

City Council Meeting Minutes



March 26, 2024

6:00 p.m.

City of Turlock Yosemite Room

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Present: Councilmembers Cassandra Abram, Kevin Bixel, Vice Mayor Pam Franco (joined via telephone), and Mayor Amy Bublak.

Absent: Rebecka Monez

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
None	None	10A	---	None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

Motion: Approval of Agenda as posted, motioned by Councilmember Abram, seconded by Councilmember Bixel and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

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

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

Animal Services Supervisor Walthrop provided a presentation on one of the dogs available for adoption at the shelter.

B. Presentation: Willdan Energy Presentation (*Fisher*)

Municipal Services Director Fisher and Willdan Program Manager Jason Boyd gave a presentation on the Citywide Energy and Infrastructure Program Investment Grade Audit – Phase 1.

Mayor Bublak opened the presentation up to public comment, and the following members of the public spoke:

John Gabalon
Gil Esquer

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

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C. Briefing: Police Department Project List Update (*Hedden*)

Chief Hedden provided a project list update for the Police Department. He highlighted five top projects including license plate readers, interview rooms, Fuses, UAS drones, recruitment, and local agency collision data.

Mayor Bublak opened the presentation up to public comment, and the following member of the public spoke:

Mary Jackson

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

D. Briefing: Communications Update (*Sims*)

Economic Development Director Sims and Communication Specialist Spangler provided a project list update and covered the top ten current updates and projects specific to their department.

Mayor Bublak opened the presentation up to public comment, and the following members of the public spoke:

Ryan Taylor
Mary Jackson

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

E. Briefing: Discuss goals with staff and provide direction regarding Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (*Moreno*)

Finance Director Moreno discussed the preparation of the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget and asked City Council to provide their vision and goals so they can be incorporated into the upcoming budget.

Councilmember Abram noted that she would like to see the City focus more funding towards traffic enforcement. She would like the City to consider using ARPA funds for infrastructure projects for public safety, specifically noting future planning for relocation of a fire station. She requested that the City hire an asset firm to assist with investments.

Vice Mayor Franco requested that the City continue to focus on public safety and roads.

Councilmember Bixel agreed with the aforementioned focuses, noting that the firehouse on Walnut road needs improvements sooner rather than later. He added in regards to public safety, a focus on traffic enforcement, possibly the implementation on a decoy.

Mayor Bublak stated her focus would be recruiting and retaining staff, improving roads, and economic development.

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6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Brandon Nunes
Jap McElroy
Justin Farkas
Milt Trieweiler
Gil Esquer
Mary Jackson

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

7. 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 Bixel, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion: Accepting the Weekly demands of 03/01/2024 through 03/07/2024 in the amount of \$1,329,307.76, 03/08/2024 through 03/14/2024 in the amount of \$3,019,645.35 and the EFT Payment Register for 01/01/2024 through 01/31/2024 in the amount of \$5,897,468.81
- B. Motion: Accepting Minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting of the City of Turlock City Council
- C. Motion: Accepting the improvements and authorizing the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion for "Les Chateaux" Subdivision, Project No. 14-76 (*Morris*)
- D. Resolution 2024-033: Approving an Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$181,250 (Fund 426) over a three (3) year term with TransTrack Systems, Inc., doing business as TransTrack Solutions Group, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for access to the web-based TransTrack Manager application, related professional services and support services in response to Request for Proposals No. 23-017 "Transit Web-based Data Management Platform and Related Services" and authorizing the City Manager to contract directly with TransTrack Solutions Group for additional modules or services in the future to meet the needs of the City, contingent on the availability of budgeted funds (*York*)
- E. Resolution 2024-034: Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Turlock and the Turlock Unified School District to provide a safe and supportive environment through the Expanded Learning Opportunity Program for 2024 summer camp programs (*Vargas*)
- F. Resolution 2024-035: Rescinding Resolution No. 2022-181 and adopting an amended Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Turlock to update the list of designated employees and reporting categories for filing of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 (*Christel*)

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- G. Resolution 2024-036: Accepting the 2023 annual fire inspections for the City of Turlock to determine compliance performed by Turlock Fire Department (*Bickle*)

Action: Motion by Councilmember Abram, seconded by Councilmember Bixel to adopt the Consent Calendar, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

9. FINAL READINGS

None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Determining the approval of Rezone 2022-02, Planned Development 281 (Monarch Place) is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) of the CEQA Guidelines, Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Turlock, California attached to Title 9 of the Turlock Municipal Code [Rezone 2022-02, Planned Development 281 – (Monarch Place)], Establishing Conditions of Approval for Planned Development 281 (Monarch Place)(Werner)

Planning Manager Werner provided the staff report for the item.

