

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Gary Soiseth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Amy Bublak, Bill DeHart, Matthew Jacob, and Mayor Gary Soiseth
ABSENT: Councilmember Steven Nascimento

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Soiseth noted public participation would remain open throughout the meeting.

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

4. **CAMPAIGN FINANCE WORKSHOP:** Council will receive information related to current and proposed campaign finance regulations, receive community input, and discuss various aspects of campaign finance and any other matters that may fall within the subject purview.

City Attorney Phaedra Norton presented information regarding the City of Turlock's campaign regulation history, the Political Reform Act disclosure requirements, campaign contributions and disqualification under the Political Reform Act, Constitutional protections that apply to contribution and expenditure limits, regulating contribution limits, regulating expenditure limits, and regulating independent expenditures. City Attorney Norton also provided an overview of permissible regulations, regulations that may be unconstitutional, and regulations that are unconstitutional.

Milt Trieweler requested information about the legality of the original campaign reform measure proposed by Councilmember Nascimento in 2014, conflicts of interest, reasons for disqualification, the process for declaring conflicts of interest, and contributions from developers and unions. Mr. Trieweler spoke in favor of a campaign finance reform measure for reasons including it being human nature to favor someone who has contributed to a campaign.

Tracee Sundee requested information regarding corporations being considered individuals based upon a recent Supreme Court ruling.

Council and staff discussion included the definition of donor, the potential for future court challenges related to corporations being considered individuals, and regulations pertaining to aggregation of campaign contributions by family members.

Mayor Soiseth closed public participation.

Final Council comments included appreciation to Councilmember Nascimento and Mayor Soiseth for sponsoring the community gatherings, human nature not necessarily linking contributions received to favor bestowed, and the importance of transparency.

Mayor Soiseth thanked all for attending and noted additional community meetings would be held on June 15, 2016 at Dennis Earl Elementary School and on June 16, 2016 at Turlock Junior High School, with possible action being taken at the June 28, 2016 City Council meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember DeHart, seconded by Councilmember Jacob, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Kellie E. Weaver
City Clerk