

1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Soiseth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Gil Esquer, Bill DeHart, Amy Bublak, Matthew Jacob, and Mayor Gary Soiseth.
ABSENT: None

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

2. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Mayor Soiseth issued a Certificate of Recognition to Animal Services Officer Carrie Rhodes as the Employee of the Month - December 2017 award winner for her positive attitude, willingness to help others, and compassion for animals.
- B. Mayor Soiseth issued a Proclamation to Assembly Member Heath Flora in recognition of his efforts with assisting the Cities of Turlock and Ceres to obtain funding for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority Regional Surface Water Supply Project.
- C. Animal Services Supervisor Glenna Jackson presented information about the Pet of the Month Program for the month of January 2018 including adoption fees sponsored by Turlock Management Association – Public Safety (TMAPS), recent pet adoptions in 2017, monthly promotion, and contact information for the Turlock Animal Shelter, and expressed thanks to the Turlock Poker Room for their assistance with pet adoptions.
- D. MOVE Stanislaus Transportation CEO Stacie Morales presented information about the Regional ADA Paratransit Eligibility Service including transportation assistance for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and veterans and the eligibility process.

3. A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS: None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frank Johnson spoke about being contacted by an Attorney who was conducting an investigation concerning the City of Turlock, solicitation for the position of City Manager, bullying, intimidation, job threatening, public records requests being denied, starting his own investigation, and accusations of him being a liar.

Brad Bates acknowledged National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, expressed gratitude to those in public safety, spoke about 2018 being an election year, occurrences of the 1962 election, his request to present a video presentation at the meeting, and read a message to the community regarding 2017.

Milt Trieweiler spoke about uniform and tiered water rate schedules, hardships he believes will be placed on citizens of Turlock from the proposed water rate schedule, and water usage and conservation.

Stanislaus County Turlock Public Library Supervising Librarian Diane Bartlett provided information about upcoming events and activities at the library.

Byron Bogard spoke about his County permit for a cannabis grow that is within a half mile of the City, commended City staff for their helpfulness, and stated he would be reaching out to each of the Council to share different perspectives and solutions.

DJ Fransen spoke about review of the Chamber/Chamber Building, the number of viewers of City of Turlock live feed videos, issues and decisions that need to be brought to the Council, FPPC review of political matters, legality issues, contradiction due to lack of sound policy, requested an investigation/closure of a previous road tax mailer, and addressed the Council regarding the process for placing matters on an agenda.

4. A. MOTION WAIVING READING OF ALL ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA

Action: Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, waiving reading of all ordinances on the agenda, except by title. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

B. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

C. DISCLOSURE OF TOP TEN/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTORS

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action: Motion by Councilmember Jacob, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, adopting the consent calendar. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- A. **Resolution No. 2018-001:** Accepting Weekly Demands of 11/9/17 in the amount of \$857,477.66; Weekly Demands of 11/30/17 in the amount of \$2,624,705.85; Weekly Demands of 12/7/17 in the amount of \$1,405,356.24
- B. **Motion:** Accepting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2017; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 28, 2017; Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 5, 2017
- C. **Resolution No. 2018-002:** Determining City Project No. 16-58 "Christoffersen Pkwy Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements" is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines
- D. **Motion:** Accepting improvements for City Project No.17-24 "Loyola Way Electrolier" and authorizing the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion

- E. 1. **Resolution No. 2018-003**: Determining City Project No. 17-55 "Fire Department Live Fire Training Paving" is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines
2. **Motion**: Awarding bid and approving an Agreement, in the amount of \$24,572.50 (Fund 305), with G. Hedgecock, Inc. of Modesto, California, for City Project No. 17-55 "Fire Department Live Fire Training Paving"
- F. **Resolution No. 2018-004**: Adopting the Measure L Master Funding Agreement between Stanislaus Council of Governments and the City of Turlock
- G. **Resolution No. 2018-005**: Moving all salaries, benefits, and miscellaneous expenses from Fund 218 "Measure L" into Fund 502 "Engineering"
- H. **Resolution No. 2018-006**: Amending the 2017-18 Municipal Budget (Fund 426) as outlined in the Resolution to reflect increased Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 grant revenues, as well as increases to Local Transportation Fund (LTF) capital, transit consulting, and training expenses
- I. **Resolution No. 2018-007**: Authorizing the Purchasing Officer to dispose of a transit fleet vehicle damaged beyond repair in a bus fire incident as directed by the City Manager pursuant to the terms set forth in Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-04(j)
- J. **Motion**: Approving an Agreement between the City of Turlock and Turlock Community Theatre, Inc. for the purpose of utilizing the Turlock Community Theatre for recreation dance classes and the end of session recital, from January 10, 2018 to March 30, 2018, in the amount of \$110 per day not to exceed twenty five (25) uses
- K. **Resolution No. 2018-008**: Accepting donations made to the City of Turlock Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Department from various donors in September and October 2017 in the amount of \$183 in account number 270-61-635-399.37200_000 "Donations General" to fund a variety of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Department programs, scholarships, and activities
- L. **Motion**: Approving a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Turlock and TBA Auto Parts for auto parts and supplies for the Municipal Services Department Fleet Division, in an annual amount not to exceed \$45,000
- M. **Motion**: Approving Amendment No. 2 to an Agreement between the City of Turlock and Sierra Chemical Company and Thatcher Company of California, Inc. for the purchase of chlorine, as a result of a change in the supplier's name
- N. **Resolution No. 2018-009**: Approving modifications to the job description for the position of Development Services Director/City Engineer, effective January 9, 2018
- O. **Motion**: Approving Amendment No. 2 to an Agreement between the City of Turlock and Madruga Brothers Enterprises, Inc., DBA Fast Track Car Wash to provide express car wash services for City owned vehicles, increasing the compensation to an annual amount of \$5,500
- P. **Motion**: Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Beatriz Morales
- Q. **Motion**: Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Faten
- R. **Motion**: Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Nirmal Singh

