Services Director Fisher introduced the item and responded to questions from City Council.

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

Bob Puffer

Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

**Action:** Motion: Determining the need to continue the actions undertaken by the City Manager in response to the emergency created by the inoperative computer room air conditioning units at the Public Safety Facility, finding that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and finding that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**11. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES**

None

**12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Bublak asked for the Waffle sign be addressed, and see if Planning Commission can review electronic sign ordinance. She also added that she would like electronic signs for the agendas. Mayor Bublak thanked all the staff that assisted with setup and teardown for the State of Turlock.

Councilmember Monez requested a briefing regarding the Grants Pass v. Johnson litigation.

Councilmember Bixel requested a discussion regarding ARPA funds.

Vice Mayor Franco announced that National Night is approaching and invited the public to come out and participate.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

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- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators, Cal. Gov't Code §54957.6(a)“*Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions with the local agency's designated representatives regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation.*”  
Agency Designated Representative: Deputy City Manager Sarah Eddy  
Employee Organization: Turlock Associated Police Officers  
Employee Organization: Turlock City Employees Association  
Employee Organization: Turlock Firefighters Association-Local 2434  
Employee Organization: Turlock Management Association-Public Safety  
Unrepresented Groups: Turlock Management and Confidential Employees
- B. 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): Three (3)

**14. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bublak adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



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Nichole Fiez, Deputy City Clerk