

City Council Meeting Minutes



February 10, 2026

6:00 PM

City of Turlock Yosemite Room

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bublak called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Present: Councilmembers Cassandra Abram, Kevin Bixel, Erika Phillips, Vice Mayor Rebecka Monez and Mayor Amy Bublak

Absent: None

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Monez	Councilmember Phillips	Mayor Bublak
None	None	None	None	None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

Motion: Approval of Agenda as posted, motioned by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Monez	Councilmember Phillips	Mayor Bublak
None	None	None	None	None

5. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND BRIEFINGS

A. Turlock Police Department Animal Services - Adoptable Pets

Animal Services Supervisor Katherine Walthop introduced a Queensland Healer and German Shepherd mix named Bear Bear, who is now available for adoption.

B. Active Military Banner Presentation (Recreation)

Karen Packwood, the Assistant Director of the Municipal Services Department, along with Recreation Superintendent Juan Vargas, showcased the military banners for the active military banner program.

C. Turlock Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Executive Director Allison Jefferies presented an update on the Turlock Chamber of Commerce and the partnerships with the City of Turlock.

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6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Bublak opened public comment and the following members of the public spoke:

Representative from PG&E
Frank Saldivar
Karina Mendoza
Mike Barco
Garthy Prasad
Milt Trieweiler

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Monthly Department Reports

The Interim City Manager, Sue Borrego, asked the City Clerk, Nichole Fiez, to share information about SB 707 and its latest updates.

Borrego shared an update regarding the housing element and the City's engagement with Leadergov.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Bublak opened public comment and the following member of the public spoke:

Milt Trieweiler

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Action: Motion: by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Bixel, to adopt the Consent Calendar and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Monez	Councilmember Phillips	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- A. Accepting the Weekly demands of January 16, 2026 through January 29, 2026 in the amount of \$4,549,108.06 and the Payroll EFT for the month of October 2025.

Action: Approved Motion: Accepting the Weekly demands of January 16, 2026 through January 29, 2026 in the amount of \$4,549,108.06 and the Payroll EFT for the month of October 2025.

- B. Accepting the Minutes of the January 27, 2026 City Council Meeting

Action: Approved Motion: Accepting the Minutes of the January 27, 2026 City Council

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- C. Accepting Improvements for City Project No. 21-033 "Slurry Seals 2023" and Authorizing the City Engineer to File a Notice of Completion (Engineering)

Action: Approved Motion: Accepting improvements for City Project No. 21-033 "Slurry Seals 2023" and authorizing the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion.

- D. Authorizing Expenditures for the Purchase of Fleet Vehicles through State of California Department of General Services Statewide Fleet Vehicle Contracts (Fleet)

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2026-016: Authorizing expenditures for the purchase of fleet vehicles through State of California Department of General Services statewide fleet vehicle contracts, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 in total across all contracts, for the duration of each respective contract

- E. Approving Amendment No. 18 for Task Order No. 9 with NV5, Inc. for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the City of Turlock's Roads Initiative Program in the Amount of \$56,008.94 (Roads Program)

Action: Approved Motion: Approving Amendment No. 18 for Task Order No. 9 under the terms of the Master Agreement (City Contract No. 2024-111) with NV5, Inc. (Fresno, California office) for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the City of Turlock's Roads Initiative Program in the amount of \$56,008.94 to be funded by Fund 115 "Measure A – Roads" for Bid Package 1 for City Project No. 25-025 as "NV5 CM Task Order No. 9 for City Project No. 25-025, Bid Package 1"

- F. Authorizing the Advertisement of City Project No. 23-052 "Mark Thomas Task Order No. 2 for Roads Program - Geer Road" for Construction Bids (Roads Program)

Action: Approved Motion: Authorizing the advertisement of City Project No. 23-052 "Mark Thomas Task Order No. 2 for Roads Program - Geer Road" for construction bids

- G. Approving an Agreement (City Contract No. 2026-108) with Turlock Umpire Group for Adult Softball Officiating Services for a Five (5)-Year Term, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000 (Recreation)

Action: Approved Motion: Approving an Agreement (City Contract No. 2026-108), in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Turlock Umpire Group for adult softball officiating services for a five (5)-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2026-017: Determining that the best interests of the City require procurement of adult softball officiating services from Turlock Umpire Group without compliance with the formal bid procedure pursuant to Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(10)

- H. Approving Agreements for Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal and Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Services in Support of the Sidewalk Repair Assistance Program (Municipal Services)

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Action: Approved Motion: Approving an agreement (City Contract 2026-123) with United Pavement Maintenance, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, for sidewalk trip hazard removal and sidewalk removal and replacement services, for a term of three (3) years and a maximum compensation amount not to exceed \$1,000,000

Action: Approved Motion: Approving an agreement (City Contract 2026-124) with Joe's Landscaping & Concrete, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, for sidewalk trip hazard removal and sidewalk removal and replacement services, for a term of three (3) years and a maximum compensation amount not to exceed \$1,000,000

9. FINAL READINGS

None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Hearing to Consider the Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance, Extending the Temporary Moratorium on the Establishment of New, and Relocation or Physical Expansion of Existing, Tobacco Retailer Businesses, Also Known as Smoke Shops, within the City of Turlock for a Period of Ten (10) Months and Fifteen (15) Days, to Become Effective Immediately (City Attorney)

City Attorney George Petrulakis presented the item.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment. There were no comments from the public, and Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Motioned by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Phillips and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Monez	Councilmember Phillips	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Action: Approved Ordinance 1341-CS: Hearing to consider the adoption of an Urgency Ordinance, extending the temporary moratorium on the establishment of new, and relocation or physical expansion of existing, tobacco retailer businesses, also known as smoke shops, within the City of Turlock for a period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days, to become effective immediately.

11. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Accept the recommendation of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission to approve the Public Artwork application from Officer Jacob Young on behalf of the Turlock SWAT Association and artist Brodin Studios (Recreation)

Turlock Police Officer Jacob Young presented the item.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment. There were no comments from the public,

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and Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Motioned by Councilmember Bixel, seconded by Councilmember Abram and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Monez	Councilmember Phillips	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Action: Approved Motion: Accept the recommendation of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission to approve the Public Artwork application from Officer Jacob Young on behalf of the Turlock SWAT Association and artist Brodin Studios

- B. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Turlock Irrigation District for the Acceptance of \$58,845.00 in Grant Funds and Amending Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Accordingly for City Project 23-042 and Providing an Update on Montana Park (Engineering)

Municipal Services Director Chris Fisher presented the item.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment. There were no comments from the public, and Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Motioned by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Phillips and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Monez	Councilmember Phillips	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Action: Approved Motion: Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Turlock Irrigation District for the acceptance of \$58,845.00 in grant funds

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2026-018: Amending the Fiscal Year 2025–26 budget to reflect \$58,845.00 in revenue in Fund 269 "Parks and Public Facilities Grants" (account 269-60-614-383.34180 - Local Grant Revenue) and \$58,845.00 in expenses (account 269-60-614-383.51270 - Construction Project) for City Project 23-042 "Montana Park Phase II"

- C. Appointing and Employing CalPERS Retired Annuitant Gary Hampton as Interim City Manager Pursuant to CalPERS Requirements and Suspending the Applicability of section 14.05 of the City's Personnel System Rules and Regulations, as to the City Manager and/or the City Manager's Relatives During the Period of Mr. Hampton's Appointment as Interim City Manager (Human Relations)

Human Relations Director Jessie Dhami presented the item.

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Mayor Bublak opened public comment and the following member of the public spoke:

Mike Barco

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Motioned by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Monez	Councilmember Phillips	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2026-019: Appointing and employing CalPERS retired annuitant Gary Hampton as Interim City Manager pursuant to CalPERS requirements and suspending the applicability of section 14.05 of the City’s personnel system rules and regulations, as to the City Manager and/or the City Manager’s relatives during the period of Mr. Hampton’s appointment as Interim City Manager

- D. Approving an Employment Agreement Between the City of Turlock and Gary Hampton as Interim City Manager (Human Relations)

Human Relations Director Jessie Dhami presented the item.

Mayor Bublak opened the item for public comment. There were no comments from the public, and Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Motioned by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Phillips and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Abram	Councilmember Bixel	Vice Mayor Monez	Councilmember Phillips	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2026-020: Approving an Employment Agreement Between the City of Turlock and Gary Hampton as Interim City Manager.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE ITEMS

Vice Mayor Monez thanked the SWAT team for the presentation and thanked the family members of the service members for being at the meeting and thanked the service members that were honored tonight.

Councilmember Bixel thanked Interim City Manager Sue Borrego and expressed his appreciation for all she has done with the City.

Councilmember Phillips thanked Borrego.

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Mayor Bublak expressed her gratitude to Borrego for all her contributions to the City and her work with the Housing Division. Bublak also talked about her recent visit to the U.S. Mayor's conference in Washington D.C. and noted that Hope Church celebrated its grand opening.

13. CLOSED SESSION

City Clerk Nichole Fiez read aloud the Closed Session item.

- 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 Case(s): Two (2)

14. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bublak adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Renteria, Deputy City Clerk