

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Dated: December 11, 2018

City Council Special Meeting Agenda



DECEMBER 12, 2018

2:30 p.m.

City of Turlock Yosemite Room

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California



Mayor
Amy Bublak

Council Members
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Andrew Nosrati
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1. **A. CALL TO ORDER**
B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – LIMITED TO ITEMS DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE FOR THIS MEETING**
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3(a), this is the time set aside for citizens to address the City Council concerning any item that has been described in the notice for this meeting, including Consent Calendar items, before or during consideration of that item. You will be allowed five (5) minutes for your comments. If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, you may be asked to defer your remarks until the Council addresses the matter.

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

4. WORKSHOP AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Community and business engagement on strategies to address vagrancy and homelessness issues in Turlock.

- a) Opening Remarks by Mayor and City Manager
- b) Workgroup Breakouts
 - 1. Bathroom and Businesses Workgroup
 - 2. Prevention / Jobs Workgroup
 - 3. Community Engagement Workgroup
 - 4. Housing Workgroup
- c) Reassemble to receive and discuss Workgroup recommendations
- d) Recommend items for City staff review
- e) Schedule date for follow-up Meeting to receive and discuss staff advice

5. SCHEDULED MATTERS

- A. Request to declare a shelter crisis pursuant to Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Section 8698.2 (*Pitt*)

Recommended Action:

Resolution: Declaring a shelter crisis pursuant to Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Section 8698.2

6. ADJOURNMENT

The foregoing meeting is hereby called at the above mentioned date and time pursuant to California Government Code §54956.

City Council Staff Report

December 12, 2018



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From: Maryn Pitt, Assistant to the City Manager for Housing and Economic Development

Prepared by: Maryn Pitt, Assistant to the City Manager for Housing and Economic Development

Agendized by: Robert C. Lawton, City Manager

1. ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Resolution: Declaring a shelter crisis pursuant to Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Section 8698.2

2. SYNOPSIS:

In order for new funding from the State of California in the form of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) to be used in Turlock, it is required that the City Council, by Resolution, declare a shelter crisis pursuant to Senate Bill 850 and authorize the city's participation in the newly established "Homeless Emergency Aid Program."

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUE:

Recently, the State of California announced a new funding stream to local cities called the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). HEAP is a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homelessness crisis throughout California. HEAP is authorized by Senate Bill (SB)850, which was signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2018.

HEAP funds are intended to provide funding to Continuums of Care (COCs) and large cities (LCs) with populations over 330,000, so they may provide immediate emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness. Eligible uses include, but are not limited to the following: homelessness prevention activities, criminal justice diversion programs for homeless individuals with mental health needs, establishing or expanding services meeting the needs of homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness, and emergency aid. The HEAP funding allocation for Stanislaus County based on population and the 2017 homeless count is \$7.2 million.

The City of Turlock in collaboration with Stanislaus County are working to identify eligible projects and activities to be funded with the HEAP grant funds.

The HEAP program is administered by the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), which is a division of the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. As part of the application process for the HEAP funds, the governing body of an eligible jurisdiction must adopt a shelter crisis declaration pursuant to Chapter 7.8 of the Government Code. The attached Resolution contains specific language and text that is required by the HCFC and program administrators.

4. BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- A. In order for HEAP funds to be used in Turlock, the emergency shelter declaration is required.
- B. Chapter 7.8 of the Government Code.

5. POLICY GOAL AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN INITIATIVE:

Not specifically identified within the Mayor and City Council Policy Goals and Implementation Plan as this item pertains to accessing one time grant funds being made available through the State of California.

6. FISCAL IMPACT / BUDGET AMENDMENT:

No budget amendment. There is no impact to the General Fund due to this declaration. The declaration is required to access Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Funds. Stanislaus County will be receiving more than \$7.6 million in one time HEAP funds to address homelessness.

7. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Recommend Approval.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

When specific projects or property is identified, an environmental assessment or initial study will be required before funds can be committed.

9. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. The City Council could choose not to adopt the resolution. This option is not recommended as there is approximately 250 individuals in Turlock who are experiencing homelessness and the funds are needed.

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TURLOCK

IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF } RESOLUTION NO. 2018-
THE CITY OF TURLOCK, STATE OF }
CALIFORNIA DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS }
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 48, STATUTES OF 2018 }
AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8698.2 }
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WHEREAS, California's Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have provided funding to local governments under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program as part of SB 850 and the 2018-19 Budget Act (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018); and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature require jurisdictions seeking an allocation through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program to declare a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Turlock in conjunction with the County of Stanislaus has developed a homelessness plan and undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Turlock finds that 248 persons within the City of Turlock are homeless and living without shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Turlock in conjunction with the County of Stanislaus finds that the number of homeless is significant, and these persons are without the ability to obtain shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Turlock in conjunction with the County of Stanislaus finds that the health and safety of unsheltered persons is threatened by a lack of shelter and the City of Turlock affirms the City's commitment to combatting homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Turlock that a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code section 8698.2 exists in Turlock.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Turlock this 12th day of December, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
NOT PARTICIPATING:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Jennifer Land, City Clerk,
City of Turlock, County of Stanislaus,
State of California