6. FINAL READINGS:

- A. **Ordinance No. 1240-CS**, Amending Turlock Municipal Code Title 6, Chapter 5, Article 5, Section 01 regarding Fees and charges to implement updated fees and charges for property related water services as introduced at the December 12, 2017 City Council meeting was passed and adopted 4/1 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

8. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder presented the staff report on the request to appropriate \$10,167 to account number 270-61-635-399.47180 "Recreation Scholarships" from Fund 270 "Recreation Grants-Recreation General" unallocated reserves for Recreation Scholarships AND accept the Turlock Senior Citizens group memberships as an approved eligible scholarship recipient for income qualified seniors to join the Turlock Senior Citizens group and participate in senior activities.

Director Van Guilder recognized Services Coordinator for East Avenue Manor Diana Cason and President of the Turlock Senior Citizens Group Gary Weimer for their efforts with connecting seniors to programs.

Diana Cason spoke about this being a great opportunity for seniors, benefits of these scholarships and programs, transit services, thanked City staff for their teamwork, and stated this is an act of Million Acts of Kindness.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

Milt Trieweiler spoke about membership fees and financial hardships for low income seniors as related to the water rate increase.

Gary Weimer spoke about the annual membership fee, activities at the Senior Center, the bus stop being greatly missed, this being an opportunity for more people to participate, and commended City staff.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

Action: **Resolution No. 2018-010:** Appropriating \$10,167 to account number 270-61-635-399.47180 “Recreation Scholarships” from Fund 270 “Recreation Grants-Recreation General” unallocated reserves for Recreation Scholarships as introduced by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Councilmember Bublak, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Councilmember Bublak, Accepting the Turlock Senior Citizens group memberships as an approved eligible scholarship recipient for income qualified seniors to join the Turlock Senior Citizens group and participate in senior activities. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mayor Soiseth recessed the City Council meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Soiseth reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:09 p.m.

- B. Human Resources Manager Sarah Eddy presented the staff report on the request to award RFQ No. 17-567 and approving a Professional Services Agreement with one of the recruitment firms, as outlined in the report, to conduct an executive recruitment for the position of City Manager.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Soiseth opened public participation.

Jeff Woods spoke about his observations regarding pricing, fees, and lowest bid.

DJ Fransen inquired if this process is going to be the same as the last process with community panels and a recruitment firm.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

City Attorney Phaedra A. Norton provided information about Government Code Section 40602 and a City ordinance regarding signing authority of the Mayor and the City Manager.

Mayor Soiseth stated that he would have the City Manager sign the agreement.

Mayor Soiseth introduced the modified action to include the name of the recruitment firm and the not to exceed contract amount.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Jacob, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, Awarding RFQ No. 17-567 and approving a Professional Services Agreement with Peckham & McKenney in an amount not to exceed \$29,900, to conduct an executive recruitment for the position of City Manager, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement. Motion carried 4/1 by the following vote:

Councilmember Esquer	Councilmember DeHart	Councilmember Bublak	Councilmember Jacob	Mayor Soiseth
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

9. STAFF UPDATES

1. Policy Goals and Implementation Plan (*Executive Staff*) – No updates provided.
2. Administrative Services – No updates provided.
3. Development Services Department
 - a. Capital Projects, Building Activity, & Transit
A written staff report was included in the agenda packet.
 - b. Measure L Planning
A written staff report was included in the agenda packet.
4. Fire Department – No updates provided.
5. Municipal Services Department – No updates provided.
6. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities – No updates provided.
7. Police Department – No updates provided.

10. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

11. COUNCIL ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

Councilmember Bublak requested to agendize a discussion regarding an ordinance for those filling in for the City Manager position, making it a 4-week period and a 30-day waiting period so that departments are not without their leaders.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Bublak clarified her vote regarding the water rate increase and spoke about identifying options to help those who cannot afford these costs.

Councilmember DeHart clarified his vote regarding the water rate increase and stated he believes it would behoove us to explore a proposal of the tiered rate schedule.

Councilmember DeHart also spoke about his upcoming attendance in Sacramento chairing the League of California Cities Community Service Policy Committee regarding public safety, law enforcement tools, local controls to aid in providing safer communities, and homelessness.

Councilmember Esquer spoke about his previous suggestion to consider a City retreat (open meeting) and expressed interest in continuing to look into this to help with upcoming issues, public perception, and communication. Mayor Soiseth requested that Councilmember Esquer work with the Interim City Manager to discuss the process.

13. CLOSED SESSION: None

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Bublak, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Jennifer Land
City Clerk