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

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Mayor Jacob announced that Mayor Soiseth is participating in the meeting via teleconference.

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

- A. Recognition: Employee of the Month, February 2018 – Senior Information Technology Analyst, Luis Machado

Vice Mayor Jacob issued a Certificate of Recognition to Senior Information Technology Analyst Luis Machado as the Employee of the Month award winner for February 2018.

- B. Proclamation: Assyrian New Year, accepted by a Member of the Assyrian National Council of Stanislaus

Vice Mayor Jacob issued a Proclamation to President of the Assyrian National Council of Stanislaus Youbert Valadio in recognition of the Assyrian New Year.

- C. Presentation: Pet of the Month, presented by Animal Services Officer Carrie Rhodes

Animal Services Office Carrie Rhodes presented information about the Pet of the Month program for the month of March 2018 including adoption fees, sponsored by Turlock Management Association – Public Safety (TMAPS), recent pet adoptions, monthly promotions and contact information for the Turlock Animal Shelter.

- D. Presentation: Carnegie Arts Center Annual Report, presented by Carnegie Arts Center Director Lisa McDermott

Carnegie Arts Director Lisa McDermott presented information regarding the Carnegie Arts Annual Report for 2017 including attendance and participation, exhibitions, field trips, productions and performances, children programs, family Fridays, volunteers, facility rentals, and season sponsorships. Ms. McDermott highlighted one of the fundraisers for the year being a new Designer Showcase of which interior designers and landscape designers will be showcasing a home on Sierra Drive, with a gala opening on April 20, 2018 and tours between April 21, 2018 and May 6, 2018.

3. **A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brad Bates spoke about his concerns regarding teleconferencing, the February 27, 2018 Council meeting do-over, vacancies of the City Manager and City Attorney positions, Campaign Finance reform, and the budget workshop held on March 10, 2018 providing good information, but being a long meeting and better prioritizing that process.

Frank Johnson spoke about the March 10, 2018 Council meeting and lack of public noticing, the March 13, 2018 Council meeting agenda teleconferencing location, inquired about the cost of the hotel (for the Mayor) whether it was at MID's expense or the City's expense, and spoke about the potential of beginning an investigation.

Larry and Darla Nelson spoke regarding concerns of increase theft and crimes in the neighborhood of Cahill Street and asked how the community can protect their neighborhoods.

Stanislaus County Turlock Public Library Supervising Librarian Diane Bartlett informed the Council that a contract has been accepted for the library expansion including Phase I design to expand outwards to the lawn area, spoke about the Library celebrating its 50th year at the Minaret Avenue location, and provided information about upcoming events and activities at the libraries and local partnerships.

Terri Shaver spoke about decreased quality of life issues for Turlock residents related to increases in crime, police staffing levels, the effects of long hours and overtime, public safety needs for a new radio system, additional firefighters needed to staff the ladder truck, and the need for a public safety tax of which she would support.

4. A. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

B. DISCLOSURE OF TOP TEN/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTORS

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Jacob announced that Consent Calendar Item 5C is being removed from the agenda.

Action: Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Bublak, adopting the amended 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. 2018-043:** Accepting Weekly Demands of 2/15/18 in the amount of \$908,769.97; Weekly Demands of 2/22/18 in the amount of \$1,411,875.18
- B.
 - 1. **Motion:** Approving Contract Change Order No. 1 (Final), in the amount of \$11,370.30 (Fund 301), for City Project No. 14-40 "Curb Ramp Installation at Various Locations," bringing the contract total to \$70,890.30
 - 2. **Motion:** Accepting improvements for City Project No.14-40 "Curb Ramp Installation at Various Locations" and authorizing the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion

