

City Council Meeting Minutes



September 10, 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
None	None	None	None	None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

Mayor Bublak announced that Item 7D and 7E will be pulled from the agenda.

Motion: Approval of Agenda as amended, motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded Vice Mayor Franco 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. Presentation: Employee Service Awards

Deputy City Manager Eddy read aloud the list of employees receiving service awards. Mayor Bublak presented the employees with their certificates.

B. Appointment: By motion, appointing Michael Lynch to the Measure A Citizen's Oversight Tax Committee for a term expiring on 07/01/2027 (Christel)

Action: Motion by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez, appointing Michael Lynch to the Measure A Citizen's Oversight Tax Committee. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

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C. General Homeless Status Update (Hedden)

Chief of Police Hedden gave an update on the status of general homeless.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Ramon Rodriguez
Cameron Ordaz
Jon Gabelon
Milt Trieweiler
Ron Bridegroom
Mary Jackson
Bob Puffer

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion: Accepting the Weekly demands of August 23, 2024 through August 29, 2024 in the amount of \$1,696,038.24 and Payroll EFT May 2024 in the amount of \$2,021,991.34
- B. Motion: Accepting the Minutes of the August 27, 2024 Regular City Council meeting
- C. Motion: Waiving Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda, Except by Title
- D. Item Pulled for Future Consideration
- E. Item Pulled for Future Consideration
- F. Motion: Reaffirming the determination made by the City Manager in response to the emergency created by the inoperative computer room air conditioning units at the Public Safety Facility and finding that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids pursuant to Public Contract Code 22050(c)(2) (Fisher)
- G. Resolution 2024-139: Authorizing the City Manager to execute a service agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, between Motorola Solutions and the City of Turlock, in an annual amount not to exceed \$300,000 for contracted maintenance and service of the radio system including all portable and mobile radios for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, where funding has been budgeted in the respective department's and funds to account number 43228_002 (Radio System Maintenance); and approving sole source procurement of radio system equipment from Motorola contingent on the availability of budgeted funds, without compliance to formal bid procedures in accordance with Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-8(b)(2) (Hedden)
- H. Resolution 2024-140: Approving the Tentative Agreement updating the Schedule of Benefits("SOB") between the City of Turlock ("City") and the Confidential Employees group, covering the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, and appropriating \$54,128 in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to various Funds and accounts for salary and benefit (Dhami)

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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:

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 the Turlock Municipal Code Title 5, Chapter 5-20 regarding camping on public property. This amendment would revoke the current Chapter 5-20 and replace this chapter with a new one for matters relating to camping prohibitions and penalties (Petrolakis)

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

Bob Puffer
Milt Treweiler
Ron Bridegroom
Duane Alameda
Mary Jackson

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Amend the Turlock Municipal Code Title 5, Chapter 5-20 regarding camping on public property, with section 5-20-03 A and section 5-20-03 C removed. This amendment would revoke the current Chapter 5-20 and replace this chapter with a new one for matters relating to camping prohibitions and penalties, as motioned by Councilmember Abram, seconded by Councilmember Bixel, and failed 2/3 by the following vote:

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

Recommended Action: Ordinance 1317-CS Amending the Turlock Municipal Code Title 5, Chapter 5-20 regarding camping on public property. This amendment would revoke the current Chapter 5-20 and replace this chapter with a new one for matters relating to camping prohibitions and penalties, as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 3/2 by the following vote:

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

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), CDBG-CARES (CDBG-CV), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) and authorizing submission of the

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CAPER to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related necessary documents (Werner)

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

Recommended Action: Resolution 2024-141 Approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), CDBG-CARES (CDBG-CV), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) and authorizing submission of the CAPER to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related necessary documents, as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

10. ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Bublak recused herself from the Dias.

- A. Approving payment of annual investor invoice of \$50,000 for year four (4) of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Stanislaus Business Alliance (Opportunity Stanislaus) Economic Development and Workforce Strategies and authorizing the City Manager approve annual payment (Sims)

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

Jon Gabelon
Ron Bridegroom

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Recommended Action: Motion: Approving payment of annual investor invoice of \$50,000 for year four (4) of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Stanislaus Business Alliance (Opportunity Stanislaus) Economic Development and Workforce Strategies and authorizing the City Manager approve annual payment, as motioned by Councilmember Monez, Councilmember Abram, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

11. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES

- A. Monthly Department Reports
- B. Senior Citizen Facility Update

Acting City Manager Hampton gave an update on the Senior Citizen Facility.

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12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Franco stated that EMC Health Foundation and United Samaritans Foundation Announce Free Hearing Tests and Aids for Seniors at Costco. She also gave a reminder to join the City of Turlock remembrance ceremony for September 11th.

Councilmember Monez thanked code enforcement for all the work they have done, she congratulated Captain Rodriguez and his team for all of their work, noting it has made a significant change in her District.

13. COUNCILMEMBER ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Vice Mayor Franco asked for an update on the housing element.

Mayor Bublak asked for an update on assistance to help with fixes to mobile homes.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- 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 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): Four (4)
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation, Cal. Gov't Code 54956.9(d)(4)“For the purposes of this section, litigation shall be considered pending when any of the following circumstances exist...Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation.” Potential Cases: One (1)

15. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Petrulakis reported that Council voted unanimously with a 5/0 vote on Agenda Item 14C as to the matter involving the facility at 1617 Colorado Avenue. The Council voted to waive the confidentiality requirement under the municipal code and the government code for closed session matters, and has also waived the attorney client privilege as to those same matters.

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16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bublak adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Nichole Fiez, City Clerk Trainee