

1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Gary Soiseth called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Gil Esquer, Bill DeHart, Matthew Jacob, and Mayor Gary Soiseth
ABSENT: Councilmember Amy Bublak

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

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

4. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- A. Inspect Real Property – Site Visit

Site visit of 323 Columbia Street, Turlock, CA 95380 to evaluate the current physical condition of the property.

Fire Marshall Mark Gomez gave a history of the abatement process conducted on the property after the fire had occurred. He reported through that process, the City learned there was no official owner of record on file with the Stanislaus County Tax Assessors Office. He indicated that although several community members stepped forward with history and knowledge of the Church by-laws and various owners, those leads resulted in no official record of owner.

Fire Marshal Gomez then reported on the next abatement process of which the City of Turlock had to request authority to enter onto a private property from the Stanislaus County Court system to address the nuisance, due to no official recorded owner on file. Fire Marshal Gomez noted that once all the steps of the court phase were complete, the Court awarded authority to the City to enter onto the property and conduct the demolition.

Fire Marshal Gomez reviewed the City's bid processes for the demolition project and the award of bid to the Contractor. He then reviewed the Contractor's process and timeline and what the neighborhood could expect to see with regard to heavy equipment in the next weeks to come.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

Various members of the neighborhood expressed concerns regarding timely manner of the property clean up, hazardous materials, dust, mold and airborne hazards once clean up begins, the timeline of the demolition from start to finish, and expectations of the property once cleaned up.

Principal Civil Engineer Nathan Bray gave a brief overview of how the initial clean up would start, the process of watering the site down, removal of debris, sidewalk repair, ending with a leveled empty lot.

Mayor Soiseth reported that City Council would be presented with an expenditure report encompassing a cost of \$125,000 for the demolition project of which would be funded from

the General Fund budget. He indicated Council would take formal action on that item at the 6:00 p.m. regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

Mayor Soiseth reiterated the City's gratitude for the neighbors patience, due diligence in reporting nuisance and vagrant issues to public safety staff during this process.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Jacob, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, to adjourn the special meeting at 5:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Stacey Tonarelli
Deputy City Clerk