3. **Resolution No. 2018-044**: Appropriating \$9,500 to account number 301-50-520.51304 “ADA Construction Projects” from Fund 301 “Capital Improvements (ADA Improvements)” unallocated reserves for City Project No. 14-40 “Curb Ramp Installation at Various Locations” to complete the necessary funding required for this project
- C. *Removed from the agenda.*
- D. **Resolution No. 2018-045**: Initiating Proceedings for the formation of the Parcel Map 17-02, “Turlock Corners LLC” (Development Project No. 17-63) Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and the Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Area and directing the Senior Civil Engineer to act as the Engineer of Work and produce an Engineer’s Report which details the annual costs to the development
- E. **Resolution No. 2018-046**: Initiating Proceedings for the formation of the Parcel Map 17-03, “Scott” (Development Project No. 17-64) Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and the Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Area and directing the Senior Civil Engineer to act as the Engineer of Work and produce an Engineer’s Report which details the annual costs to the development
- F. **Resolution No. 2018-047**: Initiating Proceedings for the formation of the Parcel Map 17-04, “Kuo” (Development Project No. 17-65) Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and the Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Area and directing the Senior Civil Engineer to act as the Engineer of Work and produce an Engineer’s Report which details the annual costs to the development
- G. **Resolution No. 2018-048**: Initiating Proceedings for the formation of the Parcel Map 17-05, “680 D St. LLC” (Development Project No. 17-67) Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and the Street Maintenance Benefit Assessment Area and directing the Senior Civil Engineer to act as the Engineer of Work and produce an Engineer’s Report which details the annual costs to the development
- H. **Motion**: Authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of support regarding California Senate Bill (SB) 903, as introduced by Senator Cannella (R-Ceres), which would allow the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) to consider population density in establishing fare recovery standards for all transit operators in Stanislaus County and provide up to a 5% reduction to the otherwise applicable standards, with the legislation proposed to apply to FY 2017-18 transit operations
- I. **Resolution No. 2018-049**: Approving modifications to the job description for the position of Maintenance Worker I/II, effective March 13, 2018
- J. 1. **Motion**: Approving a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Turlock and West Yost Associates for engineering services support for the integration of surface water from the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority’s (SRWA’s) Regional Surface Water Supply Project (RSWSP) into the City of Turlock’s local water distribution system, on an as-needed basis, in an amount not to exceed \$82,500
2. **Resolution No. 2018-050**: Appropriating \$82,500 to account number 420-52-550.43315 “Stanislaus Regional Water Authority” funded by a transfer from 420 “Water Enterprise” Operating Reserves for engineering support services
- K. **Motion**: Rejecting Claim for Damages filed by Nathan Bollengier
6. **FINAL READINGS**: None
7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**: None

8. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Traffic Transportation Engineer Supervisor Wayne York presented the staff report on the request to approve the purchase and delivery of two (2) Champion Low-Floor (LF) Transport buses for use by Turlock Transit from Creative Bus Sales, Inc., of Hayward, California, through the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) and the Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA) Purchasing Cooperative, to which the City of Turlock is a cooperative member, in an amount not to exceed \$294,343 (Fund 425), without compliance to formal bid procedures in accordance with Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(5), in support of City Project No. 18-24 "Purchase of Midsize Paratransit Buses" AND authorize the City Manager, or his/her designee, to obtain transit bus-related equipment, installation, maintenance, and warranty repair services from Creative Bus Sales of Hayward, California, related to transit vehicles purchased from Creative Bus Sales and contingent on availability of budgeted funds, without compliance to formal bid procedures in accordance with Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(6) AND authorize the City Manager, or his/her designee, to obtain transit bus-related equipment, installation, maintenance, and warranty repair services from A-Z Bus Sales of Sacramento, California, related to transit vehicles purchased from A-Z Bus Sales and contingent on availability of budgeted funds, without compliance to formal bid procedures in accordance with Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(6).

Council and staff discussed this item.

Vice Mayor Jacob opened public participation. No one spoke. Vice Mayor Jacob closed public participation.

Action: **Resolution No. 2018-051:** Approving the purchase and delivery of two (2) Champion Low-Floor (LF) Transport buses for use by Turlock Transit from Creative Bus Sales, Inc., of Hayward, California, through the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) and the Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA) Purchasing Cooperative, to which the City of Turlock is a cooperative member, in an amount not to exceed \$294,343 (Fund 425), without compliance to formal bid procedures in accordance with Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(5), in support of City Project No. 18-24 "Purchase of Midsize Paratransit Buses" 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

Resolution No. 2018-052: Authorizing the City Manager, or his/her designee, to obtain transit bus-related equipment, installation, maintenance, and warranty repair services from Creative Bus Sales of Hayward, California, related to transit vehicles purchased from Creative Bus Sales and contingent on availability of budgeted funds, without compliance to formal bid procedures in accordance with Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(6) 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

Resolution No. 2018-053: Authorizing the City Manager, or his/her designee, to obtain transit bus-related equipment, installation, maintenance, and warranty repair services from A-Z Bus Sales of Sacramento, California, related to transit vehicles purchased from A-Z Bus Sales and contingent on availability of budgeted funds, without compliance to formal bid procedures in accordance with Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(6) 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

- B. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder presented the staff report on the request to accept a grant from Game Time as part of the 2017 California Parks & Recreation Society State-Wide Healthy Play Training and Funding Initiative, in the amount of \$30,874.50 for the Summerfaire Park playground replacement project and authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute all documents associated with the grant funds.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Vice Mayor Jacob opened public participation. No one spoke. Vice Mayor Jacob closed public participation.

