

1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Soiseth called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Gil Esquer, Bill DeHart, Amy Bublak, Matthew Jacob, and Mayor Gary Soiseth.
ABSENT: None

Councilmember Esquer thanked those in attendance and viewing from home on Valentine's Day.

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

2. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Mayor Soiseth presented a proclamation to His Grace Bishop Mar Awa Royel in recognition of the Mar Addai Church 70th Anniversary. His Grace Bishop Mar Awa Royel thanked the Mayor, City Council, and citizens of Turlock and noted the church's desire to continue being an integral part of the community.
- B. Mayor Soiseth recognized California State University Stanislaus (CSUS) Students Nathan Straubinger and Logan Martinez as recipients of the Mayor's Public Policy Award 2016 and noted the students will be using the award money for implementation of the project, not for personal use. CSUS Student Nathan Straubinger thanked the Mayor, Council, and selection committee for the award and presented information about their proposal "Bridging the Gap" between CSUS and the City of Turlock. Field Representative Dana Ferreira presented a Congressional Commendation to the students on behalf of Congressman Jeff Denham.
- C. Municipal Services Director Michael Cooke introduced Brooke Romero, daughter of Felix Romero, noting she would be accepting the City of Turlock Employee of the Month Award on her father's behalf. Mayor Soiseth presented a Certificate of Recognition to Brooke Romero on behalf of her father, Utilities Supervisor Felix Romero, as the City of Turlock Employee of the Month – January 2017 for his hard work, dedication, and expertise in maintaining the City's water and sewer systems.
- D. Police Chief Ninus Amirfar recognized Retired Police Sergeant Anthony Silva as recipient of the Excellence Award, Volunteer Wilbur Marshall and his dog Bentley as Volunteer of the Year, Community Services Officer Rosemary Howser as Employee of the Year, and Police Officer Nathan Urban as Officer of the Year.

Fire Chief Robert Talloni recognized Fire Captain Casey Cockrell as Firefighter of the Year and Firefighter Steven Kramer as recipient of the Customer Service Award.

- E. Mayor Soiseth recommended that Councilmember Bublak be appointed as Panel Member and Councilmember DeHart as Alternate Panel Member of the City of Turlock Marketing and Branding Evaluation Panel.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Jacob, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, appointing Councilmember Bublak as Panel Member and Councilmember DeHart as Alternate Panel Member of the City of Turlock Marketing and Branding Evaluation Panel. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

3. A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:

1. CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

CSUS Student Government Relations Coordinator Noriel Mostajo congratulated fellow students Nathan Straubinger and Logan Martinez on their project and provided information regarding activities surrounding Homecoming Week, the StanFest Concert, Turlock Transit System, and the Warrior Food Pantry.

B. STAFF UPDATES

1. Policy Goals and Implementation Plan – No updates provided.
2. Capital Projects and Building Activity

Development Services Director Mike Pitcock provided an update on Building Activity, Capital Projects, and Transit.

Council discussed this item.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Soiseth spoke about his discussion with members of the Sikh community regarding their desire to open their facility for those displaced in Orville. Surjit Singh spoke about his heritage and the Sikh's willingness to help others.

Turlock Librarian Dianne Bartlett provided information about the Stanislaus County Library's Annual Report, upcoming events and activities at the Turlock Library, Friends of the Library Board meetings scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month, and a Library Visioning meeting to be held on March 25, 2017 at Turlock City Hall.

4. A. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

B. DISCLOSURE OF TOP TEN/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTORS

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Mayor Soiseth noted Item 5C would be removed for separate consideration.

Action: Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, adopting the amended consent calendar. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- A. **Resolution No. 2017-028:** Accepting Demands of 01/12/17 in the amount of \$707,470.41
- B. *Motion:* Accepting Minutes of Special Meeting of January 24, 2017 and Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 24, 2017
- C. *Removed for Separate Consideration.*
- D. *Motion:* Approving a Lien Agreement between the City of Turlock and New Life Christian Center of Turlock for deferred payment of Development Impact Fees, deferring collection of City of Turlock Master Storm, Capital Facility and Northwest Triangle Specific Plan development impact fees over a 5 year period
- E. *Motion:* Approving the Aspire Fitness Challenge-Celebration 5K Walk/Run event utilizing the public right-of-way (sidewalks), hosted by Aspire Home Real Estate, on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and authorizing the City Manager to apply appropriate conditions and restrictions to the event
- F. *Motion:* Approving a private baby shower event utilizing the public right-of-way (sidewalks) and four (4) public parking spaces on Center Street, hosted by Bistro 234, on Saturday, April 23, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and authorizing the City Manager to apply appropriate conditions and restrictions to the event
- G. *Motion:* Approving an Agreement with Falany Fence Co. of Turlock for fence repair and installation services, for a period of twelve (12) months, in an annual amount of \$20,000
- H. *Motion:* Approving Amendment No. 3 to a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Turlock and Wood Rodgers, Inc., for the preparation of a Hydrogeological and Water Quality Assessment Study to include rehabilitation services at Well 31
- I. **Resolution No. 2017-029:** Authorizing the overhire of one (1) Electrical Mechanical Technician in the City of Turlock Municipal Services Department due to anticipated retirement of the incumbent on July 1, 2017
- J. *Motion:* Approving an Agreement between the City of Turlock and Blue Collar Training Network, LLC to provide specialized rescue training to the Turlock Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$23,851, through September 30, 2017
- K. *Motion:* Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Crystal Lynn Synstad
- L. *Motion:* Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Jason D. Tosta
- M. *Motion:* Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Lorraine Mello Jones
- N. *Motion:* Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Salomon Alvizo

