

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Lazar called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Bill DeHart, Steven Nascimento (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Forrest White, and Mayor John S. Lazar.
ABSENT: Councilmember Amy Bublak

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

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

4. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Mayor Lazar opened the community forum and each of the following Department Heads/Managers presented information on the following topics:

- Funding of City Services

City Manager Roy Wasden provided information regarding the funding of City Services, including essential City services, General Fund vs. Non-General Fund dollars, and funding received through sales tax, property tax, and state income tax.

- Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities

Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities Manager Allison Van Guilder provided information about the organizational structure of the department, including services/programs offered in the areas of parks & storm basins, streets, buildings, assessment district maintenance, pools and spray parks, aquatics, youth and afterschool programs, community events, sports programs, and funding. Ms. Van Guilder stated the critical issues facing the Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities Division are limited staffing, vandalism and theft, low cost recreation programs, residential sidewalk maintenance, street tree maintenance, and aging facilities.

- Police

Police Captain/Acting Police Chief Steve Williams presented information about the organizational structure of the Police Department, including services provided by the Field Operations, Special Operations, and Support Operations Divisions, departmental personnel statistics, crime statistics and crime trends in Turlock, accomplishments and successes, and future concerns. Interim Police Chief Williams stated the critical issues facing the Police Department are response time, staffing levels, gangs and drugs, AB109 realignment, customer satisfaction, and continued and enhanced partnerships.

- Water

Municipal Services Director Dan Madden presented information about the City's drinking water system, challenges associated with quantity/quality of drinking water, source of water, water production statistics, declining water levels, the future of groundwater, and the Regional Surface Water Project.

- Fire

Fire Chief Tim Lohman presented an overview of fire operations, including department facts, services provided to the community, department statistics, station locations, their vision as public servants, examples of various calls for service, and future challenges. Fire Chief Lohman stated the critical issues facing the Fire Department are staffing needs as the community grows, Healthcare Reform Act and how that will impact hospitals, doctors and first responders, and government mandates and regulations.

- Wastewater/Storm System

Municipal Services Director Dan Madden presented information about the wastewater/storm system, including the North Valley Recycled Water Project, discharge information, long-term water quality considerations, existing operations, and future plans.

- Transportation/Roadways

Development Services Director Mike Pitcock presented information about transportation and roadways, including the Pavement Management System, PCI ratings, condition and funding required to improve/maintain the existing street network, gas tax funding information, alternative funding options such as the General Fund, a parcel tax, a citywide assessment district, and a half-cent sales tax.

Mayor Lazar asked for public comment.

Community members Tamica Attaway, Jolyn DiGrazia, Jeanie Endsley, Bob Endsley, and Ken Whitehill addressed staff regarding police staffing, Columbia Park water feature filtration, completion of the new Public Safety Facility, the possibility of district elections, water meters, assessment districts, and data regarding medical vs. fire calls.

Councilmember White clarified that the beautification work being done on Golden State Blvd. is from grant money received from the State specifically for beautification purposes including median relandscaping.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Lazar adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Stacey Tonarelli
Deputy City Clerk