Action: **Resolution No. 2018-054:** Accepting a grant from Game Time as part of the 2017 California Parks & Recreation Society State-Wide Healthy Play Training and Funding Initiative, in the amount of \$30,874.50 for the Summerfaire Park playground replacement project and authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute all documents associated with the grant funds as introduced by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

- C. Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development/Housing Maryn Pitt presented the staff report on the request to amend the existing policies, procedures, and standards for administering the Housing Rehabilitation Program Policies and Procedures Manual by the City of Turlock for all funding sources and delegating authority to the City Manager to approve exceptions to increases in program loan and grant limits.

Council and staff discussed this item.

Vice Mayor Jacob opened public participation. No one spoke. Vice Mayor Jacob closed public participation.

Action: **Resolution No. 2018-055**: Amending the existing policies, procedures, and standards for administering the Housing Rehabilitation Program Policies and Procedures Manual by the City of Turlock for all funding sources and delegating authority to the City Manager to approve exceptions to increases in program loan and grant limits as introduced by Councilmember Bublak, seconded by Councilmember DeHart, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

- D. Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder presented the staff report on the request to accept the report on the current condition and maintenance challenges of the Califia sculpture.

Council and staff discussed this item including various maintenance approaches, potential options of removing the water feature portion of the statue, and community stakeholders concerns of the statue’s appearance, water and filtering process, and differing interests whether to keep or remove the statue.

Vice Mayor Jacob opened public participation.

Brad Bates spoke about lifespans of water features, concerns about the City water filtration process, and the maintenance cost associated with the statue.

Milt Triewieler spoke in favor of the City maintaining Califia and suggested the Art Commission be included in future discussions and direction of the statue.

Terri Shaver inquired about the original cost of the sculpture and spoke about her appreciation of the history behind the design.

Vice Mayor Jacob closed public participation.

Action: Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, Accepting the report on the current condition and maintenance challenges of the Califia sculpture. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

9. STAFF UPDATES

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

10. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

11. COUNCIL ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: None

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Bublak spoke regarding her concerns with the clerical error having to do with teleconferencing, inquired about public notification regarding the meeting that was done over, and having policies and procedures for teleconferencing to ensure public trust.

Councilmember Dehart reported that he, Planning Commissioner Chair Victor Pedroza, and Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Vito Chiesa worked together with CalTrans regarding the installation of signage to better identify Turlock along the north and south bound lanes of Highway 99, indicating that those signs have been approved and installation occurred today.

Vice Mayor Jacob and Mayor Soiseth acknowledged City Attorney Phaedra Norton's last day and last Council meeting being today, noted she has earned their utmost respect, expressed thanks for her service to the City of Turlock and residents, and wished her success in her new chapter.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Phaedra A. Norton introduced the Closed Session Items.

- A. 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 Cases: (1 case)

Action: No reportable action.

- B. 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: Interim City Manager Robert A. Talloni
Employee Organization: Turlock Associated Police Officers
Employee Organization: Turlock City Employee Association
Employee Organization: Turlock Firefighters Association-Local 2434
Employee Organization: Turlock Management Association-Public Safety
Unrepresented Employees: Accountant, Sr., Administrative Analyst, Administrative Services Director, Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development/Community Housing, Chief Building Official, City Clerk, Community Housing Program Supervisor, Deputy Director Development Services/Planning, Development Services Director, Development Services Supervisor/City Surveyor, Executive Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk, Executive Administrative Assistant/Municipal Services, Executive Administrative Assistant/Public Safety, Fire Chief, Human Resources Analyst, Sr., Human Resources Manager, Human Resources Technician, Legal Assistant, Municipal Services Director, Office Assistant I, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Manager, Payroll Coordinator, Police Chief, Principal Civil Engineer, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Traffic Transportation Engineering Supervisor, Utilities Manager, and Water Quality Control Division Manager.

Action: No reportable action.

- 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 Negotiator: Mayor Gary Soiseth
Unrepresented Employee: City Attorney

Action: Deputy City Clerk Stacey Tonarelli reported that the City Council unanimously accepted the resignation and a reduced notice of resignation from the City Attorney, tendering her last day of employment with the City of Turlock being March 14, 2018.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Councilmember Bublak, to adjourn the open session of the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Esquer, seconded by Mayor Soiseth, to adjourn the closed session of the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Stacey Tonarelli
Deputy City Clerk