

April 20, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

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Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the special meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Residents participated remotely via email, phone and WebEx during the meeting.

1. Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.
2. Roll call found Council Members Arriola, Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Vargas, and Mayor Young present. Council Member Bedolla joined the meeting following roll call.
3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Tracy resident asked whose idea was it to move the homeless to Pescadero Park, and what can be done to help better provide for them and their kids that are having to witness things they should not have to see.
4. CONDUCT A CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED FY 2020-21 CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR FY 2021-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) OUTLOOK AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Karin Schnaider, Finance Director provided the staff report.

Felicia Galinda, Senior Accountant continued with the staff report.

Marsha McCray stated previous Council direction regarding funding priorities for amenities in Tracy is not always reflected in the presentation to Council, and added the Multi-Generational Center has no identified site, budget, or scope of project, is being prioritized over the Aquatic Center, and requested allocating to the swim center.

Tracy resident asked why the homeless problem is not being addressed at El Pescadero Park, and why more money is going into Legacy Fields instead of parks that need the money the most like El Pescadero Park.

Michel Bazinet spoke about the Aquatics Center completion dates and release of funds, Multi-Generational Center being allocated \$17 million of Measure V funds next year, three years before funds going to Aquatics Center. Funding the Multi-Generational Center next year does not make sense. The Aquatics Center is shovel ready.

Mary Mitracos spoke about Council allocating money for the Nature Park. A Nature Park should not require much in the way of ongoing maintenance dollars. The more natural it is, the less maintenance costs.

Molly Lowe shared her frustration with the delays with the Aquatic facilities.

Council Member Arriola motioned to approve the proposed FY 2020-21 Capital Budget and the proposed five-year FY 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) outlook. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas seconded the motion.

Leticia Ramirez, City Attorney clarified that the item is to seek Council feedback only.

City Council comments and questions followed.

Council Member Bedolla asked if this was an appropriate time to request support to use \$200,000 from the Holly Commerce project for the Nature Park planning.

Ms. Schnaider responded if there is Council consensus to put that into appropriations, and she would need to know what year.

Council Member Bedolla added if a community benefit is put aside as soon as possible it could start going toward some kind of planning as mentioned in the staff report.

Jenny Haruyama, City Manager stated Council would need to expand its discussion to include whether they want to allocate an appropriate amount of funds in order to move forward with any kind of design for the Nature Park.

Ms. Haruyama clarified that staff will return with a capital budget that reflects the feedback assuming that there is a collective consensus on that feedback.

Council Member Arriola believed that Mayor Pro Tem Vargas asked that the item come back during our discussion last month.

Ms. Haruyama responded that is correct and Council can collectively agree that they would like to see that item be a capital project for next year or subsequent year, and will have a final document before Council in the next couple of meetings that will reflect that direction where Council can take action. Tonight is to build that document.

Council Member Arriola concurred with having that information be assessed and evaluated for a future Council meeting, but at this, time wanted to get a complete understanding of the possible uses for the Holly Commerce project funds.

Mayor Young asked if that would be coming back as a separate item.

Ms. Haruyama responded there was not a consensus the last time it was brought up by Mayor Pro Tem Vargas, but Council Member Arriola would like more information around what the design involves, the cost, and make that decision collectively once that information is before Council. Staff can provide that level of detail when the capital budget is before Council, and believed there is a consensus.

Council Member Bedolla stated that would be his feedback to utilize that community benefit as soon as possible.

Council Member Davis stated she attended the JPA meeting today and a high priority related to public safety, which is unfunded, would be to expend \$300,000 to get cardiac monitors that need replacing.

Ms. Haruyama responded as part of the American Rescues Act monies, that will be a recommendation to be funded which has been communicated to the Fire Chief.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas supported Council Member Bedolla's proposal of allocation of \$200,000 from the Holly Commerce that was intended for recreational, and requested a CIP to be created for the Nature Park for design purpose - \$800,000 - \$1 million to do the design, which will evaluate the cost of construction, and phasing. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas asked Council Member Bedolla if he would like to do a friendly amendment to his motion. Council Member Bedolla supported streamlining the creation of a CIP line item.

Mayor Young stated there is a line item 78180 that is for the Nature Park as an active project for the CIP program, and asked if it would be asking for another line item.

Ms. Schnaider clarified it is new funding.

Council Member Arriola stated when staff brings back the possibilities for funding the Nature Park, it is important to the scope of where these funds can be used, and that the public understands what the framework and restrictions are as we proceed. Mayor Young agreed.

City Council questions continued. City Council accepted the report.

5. COUNCIL ITEMS AND COMMENTS – Council Member Bedolla requested an item regarding the City's Sustainability Action Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas supported the request.

Jenny Haruyama, City Manager suggested an e-memo to Council about the status, which will determine whether it needed to come back as a more formal item. Council Member Bedolla agreed.

Council Member Bedolla requested support for a policy discussion about requiring some community benefit when projects move to the secondary growth boundary, and would be willing to see if there is other metrics that would provide value for the City.

Ms. Haruyama clarified Council Member Bedolla's request. Might be interest in amending a portion of the GMO to reflect that when Council has a discretionary item before them and there is a request to move into the secondary residential area that a community benefit be considered.

City Council comments continued.

There was no second for Council Member Bedolla's request.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 6:58 p.m.

ACTION: Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Vargas and seconded by Council Member Davis to adjourn special meeting. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on April 15, 2021. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the office of the City Clerk.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk