

JULY 19, 2018
5:00 p.m.
City of Turlock Yosemite Room
156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Turlock City Council

1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Soiseth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Gil Esquer, Bill DeHart, Amy Bublak, Matthew Jacob, and Mayor Gary Soiseth.
ABSENT: None

- B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Diana (unknown last name)
Vito Chiesa
David Fransen
Logan Sisco
Ann Strohm
Michael Puffer

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

4. **HOMELESSNESS WORKSHOP:**

A. Service Provider Partnerships

Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development/Community Housing Maryn Pitt provided information regarding service provider partnerships with We Care, Turlock Gospel Mission, Turlock Gospel Mission, and United Samaritan Foundation.

Council and staff discussion included balancing rules and laws, low income units and transitional housing, addiction and mental health issues, statistics related to homelessness, resources and services, and funding.

Public comment was made by Milt Trieweiler.

Additional Council and staff discussion included programs and approaches in handling homelessness.

B. Statistical Information from City Departments

Council and staff discussion included bicycle licensing provisions and animal control issues related to homelessness.

C. Lighting in Parks

Municipal Services Director Michael Cooke provided information about the history of lighting in city parks.

Council and staff discussion included lighting costs.

D. Park Hours

Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder provided information about park hours, goals to reduce illegal activity, vagrancy, and efforts to treat everyone with respect.

Council and staff discussion included vagrancy issues, temporary reduction in park hours, and balancing activity and crime in parks.

Public comment was made by Patrick Kolasinki, Milt Trieweler, Robert Allen, unidentified male, Forrest White, Diane (unknown last name), Thea (unknown last name), unidentified female, Eva Costa, David Fransen, Ann Strohm, Danny (unknown last name), Tony Rojas, Tariff Risinger, Michael Ford, John Q. Tax Payer, Jim Cordero, and William Shell.

Council and staff discussion included clarification of Transient Occupancy Tax, quality of life impacts, creating a safe and healthy environment for all, health and safety issues related to garbage, park hours, lighting options, additional lighting and related costs, code enforcement, education and enforcement, and benefits of lighting related to safety.

E. Proposed Amendments to TMC

Council and staff discussion included safekeeping of property.

Public comment was made by Frank (unknown last name), Ann Strohm, unidentified female, David Fransen, Pam Sweeten, Jose (unknown last name), and a representative from Fired Up.

Additional Council and staff discussion included property storage issues, options for day storage of property, additional staffing, providing literature regarding storage, regulation of shopping carts, and storage of property on private property.

F. Additional Staffing

Discussion handled under Item E.

G. Other Related Matters

Public comment was made by Brad Bates, Molly Amant, and (unknown first name) Rojas.

Council and staff discussion included environmental design and the desire to see Turlock continue to thrive.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Soiseth adjourned the meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Jennifer Land
City Clerk