

Public Comment  
Items from the Audience

**From:** Denise Haliczzer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 3, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
**Cc:** Denise Haliczzer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** City Counsel Meeting- Regular Meeting (7:00pm) Item 2 Comment

Hello,

As a citizen of Tracy and the mother of an avid swimmer, I'm requesting the counsel to keep the swim center project moving forward. Please do not change the previously approved plan or adjust the previously approved budget. This long overdue project needs to move forward immediately without further delay. Doing so will ensure that this project benefits the largest swath of citizens immediately.

The current public pool situation is unsustainable, Tracy still only has 1 public pool which was built when Tracy had a population of 14,724. Today our population is 94,740.00, but we still, as a community, share the same 7 lanes of pool space. Our community, and its swimmers, are underserved by the lack of water recreation. Summer recreation over the long hot summers is important to all of Tracy and should be made available without any further wait.

This project is long overdue, and the need for this project, and others was the driver behind support for Measure V.

We as a community cannot wait and should not have to wait any longer. We should not have to rely on other communities for our swimming needs. I appreciate those that support the swim center project and encourage those that do not to reconsider their position.

Denise Haliczzer

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**From:** Michael Warda <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
**Subject:** For Council Review Public Comment Period May 4, 2021

Below please find a copy of a receipt evidencing the public benefit fee paid by Blue Fire Inc to the City of Merced for the month of March, 2021.

Michael S. Warda  
[REDACTED]

MICHAEL S. WARDA,  
A Professional Law Corporation  
[REDACTED]



**CITY OF MERCED  
CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX REMITTANCE FORM**

Submit Form and Payment In person to:  
City of Merced Finance Department  
678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Business Name: Blue Fire, Inc.  
Business Address: [REDACTED]  
Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #: 18-068

Tax Period: Quarter/Month (circle one & select below)      Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_  
 January                       April                       July                       October  
 February                       May                       August                       November  
 March                       June                       September                       December

*Quarterly Payments are due on or before the last day of the month following the reporting period. Monthly payments are also accepted. Post marks or other indications of submission are not accepted. All forms must be filed in compliance or form may be returned and penalties may be assessed.*

1. Total gross receipts for the tax period	1	\$ 3,357,192.31
2. Tax Due (Multiply amount on Line 1 by applicable tax rate below)		
Cultivation (4% gross receipts)		0.00
Distribution (2% gross receipts)	2	\$ 0.00
Retail (3% gross receipts Medicinal)		11,810.04
Retail (4% gross receipts Adult Use)		214,335.90
3. Total square footage for the tax period	3	
4. Tax Due (Multiply amount on Line 3 by applicable tax rate below)		
Cultivation (\$7.00/square foot)		0.00
Distribution (\$1.00/square foot)		0.00
Manufacturing (\$7.00/square foot)	4	\$ 0.00
Nursery (\$0.50/square foot)		0.00
Testing (\$0.25/square foot)		0.00
5. Total Tax Due	5	\$ 226,145.94
6. LATE PENALTY		
25% x Line 5 for first 30 days late	6a	\$ 0.00
Additional 30% per month x Line 4 for over 30 days late	6b	\$ 0.00
7. TOTAL ASSESSMENTS AND PENALTY DUE (Sum of Lines 5, 6a & 6b)	7	\$ 226,145.94

I warrant under penalty of perjury and on the best of my knowledge and belief that the information herein is true, correct and complete.

[Signature]  
Signature  
[REDACTED]  
Business Name  
[REDACTED]  
Phone Number

04/02/21  
Date  
Office Manager  
Title

**From:** William Muetzenberg <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:05 PM  
**To:** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
**Subject:** Public Comment 5/4/21

Good afternoon,

I am submitting the following public comments:

**Item 2:**

Mayor & Council,

I have two comments I'd like to submit this evening.

First, Ms. Harman Ratia and I will host a meet & greet this Thursday at 6pm as Tracy's newest representatives on the EBCE Community Advisory Committee. We will be sworn in on May 17 and welcome the opportunity to serve our community. This meet & greet is an opportunity for the public to familiarize themselves with us and EBCE as well as ask any questions. I invite the public and any member of Council to attend by registering at <https://bit.ly/ebcemg>. You may also email me [REDACTED].

Second, I've noticed that there are a lot more bike riders in Tracy and I'm happy to see more people out. However, having lived in Tracy for as long as I have, I don't believe our bike paths are up to par. Our bike paths need to match the needs of our community today. We need to do more to ensure right-of-ways are enhanced to protect both cars and bikes. We need to do more in ensuring our bike paths can take you from one side of the city to the other as efficiently and as safely as possible. I hope that Council and staff will consider updating policies to ensure our bike lanes service the community as best it can. Investing in better biking in Tracy will get more people to come out of their cars, reduce emissions, and improve our health and wellness.

