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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Gary Soiseth called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.  
PRESENT: Councilmembers Amy Bublak, Bill DeHart, Matthew Jacob, Steven Nascimento,  
Mayor Gary Soiseth  
ABSENT: None

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

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 Trieweller asked for clarification on the campaign finance ordinance that was introduced in 2014 and whether its provisions contained contribution limitations or disqualification from voting requirements, maximum contributions allowed from individuals, corporations and unions, and the process for determining if a conflict of interest exists.

Mr. Puffer asked for clarification on the time frame/period to which contribution limits apply. Mr. Puffer spoke in favor of campaign finance reform for reasons including it would keep the cost of campaigning down.

Council and staff discussion included the Citizens United court decision related to independent expenditures.

Michael Puffer spoke in favor of campaign finance reform for reasons including it keeps someone from buying off someone, but noted he is not sure if it is really necessary.

Mary Jackson asked for clarification with regard to potential conflicts arising from disqualification ordinances and/or contribution limitation ordinances as it relates to being unable to limit independent expenditures. Ms. Jackson spoke in favor of campaign finance reform for reasons including potential influences by campaign contributors and a view that some things may be legal but not ethical. Ms. Jackson also spoke regarding AB 1234 Ethics Training, the "smell test," the importance of advancing the Political Reform Act of 1974, and ensuring Turlock does not become a "pay to play" community.

Additional Council and staff discussion included independent expenditures and related disqualification requirements, confusion between campaign contributions received and income earned related to conflicts of interest, steps to determine whether a conflict of interest exists, the formula contained in the City of Modesto's campaign finance ordinance which divides the total contribution made by a political action committee or labor union and proportionately relates it back to the contributor, and regulations related to aggregation of contributions from family members and business entities.

Mayor Soiseth closed the public hearing and workshop.

Mayor Soiseth noted that any Councilmember or member of the public may provide feedback or proposals to City Administration staff by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016. He noted that all information received by the deadline will be immediately forwarded to Council and incorporated into a staff report for consideration at the June 28, 2016 City Council meeting.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilmember Jacob, seconded by Councilmember Nascimento, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Kellie E. Weaver  
City Clerk