

0. A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Bublak called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Bublak announced that members of staff 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:

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

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

ABSENT: None

D. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS: None

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| Councilmember Arellano | Councilmember Larson | 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 Esquer, Approving the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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| Councilmember Arellano | Councilmember Larson | 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 Trieweller

3. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. City Manager Toby Wells presented the staff report on the request to declare a general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the submission of a ballot measure to the City of Turlock qualified voters to approve a local three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) cent transactions and use (sales) tax for general City revenue purposes; and request the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus to consolidate the Election with the statewide general election and permit the County Registrar of Voters to render election services AND Amend the Turlock Municipal Code Title 3, Adding Chapter 3-11, "City of Turlock, 911 Safety/Emergency Medical Response, Community Services Measure", by imposing an ongoing three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) cent transactions and use (sales) tax for general City revenue purposes, to remain in effect until the voters amend or repeal it, to be collected and administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, subject to voter approval

Council and staff discussed this item, including adopted budgets, community outreach survey, Community Priorities Advisory Committee (CPAC) formation, Sales Tax Committee recommendations, the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent versus the $\frac{3}{4}$ cent tax to promote proactive service and staffing needs, outreach and education costs to date, and service reduction levels.

Mayor Bublak opened public participation.

The following members of the public spoke:

Milt Trieweller

Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

Council and staff further discussed this item, including the cost of placing a sales tax measure on the ballot, potential savings due to pursuing CPAC recommendations, recovery of frozen positions, compromising the sales tax measure amount, consideration of sales tax rates and special user rates in surrounding areas, public support for a $\frac{1}{2}$ cent versus a full cent, public safety staffing, general or utility tax versus special tax, fiscal responsibility, department restructuring, shovel-ready projects to complete after adoption, City sustainability, communicating plans to spend additional revenue, Measure L revenues for roads, transit, signals and streetlights, investing in the community, unsustainable revenue, Council's commitment to not deficit spend, and the increased cost to conduct elections.

Action: **Resolution No. 2020-092:** Declaring a general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the submission of a ballot measure to the City of Turlock qualified voters to approve a local three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) cent

transactions and use (sales) tax for general City revenue purposes; and requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus to consolidate the Election with the statewide general election and permit the County Registrar of Voters to render election services as introduced by Councilmember Larson, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, and carried 4/1 by the following vote:

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

Ordinance No. 1281-CS: Motion by Councilmember Nosrati, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, Adopting an Ordinance Amending the Turlock Municipal Code Title 3, Adding Chapter 3-11, “City of Turlock, 911 Safety/Emergency Medical Response, Community Services Measure”, by imposing an ongoing three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) cent transactions and use (sales) tax for general City revenue purposes, to remain in effect until the voters amend or repeal it, to be collected and administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, subject to voter approval. Motion carried 4/1 by the following vote:

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

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Nosrati with no second, to adjourn the special meeting at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Allison Martin, Deputy City Clerk
Jennifer Land, City Clerk