

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2023

6:00 p.m.

City of Turlock Yosemite Room

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bublak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Present: Councilmembers Cassandra Abram, Rebecka Monez, Vice Mayor Pam Franco, and Mayor Amy Bublak.

Absent: Councilmember Kevin Bixel

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
None	Absent	None	None	None

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

Motion: Approval of Agenda as posted as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND BRIEFINGS

A. Proclamation National Night Out

Police Chief Jason Hedden presented the proclamation for National Night Out (NNO), Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and Chief Hedden and Public Works Director Schulze spoke on various NNO events occurring throughout Turlock that evening.

B. Presentation Employee Service Awards (*Eddy*)

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

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Bublak opened public participation and the following members of the public spoke:

Gavin Cline
Derik Bakker
Milt Trieweler
John Gebelein
Ramon Rodriguez
Ron Bridegroom
Ryan Taylor

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

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4. MOTION WAIVING READING OF ALL ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA, EXCEPT BY TITLE

Motion: Waiving reading of all ordinances on the agenda, except by title as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Bublak announced that Consent Item 5F would be pulled for separate consideration.

- A. Resolution 2023-178: Accepting Weekly Demands of 07/06/2023 in the amount of \$8,680,667.98, 07/13/2023 in the amount of \$369,271.38 and the Investment and Cash Report for April, May and June 2023
- B. Motion: Accepting Minutes of the 06/13/2023 Concurrent Meeting of the Turlock City Council and Public Financing Authority, 06/26/2023 Special Joint Meeting of the Turlock City Council and Planning Commission, and the 06/26/2023 and 07/11/2023 Regular Meetings of the Turlock City Council
- C. Resolution 2023-179: Initiating proceedings for the annual levy of assessments for existing Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts (Exhibit A) and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas (Exhibit B) in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (*Schulze*)
- D. Resolution 2023-180: Declaring the City Council’s intention for the levy and collection of assessments, preliminarily approving the Engineer’s Report, and appointing a time and place for a public hearing for the existing Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts and Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Areas (Exhibit A) in the City of Turlock for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (*Schulze*)
- E. Resolution 2023-181: Approving revisions to the job descriptions for Water Treatment Plant Operator I; Water Treatment Plant Operator II; and Water Treatment Plant Operator, Senior; (*Dhami*)
- F. Item pulled for separate consideration
- G. Resolution 2023-183: Awarding bid and approving an Agreement with ARES Engineering, LLC, of Tollhouse, CA in the amount of \$132,595.00 and authorizing a contingency amount of \$13,260.00 (10.0%) for construction of City Project No. 21-023 "City Utility Trench Repair 2023" to be funded equally by Fund 410 "Water Quality Control" account number 410-51-531.43145 and Fund 420 "Water Enterprise" account number 420-52-550.43145 (*Schulze*)

Action: Motion by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

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5F. Approving the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (SRWA) Regional Surface Water Supply Project General Manager Services Agreement (*Dhami*)

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

Milt Trieweiler

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Director Goodman and City Manager Wilson responded to questions from the public.

Action: Resolution 2023-182: Approving the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (SRWA) Regional Surface Water Supply Project General Manager Services Agreement as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

6. FINAL READINGS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. ACTION ITEMS

None

9. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES

A. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update (*Moreno*)
Finance Director advised the update was included in the agenda packet.

10. COUNCIL ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Abram spoke about the ARPA update and stated there is some urgency to decide where to spend ARPA funds prior to the deadline in December 2024. She would like to continue having regular discussions on this and would like to discuss funding that has already been obligated, specifically in regards to the garbage rate subsidy.

Vice Mayor Franco asked to have Housing Department meetings to direct staff on the City Council's direction to utilize the \$20+ million dollars of available funds. She would like to know what they can do with each baskets of monies the City has, time limits to spend the money, repayments on errors, how are we paying them back and which funds are being used to pay them back. She also wants City Council to set direction that the Housing Department takes on future expenditures of the money.

She also requested an update from Jeffrey Lewis regarding housing and non-profits.

Mayor Bublak asked for a survey to be put together to send out to the mobile home parks to find out what their needs are and how we can decide the best was to assist those residents and what the cost of that would look like.

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11. COUNCILMEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Abram provided a brief update on the last Ad-Hoc on Cannabis meeting and stated that there will be an initial report with recommendations coming forward at the next City Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Franco reminded everyone about National Night Out and spoke on the chlorine in the water and asked the public to please reach out to staff regarding any questions they may have.

Councilmember Monez agreed with Vice Mayor Franco's comments.

12. CLOSED SESSION

At the request of Mayor Bublak, City Clerk Christel read aloud the closed session items.

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators - California Government Code §54957.6(a)
Agency Designated Representative: Deputy City Manager Sarah Eddy
Employee Organization: Turlock Firefighters Association – Local 2434
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, California Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)
Potential Case(s): (3 cases)


13. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Bublak announced there was no reportable action.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bublak adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Julie Christel, City Clerk