**Item 3D:**

Mayor & Council,

For the last two years, Tracy has raised the LGBTQ Pride Flag during June to honor Pride Month and show solidarity with Tracy's LGBTQ community. As a resident of Tracy, I feel pride knowing we as a city support LGBTQ people. During a time of heightened division and violence, here in Tracy, we don't ostracize or attack people who are different from ourselves. We embrace them and accept them. Isn't that what living inside the triangle is about? I hope that our Council continues to show courage and build on the tradition we've begun.

William Muetzenberg  
[REDACTED]





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Via Email : [publiccomment@cityoftracy.org](mailto:publiccomment@cityoftracy.org)

Tracy City Council  
Nancy Young, Mayor  
Veronica Vargas, Mayor Pro Tem  
Dan Arriola, Council Member  
Mateo Bedolla, Council Member  
Eleassia Davis, Council Member

**RE: Agenda Item # 3.A – Public Hearing Regarding Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance in the PROW and SWF Council Policy**

Dear Mayor Young and Council Members:

On behalf of Verizon Wireless, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed wireless code update and council policy. Verizon has asked Wireless Policy Group to work with city staff to assist in developing a workable code for small wireless facilities in the right of way that is compliant with federal law and addresses the aesthetic concerns of your community. My firm specializes in helping the wireless industry achieve those goals by working collaboratively with municipal government staff to outline technical challenges to the proposed code provisions and find acceptable alternatives.

We have appreciated the opportunity to engage with staff and provide information about Verizon's wireless network evolution and the improvements that are needed to enhance public safety and ensure quality, reliable service for the city of Tracy. The collaborative approach facilitated by staff enabled the development of a workable code that represents compromises by the City and industry needed to comply with federal law. Please include this letter in the record for the public hearing.

Verizon appreciates the chance to provide information to you about the enormous increase in consumer demand for data capacity and cell service, as well as input on the technical requirements for the new small wireless technology. This new technology is vital to address the 4G capacity needs of Verizon's customers. More people are using more wireless devices to do more things than ever before, like streaming video, medical monitoring, education interface, and uploading images. In fact, wireless data usage has increased dramatically since the introduction of the iPhone.

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Verizon is working to stay ahead of the demand by adding fiber optic capacity and small wireless facilities to connect people where they need it most. Small wireless antennas are usually mounted on existing and replacement utility and street light poles. The low visual profile of small wireless facilities makes them an excellent solution for delivering capacity and coverage to residential neighborhoods. Small wireless facilities will also deliver connections for smart communities services to boost the flow and safety of vehicle traffic, manage resources like light, power and water and improve the quality of life of Verizon's customers. Moreover, this technology is key to preparing Verizon's network infrastructure so that it is capable of offering 5G wireless connections at speeds up to 100 times faster than today's wired broadband services. Verizon is committed to working with local communities to provide the level of service residents and businesses need and expect.

Verizon would like to thank the Council and staff for its leadership on this important topic. We respectfully request that the Council support staff's recommendation of adopting the proposed code and council policy to provide an efficient path forward for this new way of deploying wireless technology in Tracy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. A Verizon representative will be at the meeting to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hannah Borris".

Hannah Borris

Wireless Policy Group, LLC on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Agenda Item 3.D

-----Original Message-----

From: Carla Waluck <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 5:00 PM  
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
Subject: Please raise the pride flag for pride month

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to request you please raise the pride flag for pride month. My son is a fiercely proud bisexual trans gender masculine youth and he was very happy when I told him last year they raised it. We moved here about five years ago and have been so happy with the reception and acceptance we've received. We hope to stay here for a very long time. Thank you for reading my request.

Kind regards,  
Carla W.

Sent from my iPhone

## Agenda Item 3.D

-----Original Message-----

From: nancy whelihan <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:15 PM  
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>  
Subject: Re: continue raising Pride flag

Dear City Council members,

My name is Nancy Whelihan and I would like to speak to the concerns about continuing the raising of the Pride flag during Pride month of June. As a former school teacher I know the importance of raising the self concept of every child I ever taught. TRACY has started a wonderful tradition the past two years of raising the Pride flag during the month of June. I see no reason to stop this tradition, especially at a time in our country where every person needs to be loved and appreciated for who they are regardless of their race, religion, color, or sexual orientation. Please continue raising this flag each June in recognition of all humans, no matter what our differences, we need to all get along.

Sent from my iPad