

# City Council Meeting Minutes



March 24, 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 |
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| None                | None                | None             | None                   | None         |

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED**

**Action:** Approved **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 |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes              | Yes                    | Yes          |

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

None

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

- David Womack
- Phillip Cuaresma
- Sophie Nemeth
- Jason Freitas
- Cecilia Gallegos
- John Gabelon
- Bob Puffer
- Justin Farkas

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With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

**7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES**

Interim City Manager Hampton introduced Municipal Services Director Fisher to provide an update regarding Race Communications.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Action: **Motion:** by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Abram, to adopt as amended by pulling items 8D, 8F, 8H for separate consideration of 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 February 27, 2026 through March 5, 2026 in the Amount of \$1,400,386.49

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Accepting the Weekly Demands of February 27, 2026 through March 5, 2026 in the Amount of \$1,400,386.49

- B. Accepting the Investment and Cash Report for the Month of February 2026 in the Amount of \$329,243,907.43

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Accepting the Investment and Cash Report for the Month of February 2026 in the Amount of \$329,243,907.43

- C. Accepting the Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Accepting the Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting

- D. Approving an Agreement with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc., in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$299,949.15 for a Period of Three Years for the Development of Short- and Long-Range Transit Plans (Transit)

This item was pulled for separate consideration.

- E. Approving Amendment No. 19 to City Contract No. 2024-111 with NV5, Inc. for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Roads Program for City Project No. 23-067 in the Amount of \$59,887.03 (Roads Program)

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**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Approving Amendment No. 19 for Task Order No. 5B 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 \$59,887.03 to be funded by Fund 115 "Measure A – Roads" for Bid Package 3 for City Project No. 23-067 as "NV5 CM Task Order No. 5B for City Project No. 23-067, Bid Package 3"

- F. Awarding Bid and Approving an Agreement with Ace-High Engineering for City Project No. 25-063 "Geer Road Water Valves Replacement" in the Amount of \$295,746.00 (Engineering)

This item was pulled for separate consideration.

- G. Approving Amendment No. 1 with Swiftly, Inc., to Extend Access to the Transit Data Platform for Two Additional Years in the Amount of \$62,942.07 (Transit)

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Approving Amendment No. 1 to an Agreement (City Contract No. 2025-177) with Swiftly, Inc. (San Francisco, CA) to extend access to its transit data platform for two (2) additional years in the amount of \$62,942.07 to be funded by Fund 426 "Transit"

- H. Approving an Agreement with KONE Inc. for Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services for a Five-Year Term in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$300,000 (Maintenance)

This item was pulled for separate consideration.

- I. Approving Amendment No. 1 to the North America Master Agreement with Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. Extending the Term Four Years for Document Management Services and Increasing Total Compensation to \$700,000 (Information Technology)

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Master Agreement (City Contract 2024-0033) with Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. for document management services, to extend the term of the agreement by four (4) years, for a total of seven (7) years ending August 28, 2030, and increasing the total compensation to an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for the entire term.

8D. Approving an Agreement (City Contract No. 2026-132) with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$299,949.15 for a period of three years for City Project No. 23064 "Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan" (Transit)

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

Mary Jackson  
Bob Puffer

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Transit Manager York responded to public comments.

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

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following vote:

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Yes                    | Yes                    | Yes              | Yes                       | Yes          |

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Approving an Agreement (City Contract No. 2026-132) with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$299,949.15 for a period of three years for City Project No. 23064 "Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan"

8F. Awarding Bid and Approving an Agreement with Ace-High Engineering for City Project No. 25-063 "Geer Road Water Valves Replacement" in the Amount of \$295,746.00 (Engineering)

**Action:** Item was pulled and will be continued to a future meeting once staff can provide additional information to Council.

8H. Approving an Agreement with KONE Inc. for Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services for a Five-Year Term in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$300,000 (Maintenance)

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

Bob Puffer

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Assistant Municipal Services Director Packwood responded to public comments.

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

| Councilmember<br>Abram | Councilmember<br>Bixel | Vice Mayor Monez | Councilmember<br>Phillips | Mayor Bublak |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Yes                    | Yes                    | Yes              | Yes                       | Yes          |

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Approving an agreement (City Contract 2026-075) with KONE Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, for elevator maintenance and repair services for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, expensed to Fund 110

**9. FINAL READINGS**

None

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Reviewing the Annual Military Equipment Report (Police)

Lieutenant Hall presented the item.

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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 Abram, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**Action:** Approved **Resolution No. 2026-030:** Reviewing the Annual Military Equipment Report submitted by the Turlock Police Department pursuant to the Turlock Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 19, Section 107 and Government Code 7072 and review and renewal of Turlock Ordinance No. 1290-CS adopting the City Military Equipment use policy pursuant to Government Code Section 7071

**11. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Appointing Katie O. Lucchesi to the Position of City Attorney for the City of Turlock and Approving the Related Employment Agreement (Human Relations)

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

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

**Action:** Approved **Resolution No. 2026-031:** Appointing Katie O. Lucchesi to the position of City Attorney for the City of Turlock and approving the related employment agreement

- B. Approving the Purchase of One (1) Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. 107' Velocity Tractor Drawn Aerial with Tank and Pump, with Funding Allocated from Fund 506 – Vehicle/Equipment Replacement (Fire Department)

Deputy Fire Chief Jelinek presented the item.

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

Milt Trieweiler  
Daniel Miller  
Bob Puffer  
Linda Hocksey

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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<br>Abram | Councilmember<br>Bixel | Vice Mayor Monez | Councilmember<br>Phillips | Mayor Bublak |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Yes                    | Yes                    | Yes              | Yes                       | Yes          |

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Approving the purchase of one (1) Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. 107' Velocity Tractor Drawn Aerial with pump and tank from Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, pursuant to the Houston-Galveston Area Council contract FS12-23 in the amount of \$2,368,699.41 in accordance with Turlock Municipal Code Section 2-7-08(b)(5), allowing use of joint, cooperative, or leveraged purchasing plans without requiring an additional City bid procedure

- C. Provide Direction on Future of Fire Administrative Services Agreement with Modesto and Turlock Fire Department Administration (City Manager's Office)

Management Analyst Governale, Finance Director Moreno, Deputy Fire Chief Jelinek, and Modesto Interim Fire Chief Evans presented the item. Local Union 2434 representative and Fire Battalion Chief Hackett presented as well.

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

Daniel Miller  
Julie Fox  
Milt Trieweiler  
Chad Hackett  
Bob Puffer  
Jim Reape  
Donna Ensly  
Mary Jackson  
Frank Saldivar

With no further comments, Mayor Bublak closed public comment.

Motioned by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Phillips and failed 2/3 by the following vote:

| Councilmember<br>Abram | Councilmember<br>Bixel | Vice Mayor Monez | Councilmember<br>Phillips | Mayor Bublak |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| No                     | No                     | Yes              | No                        | Yes          |

Motion to reconsider the item and adopt the original item, by Councilmember Phillips, seconded by Vice Mayor Monez and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

Motion amended by Vice Mayor Monez, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, and carried 3/2 by the following vote:

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Councilmember<br>Abram | Councilmember<br>Bixel | Vice Mayor Monez | Councilmember<br>Phillips | Mayor Bublak |
| No                     | No                     | Yes              | Yes                       | Yes          |

**Action:** Approved **Amended Motion:** Direct staff to negotiate a new Fire Administrative Services Agreement with the City of Modesto and direct staff to return to the City Council with a proposed agreement for consideration and include a Citizen Advisory Board with an Ex officio member from Local Fire Union 2434

**12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE ITEMS**

None

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. 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, Gary Hampton  
 Employee Organization: Turlock Management Association-Public Safety
- B. Public Employee Appointment, Cal. Gov't Code §54957(b)(1)  
 Title: City Manager (Discussion Only)
- C. 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): One (1)

**14. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bublak adjourned the meeting at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christina Cabada, Deputy City Clerk