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1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Soiseth called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Gil Esquer, Bill DeHart, Amy Bublak, and Mayor Gary Soiseth.
ABSENT: Councilmember Jacob

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation and noted he would be leaving it open throughout the meeting.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Council will review and discuss financial information as it relates to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 and 2018-19 adopted budgets including status of the General Fund Reserve, General Fund Prioritized Departmental Augmentation Requests, and any other matter that may fall within the City's budgetary scope.

- A. Status of the General Fund Reserve
- B. Review of the General Fund Prioritized Departmental Augmentation Requests:
 1. Administrative Services
 2. Police Department
 3. Fire Department
 4. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities
 5. Development Services

Mayor Soiseth noted there would be no action taken at this Council meeting.

Administrative Services Director Kellie Jacobs-Hunter spoke about the previous budget workshop held on March 10, 2018, the budget amendments/appropriations that were adopted after that meeting, status of the General Fund Reserve, prioritized General Fund departmental augmentation requests, the effects of the budget if all of the requests were adopted, and noted no action would be taken tonight as the Council is gathering more information for consideration.

Administrative Services Director Jacobs-Hunter provided an overview of the prioritized budget augmentation requests for Administrative Services and noted the lease purchase payment for the radio and CAD/RMS system has been added to the general government section of the budget.

Council and staff discussed this information including inquiries regarding whether a new employee had been added to the City Clerk function about a year ago and some of the augmentation requests being contractual or required.

Police Captain Steve Williams provided an overview of the prioritized budget augmentation requests for the Police Department.

Council and staff discussed this information including eligibility of applying for a COPS grant.

Acting Fire Chief Gary Carlson provided an overview of the prioritized budget augmentation requests for the Fire Department and noted a green sheet to one of the department's request.

Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder provided an overview of the prioritized budget augmentation requests for the Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Department.

DJ Fransen inquired about road repairs including how much is being spent out of the General Fund on roads, how much has been included for additional requests, and why staff is not requesting road funding, spoke regarding roads being one of the top three priorities of people in Turlock, \$50,000 previously being allocated for roads and not expended, and requested the City Council to prioritize roads.

Jason Tosta inquired about assessment district funds, the amounts collected, the balance in those accounts, and noted he would hope that some of the available funding in those accounts would be allocated to help the Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Department and the Fire Department provide additional services.

DJ Fransen inquired about the funds collected and available in Fund 246 landscape assessment, City plans to expend these funds, and how these funds can be used.

Interim Development Services Director Eric Picciano provided an overview of the prioritized budget augmentation requests for the Development Services Department.

Council and staff discussed this information including a recommendation for the City to host a training for the Planning Commissioners as a cost saving measure.

Councilmember Bublak requested those in attendance to show a raise of hands of who are interested in talking about revenue at this meeting or at another time and spoke regarding the need to find some revenue options. Mayor Soiseth provided options of continuing the discussion tonight or being able to schedule community meetings to further discuss. Councilmember Bublak expressed interest in scheduling a special meeting/workshop. Mayor Soiseth also spoke regarding the information provided by the Interim City Attorney that advised Council of the timelines and requirements for some of the revenue generating options that would require a vote of the people.

Administrative Services Director Jacobs-Hunter stated she would be providing DJ Fransen with information regarding his road inquiries and requested Council direction for the April 24 agenda item regarding the budget augmentation requests.

Additional Council discussion included concerns about deficit spending, being short-handed in some of departments, identifying alternatives, the new City Manager starting soon and being able to assist with a reorganization if necessary, the Council being policy makers, being fiscally prudent, previously adopting a status quo budget, comparison of General Fund reserve of surrounding cities in Stanislaus County, revenue generating options (such as TOT and special taxes), and some of the requests/items needing to be quickly addressed.

Mayor Soiseth directed staff to bring forward an agenda item on April 24 with the paired down version of the budget augmentation requests and requested Councilmembers to meet with department staff and constituents to determine which requests are most necessary.

Mayor Soiseth closed public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, to adjourn the special meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Jennifer Land
City Clerk