- Item 5C.
1. Motion: Awarding bid and approving an Agreement in the amount of \$1,166,617 (Fund 215) with George Reed, Inc. of Modesto, California for City Project No. 14-28 “Intersection Improvements at North Golden State Boulevard and Fulkerth Road”
 2. Resolution: Adjusting the local matching fund (Gas Tax Section 2103 and CFF Transportation) appropriations for City Project No. 14-28 “Intersection Improvements at North Golden State Boulevard and Fulkerth Road” as delineated in the table provided to complete the necessary funding required for this project

Development Services Director Mike Pitcock provided information about this item.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation. No one spoke. Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

Action: Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Jacob, Awarding bid and approving an Agreement in the amount of \$1,166,617 (Fund 215) with George Reed, Inc. of Modesto, California for City Project No. 14-28 “Intersection Improvements at North Golden State Boulevard and Fulkerth Road”. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution No. 2017-030: Adjusting the local matching fund (Gas Tax Section 2103 and CFF Transportation) appropriations for City Project No. 14-28 “Intersection Improvements at North Golden State Boulevard and Fulkerth Road” as delineated in the table provided to complete the necessary funding required for this project was introduced by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Jacob, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

6. **FINAL READINGS:** None

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

8. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder presented the staff report on the request to determine the closure of sections of Broadway, between West Olive Avenue and North Front Street, for the Salvation Army to host the 2017 Kettle Dash, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines AND authorize the closure of sections of Broadway, between West Olive Avenue and North Front Street for pedestrian safety, for the Salvation Army to host the 2017 Kettle Dash, on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at specified times, and authorize the City Manager to apply appropriate conditions and restrictions on the street closure.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation. No one spoke. Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

Action: **Resolution No. 2017-031:** Determining the closure of sections of Broadway, between West Olive Avenue and North Front Street, for the Salvation Army to host the 2017 Kettle Dash, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines was introduced by Councilmember Jacob, seconded by Councilmember Bublak, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution No. 2017-032: Authorizing the closure of sections of Broadway, between West Olive Avenue and North Front Street for pedestrian safety, for the Salvation Army to host the 2017 Kettle Dash, on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at specified times, and authorizing the City Manager to apply appropriate conditions and restrictions on the street closure was introduced by Councilmember Bublak, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- B. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder presented the staff report on the request to determine the closure of Johnson Road, from the Julien Elementary School parking lot to Charles Place, for the Turlock American Little League to host the 2017 Opening Ceremonies, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines AND authorize the closure of Johnson Road, from the Julien Elementary School parking lot to Charles Place for pedestrian safety, for the Turlock American Little League to host the 2017 Opening Ceremonies, on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and authorize the City Manager to apply appropriate conditions and restrictions on the street closure.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

A member of the public spoke about this item.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

Council discussed this item and requested staff follow-up with the member of the public regarding his concerns with events held at this location.

Action: **Resolution No. 2017-033:** Determining the closure of Johnson Road, from the Julien Elementary School parking lot to Charles Place, for the Turlock American Little League to host the 2017 Opening Ceremonies, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines was introduced by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Jacob, and carried 4/1 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution No. 2017-034: Authorizing the closure of Johnson Road, from the Julien Elementary School parking lot to Charles Place for pedestrian safety, for the Turlock American Little League to host the 2017 Opening Ceremonies, on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and authorizing the City Manager to apply appropriate conditions and restrictions on the street closure was introduced by Councilmember Jacob, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, and carried 4/1 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- C. Human Resources Manager Sarah Eddy presented the staff report on the request to accept the Citywide Total Compensation Study from Cooperative Personnel Services (CPS) HR Consulting that includes all unrepresented employees and all bargaining groups.

Human Resources Manager Sarah Eddy introduced Barbara Santos with CPS HR Consulting who provided information about the process for completing the study.

Council, staff, and the consultant discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

A member of the public spoke about this item.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

Action: **Resolution No. 2017-035:** Accepting the Citywide Total Compensation Study from Cooperative Personnel Services (CPS) HR Consulting that includes all unrepresented employees and all bargaining groups was introduced by Councilmember Bublak, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Interim City Manager Phaedra A. Norton noted data from Cosumnes Community Services District has been provided to Fire for informational purposes.

9. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

10. COUNCIL ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

Councilmember Bublak requested staff reevaluate the process for approving special events and street closures with the potential for approval of these items being decided upon by the City Manager. Interim City Manager Phaedra A. Norton provided information about the special event policy and noted staff will revisit the process, brainstorm, and seek Council feedback on evolving the process. Mayor Soiseth spoke about the essential element of the robust notification process and streamlining/reassessing the process. Councilmember DeHart also spoke about carefully reevaluating the process.

Interim City Manager Phaedra A. Norton introduced Sky Woodruff with Meyers Nave, noting he will be in attendance at City Council meetings as the Contract City Attorney while she fulfills her role as the Interim City Manager.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

12. CLOSED SESSION: None

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Jennifer Land
City Clerk