

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2024

6:00 p.m.

City of Turlock Yosemite Room

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California



CALL TO ORDER

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Present: Councilmember Cassandra Abram, Kevin Bixel, Rebecka Monez, Vice Mayor Pam Franco
Absent: Mayor Amy Bublak

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

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	Absent

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

A. *Presentation:* Turlock Police Department Animal Services – Adoptable Pets

Suzanne Miller, Animal Services Officer, provided a presentation on one of the dogs available for adoption at the shelter.

B. *Presentation:* 2022-2023 Active Military Banner Retirement (*Packwood*)

Deputy Public Works Director Packwood presented a recap of the 2022-2023 Active Military Banner recipients. The recipients and/or their representative received their banner in honor and appreciation of their service.

Mayor Bublak joined the Council Meeting at 6:08 p.m.

C. *Appointment:* Aaron Hackler to the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

Mayor Bublak recommended Aaron Hackler to the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees.

Action: Motion by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez, to approve the appointment of Aaron Hackler. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

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D. Briefing Finance Department Project List Update (*Moreno*)

Finance Director Moreno provided a project list update for the Finance Department. He reviewed current projects and discussed the current status and anticipated completion date of those projects.

Mayor Bublak opened the presentation up to public comment.

With no public comment, Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Bublak opened public participation and the following members of the public provided comment:

- Karina Mendoza
- Milt Trieweiler
- Lori Smith
- Karen Scheller
- Rikki Edwards
- Ramon Rodriguez
- Gil Esquer
- Jason Freitas
- Name not provided
- Ron Bridegroom
- Rylan Taylor
- Julie Fox
- Justin Farcast

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

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 Councilmember Abram, seconded by Councilmember Monez and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Motion: Accepting the Weekly Demands of 12/22/2023 through 01/04/2024 in the amount of \$938,362.16 and 01/05/2024 through 01/11/2024 in the amount of \$1,576,301.90
- B. Motion: Accepting the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Regular meeting of the Turlock City Council and the January 9, 2024 Concurrent meeting of the City Council and Successor Agency to the Turlock Redevelopment Agency

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C. *This item pulled for separate consideration.*

D. *Resolution 2024-003*: Approving the agreement with Townsend Public Affairs for Government Relations and Advocacy for a three-year term with an annual not to exceed total compensation of \$198,000 to be paid 50% from Fund 410 “Water Quality Control” expense account number 410-51-530.43011 “Gov’t Relations/Public Affairs” and 50% from Fund 420 “Water” expense account number 420-52-550.43011 “Gov’t Relations/Public Affairs” (*Moreno*)

Action: *Motion* by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

5C Reaffirming the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in response to a continuing Unsheltered Homeless Crisis (UHC) within the City of Turlock and Confirming Rules and Regulations No. 1 made in issued by Interim City Manager Sarah Tamey Eddy (Director of Emergency Services) (*Hedden*)

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

Gil Esquer
Ron Bridegroom

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Chief Hedden addressed some of the comments regarding the item.

Action: *Resolution 2024-002*: Reaffirming the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in response to a continuing Unsheltered Homeless Crisis (UHC) within the City of Turlock and Confirming Rules and Regulations No. 1 made in issued by Interim City Manager Sarah Tamey Eddy (Director of Emergency Services) as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Monez and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

6. FINAL READINGS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. ACTION ITEMS

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- A. Authorizing the City Manager, or their designee, to end the Navigation Center Pilot Program that was implemented through a Service Prover Agreement with We Care Program Turlock (“We Care”) that expires January 31, 2024

Risk Management Director Loehr introduced the item per the staff report.

Mayor Bublak opened public participation and the following members of the public provided comment:

- Catherine Doo
- Julie Esquivel
- Sheryl Tapley
- Julie Fox
- Milt Triewailer
- Ramon Rodriguez
- Name not provided
- Ron Bridegroom
- Gil Esquer
- Corey Mye
- John Madruga
- Andrew Conta
- Name not provided
- Name not provided
- Aaron Fagun
- Gregory Taylor
- Name not provided
- Joshua Nixon
- Teri Shaver
- Juan Perez
- Greg (last name not provided)
- Lori Smith
- Name not provided
- Mary Jackson

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Members of City staff responded to questions from the public and from the City Council.

Action: *Motion:* Authorizing the City Manager, or their designee, to end the Navigation Center Pilot Program that was implemented through a Service Prover Agreement with We Care Program Turlock (“We Care”) that expires January 31, 2024 as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Vice Mayor Franco, and carried 3/2 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

- B. Appropriating \$53,700 unallocated reserves from Fund 119 “American Rescue Plan Act” (ARPA) account number 119-10-188.43052 “City Mobile App Solutions” for the purchase of City Mobile App Solution for the first 3 years (*Sims*)

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Economic Development Director Sims introduced the item for appropriating funds. Kevin Strauss from GoGov joined via zoom and spoke to the benefits of the mobile app.

Mayor Bublak opened public participation and the following members of the public provided comment:

Ron Bridegroom
Ryan Taylor
Travis Regalo

With no public comment, Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

Action: *Motion:* Appropriating \$53,700 unallocated reserves from Fund 119 “American Rescue Plan Act” (ARPA) account number 119-10-188.43052 “City Mobile App Solutions” for the purchase of City Mobile App Solution for the first 3 years as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Bixel, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

- C. Approving revisions to the Community Events and Activities Grant application, scoring and grant process as recommended by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (*Vargas*)

Recreation Superintendent Vargas introduced the item as recommended by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission. City Attorney requested that the item be “in a form approved by the City Attorney.”

Mayor Bublak opened public participation and the following members of the public provided comment:

Barbara Johnson
Lori Smith
Travis Regalo

With no public comment, Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

Action: *Motion:* Approving revisions to the Community Events and Activities Grant application, scoring and grant process as recommended by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission with the amendment of adding “in a form approved by the City Attorney,” as motioned by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

9. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES
None

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10. COUNCIL ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None

11. COUNCILMEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Franco congratulated Turlock Fire Department on their 12th Annual Crab Feed Event.

Mayor Bublak mentioned that she attended the US Mayor Conference in Washington D.C. along with Chief Hedden. She added that there were significant conversations and information provided regarding funds for water and sewer that she has shared with the Municipal Services Director Fisher.

12. CLOSED SESSION

City Clerk Christel read announced the Closed Session item.

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Cal. Gov't Code §54957(b)(1)
Title: City Manager

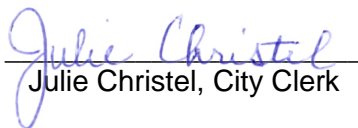
13. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bublak adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Julie Christel, City Clerk