

0. A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Bublak called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Bublak announced that members of Council are participating in the meeting via the Zoom system and advised that the Council meeting is being streamed on the City’s website, YouTube, and Spectrum Channel 2.

Mayor Bublak also announced that members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Council during public participation concerning any item that has been described in the notice for this meeting and noted the City Clerk will provide additional details once we near the public participation section of the meeting.

C. ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Arellano	Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Esquer	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PRESENT: Councilmembers Nicole Larson (*via teleconference*), Becky Arellano (*via teleconference*), Andrew Nosrati, Gil Esquer (*via teleconference*), and Mayor Amy Bublak.

ABSENT: None

D. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS:

Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Arellano	Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Esquer	Mayor Bublak
No	No	No	No	No

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

This is the time for the City Council to remove items from the agenda or to change the order of the agenda. Matters may be taken up out of order of the established agenda by a four-fifths vote of the City Council.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Nosrati, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Approving the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Arellano	Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Esquer	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*City Clerk Jennifer Land announced that members of the public will be given the opportunity to address Council concerning any item that has been described in the notice for this meeting. For those who are interested in addressing the Council, please press the “raise hand” feature on your screen or press *9 from your telephone keypad once the Mayor opens public comment and before she closes public comment.*

Members of the public will be allotted three (3) minutes for comments and will be taken in the order of which requests are received. When it is a member’s turn to speak, they will hear an automated prompt indicating their line has been unmuted – and that is when the three (3) minutes will begin.

Lastly, we request members who choose to address the Council to please state their first and last name in the event any follow up is needed; however, this is not mandatory.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The following members of the public spoke:

Milt Trieweiler

3. BALLOT MEASURE WORKSHOP

- A. The City Council will review, discuss, and provide direction regarding a potential Sales Tax Ballot Measure for the November 2020 Election

City Manager Toby Wells and Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development & Housing Maryn Pitt introduced this item and provided an overview of the community outreach efforts to date, the results of the public opinion survey, the effects of COVID-19 on local government revenue measures on the November ballot, the Community Priorities Advisory Committee (CPAC) report, and next steps for placing a sales tax measure on the November ballot.

Mayor Bublak opened public participation.

The following members of the public spoke:

Mike Warda
DJ Fransen
Devinder Bains
Brad Bates
Tim Redd
Michael Camara
Debbe
Robert Puffer
Terri Shaver
Denise

Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

Council and staff discussed this item, including comparisons of surrounding city tax rates, potential amounts for a sales tax measure, current and anticipated levels of customer service, the importance of financial stability and fiscal responsibility, the formation of accountability measures to direct expenses of additional sales tax revenue, demonstrating responsibility and cutting costs, and allowing the people of Turlock to make the decision.

Further Council and staff discussion included submitting individual expenditure plans (to the City Manager) for collective review/discussion, obtaining cost projections (maintaining service levels, operational costs, sustainable road reconstruction), establishing a citizen's oversight committee, and demonstrating a united front for residents.

Council directed staff to proceed with upcoming discussions, gather requested information, and schedule Council consideration for the potential sales tax measure.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Nosrati, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, to adjourn the special meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Allison Martin, Deputy City Clerk
Jennifer Land, City Clerk