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

Milt Triewailer

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Recommended Action: Resolution 2024-037: Determining the approval of Rezone 2022-02, Planned Development 281 (Monarch Place) is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) of the CEQA Guidelines as motioned by Councilmember Abram, seconded by Councilmember Bixel, and carried 3/0 by the following vote:

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

Recommended Action: Ordinance 13XX: Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of Turlock, California attached to Title 9 of the Turlock Municipal Code [Rezone 2022-02, Planned Development 281 – (Monarch Place)] as introduced by Councilmember Abram, seconded by Councilmember Bixel, and carried 3/0 by the following vote:

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

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11. ACTION ITEMS

A. Measure A Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (*Moreno*)

Finance Director Moreno presented the agenda item and answered questions from the City Council.

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

Milt Trieweiler
Mary Jackson

With no further comment, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Action: Motion: Measure A Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (*Moreno*) as motioned by Councilmember Abram, seconded by Councilmember Bixel, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

B. Approving an Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, between the City of Turlock and Storer Transit Systems, Inc., of Modesto, California, for management and operation of transit services for the City of Turlock, operating as Turlock Transit, for a base term of five (5) years with two (2) one-year extension options, with compensation based on a combination of a fixed monthly fee and a variable revenue hourly fee as specified in the Agreement (*York*)

Transit Manager York presented the agenda item and responded to questions from the City Council. President Donald Storer of Storer Transit Systems, Inc., spoke in regards to the agreement.

Mayor Bublak opened the public comment and with no comment received from the public, closed public comment.

Action: Resolution 2024-038: Approving an Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, between the City of Turlock and Storer Transit Systems, Inc., of Modesto, California, for management and operation of transit services for the City of Turlock, operating as Turlock Transit, for a base term of five (5) years with two (2) one-year extension options, with compensation based on a combination of a fixed monthly fee and a variable revenue hourly fee as specified in the Agreement, as motioned by Vice Mayor Franco, seconded by Councilmember Bixel, 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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12. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES

City Manager, Reagan Wilson added that Jennifer Figueroa has started her new position as Housing Program Manager.

13. COUNCIL ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Abram thanked City Clerk Christel for the question card, and requested a digital way to submit, for those viewing the live stream.

Mayor Bublak announced that Interim Housing Manager Bill Fagan submitted information for uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, specifically noting to improve South First Street into micro enterprise.

14. COUNCILMEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Franco congratulated the Fire Department members that received an award at the Turlock Fire Department's Award Ceremony, and welcomed the newly graduated recruits who were recently hired on to Turlock Fire Department. Vice Mayor Franco ended by wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

Mayor Bublak thanked Congressman Duarte for presenting two checks yesterday for Sewer and Storm Drain projects.

15. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation, Cal. Gov't Code 54956.9(d)(4)
"For the purposes of this section, litigation shall be considered pending when any of the following circumstances exist...Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation."
Potential Cases: One (1)

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Cal. Gov't Code §54956.9(d)(2)
"For the purposes of this section, litigation shall be considered pending when any of the following circumstances exist... A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency."
Potential Case(s): Three (3)

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators, Cal. Gov't Code §54957.6(a)
"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions with the local agency's designated representatives regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation."
Agency Designated Representative: Deputy City Manager Sarah Eddy
Employee Organization: Turlock Associated Police Officers
Employee Organization: Turlock City Employees Association
Employee Organization: Turlock Firefighters Association-Local 2434
Employee Organization: Turlock Management Association-Public Safety
Unrepresented Groups: Turlock Management and Confidential Employees

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16. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bublak adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Nichole Fiez, Deputy City Clerk