

JUNE 2, 2015
5:00 p.m.
City of Turlock Yosemite Room
156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Turlock City Council

**and via teleconference:
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1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** –Mayor Soiseth called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Amy Bublak (*by teleconference at 5:30 p.m.*), Bill DeHart, Matthew Jacob, Steven Nascimento, and Mayor Soiseth.
ABSENT: None

 2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None. Mayor Soiseth noted that public participation would be allowed throughout the workshop.

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

 4. **PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:**
 - A. Brad Snider of OpenGov demonstrated the capabilities of OpenGov, an online platform designed to analyze, share and compare financial data.

Council and staff discussion included accountability and transparency, product costs, and how the determination is made on how/what information is provided to end users.

Citizen participation included security aspects of the system.

 5. **BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

Mayor Soiseth presented the report on the Fiscal Year 2015-16 and 2016-17 Non-General and General Fund Budgets and provided recommendations from the Office of the Mayor.

Council and staff discussion included debt management strategies including options related to paying down Fire and Police side funds and prepayment of the estimated annual PERS obligations using anticipated proceeds from the sale of 900 N. Palm Street and General Fund Reserves. Additionally, Council and staff spoke regarding defined benefit plans and the need to replenish the General Fund reserve.

Citizen participation included benefits of prepayment of the estimated annual PERS obligations, the importance of the reserve balance and what a prudent level would be.

Mayor Soiseth spoke regarding his recommendations with input from Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder, Development Services Director Mike Pitcock, Police Lieutenant Miguel Pacheco, and Fire Chief Tim Lohman.

Additional Council and staff discussion included Recreation Division staffing, Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) function, Tourism Occupancy Tax (TOT) funding, and use of TOT funding for Pedretti Park lights.

Council discussion regarding allocating unspent funds in "Community Grants and Activities" program for FY 14/15 included a request to handle this item separately on the next Council Agenda.

Council and staff discussion related to other fire matters included grant funding for three additional firefighter positions and the possibility of funding a part-time employee for Neighborhood Services with AB 109 funds.

Mayor Soiseth spoke regarding budget topics for future consideration which included staffing levels for the Fire Department's ladder truck and the addition of a Canine Unit within the Police Department (AB172 Funding).

Scott Snyder spoke in favor of the tree maintenance program. Council and staff discussion related to this item included modifying current requirements surrounding tree planting, the benefits of trees in a community, and limiting the use of the proposed funding to tree maintenance.

Citizen participation included altering current policies regarding residential sidewalk repairs and street tree maintenance inspections. Additional discussion included realtor concerns over a recommendation that Council adopt a new ordinance requiring sidewalk and street tree inspections during property point of sale.

***Recommended Action:* None - Information and Direction Only**

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Jacob, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Kellie E. Weaver
City Clerk