

TRACY CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**August 31, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – Roll call found Council Members Arriola, Bedolla, Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Vargas and Mayor Young present.
3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Bob Tanner requested the additional hiring of officers and additional police cars, and urged Council to ask the community if additional officers are needed.

Alice English stated the Code of Conduct and Ethics should be reviewed and adhered to by the Mayor, and requests City Manager to bring back the call in feature for City Council meetings.

Mayor Young responded that Council meetings are run according to Rosenberg Rules of Order and she will continue to run the meetings accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas called a point of order on comments and characterizations made by Ms. English.

Daniel Helm commended Mayor Pro Tem Vargas on recusing herself from the Westside Project item and asked what was the reasoning for the recusal.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas responded that after deliberation with the FPPC and City Attorney the decision was made to recuse herself.

Roy Hawkins commented on Interim City Manager Bob Adams' experience in Manteca and hopes that Mr. Adams can lead City staff in getting things done.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR - Motion was made by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Arriola to adopt the consent calendar. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.
  - 4 A. APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRACY AND TRACY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS PLAN FOR LIMITED SERVICE EMPLOYEES; AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE FY 2021-22 BUDGET AND CITY MASTER SALARY SCHEDULE TO REFLECT THE MOU AND COMPENSATION AND BENEFIT PLAN – Resolution 2021-121 approved a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Tracy Firefighters Association (TFFA). **Resolution 2021-122** approved the Compensation and Benefits Plan for Limited Service Employees.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.A DESIGNATE VOTING DELEGATE AND UP TO TWO ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING AND DETERMINE CITY COUNCIL'S POSITION ON THE RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

Karin Schnaider, Finance Director provided the staff report.

There was no public comment.

City Council comments and questions followed.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Council Member Arriola and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vargas to adopt **Resolution 2021-123** designating Council Member Davis as a voting delegate and Council Member Bedolla and Mayor Pro Tem Vargas as the alternate voting delegates for the League of California Cities 2021 Annual Conference Business Meeting and to oppose Annual Conference Business Meeting Resolution 1 and to support Annual Conference Meeting Resolution 2. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

1. A Resolution of the League of California Cities calling on the State Legislature to pass legislation that provides for a fair and equitable distribution of the Bradley Burns 1% Local Sales Tax from In-State Online Purchases, based on data where products are shipped to, and that rightfully takes into consideration the impacts that fulfillment centers have on host cities but also provides a fair share to California cities that do not and/or cannot have a fulfillment center within their jurisdiction.

Council opposed Resolution 1.

2. A Resolution calling upon the Governors and Legislature to Provide necessary Funding for CPUC to fulfill its obligations to inspect railroad lines to ensure that operators are removing illegal dumping, graffiti and homeless encampments that degrade the quality of life and results in increased public safety concerns for communities and neighborhoods that abut the railroad right-of-way.

Council supported Resolution 2; Mayor Pro Tem Vargas requested an amendment to the language of the resolution that identifies funding source.

5.B PROVIDE DIRECTION ON PROJECT SCOPE AND POTENTIAL LOCATION(S) FOR THE MULTI-GENERATIONAL RECREATION CENTER

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager provided the staff report and responded to Council questions.

Bob Tanner expressed disappointment that the study was from three years ago, stated there is no current transportation to Legacy Fields, and asked that there be routes added that reach Legacy Fields.

Mary Mitracos commended staff on the presentation and liked the idea bifurcating the project and putting library and education spaces at Ceciliani Park and not at Aquatic Center. Only one place in town for a tournament style facility should be at the Bow Tie area.

Dottie Nygard stated she was excited about the project moving forward, and asked Council to stay with the direction from the public. Recreation should include bicyclists and skaters and urged Council to listen to the community.

Alice English agreed with Bob Tanner and Dottie Nygard, and stated that Legacy Fields has room to grow and that could potentially house a skate/bike park. Ms. English shared her appreciation for staff on this project.

City Council questions and comments followed.

Brian MacDonald, Parks and Community Services Director responded to Council questions.

Mayor Young clarified Council's consensus to prioritize the following Council priorities for the project:

1. Gymnasium
2. Outdoor Recreation Facilities
3. Multi-Purpose Room
4. Library and Education Spaces
5. Lounge/Lobby
6. Teaching Kitchen

Mr. Joaquin clarified the top three (gym, outdoor recreation and multi-purpose) and take all of these items forward into the feasibility study to consider, and call them Council priorities.

It was Council consensus to bifurcate the programming of the Rec Center to allow feasibility studies to be completed on multiple sites.

It was Council consensus to authorize City staff to begin discussions with Tracy Unified School District (TUSD) regarding potential of locating Rec Center at Ceciliani Park.

Mayor Young asked Council if they were opposed to looking at the Aquatic Center as one of the site options. It was Council consensus to not include the Aquatic Center when considering other sites.

6. **COUNCIL ITEMS AND COMMENTS** – Mayor Pro Tem Vargas requested to amend AB140 to include the identification of funding as part of bill. Council Member Bedolla seconded the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas shared concerns regarding the disrepair of the basketball courts at Don Cose Park and the skate ramps at Veterans Park, and would like to have discussion regarding park maintenance, budget, overall upkeep and how that works. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas stated she would like this to be a separate request from the Master Plan and would like it taken care of as soon as possible. Council Member Bedolla seconded the request.

Midori Lichtwardt, Assistant City Manager asked if a memo would suffice.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas responded that she did not want a memo, and wants public to know.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas requested to have a cannabis conversation to come back and would like an update on milestones and dates so that Council may provide direction on how to fund items previously discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas shared concerns regarding items that had been previously requested such as the Master Plans for Transportation, Airport, TOD, Downtown Specific Plan, parklets, and the JPA forensic financial analysis.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas requested the 11<sup>th</sup> Street safety of crosswalks and pedestrian improvements to come back to Council. Council Member Bedolla supported the request.

Mayor Young supported Mayor Pro Tem Vargas's request to bring back items that have been requested but not completed.

Council Member Arriola announced he was invited to speak at the State LGBTQ Caucus, there will be a faith-based round table on homelessness on September 8th at 6:00 p.m., and wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

Council Member Davis asked for consideration on reopening phone access for Council meetings. There was no support for the request.

Council Member Davis spoke about the banners along 11<sup>th</sup> Street and requested updated banners. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas supported the banner update.

Council Member Davis requested adding dog waste containers in parks and along major walkways and more garbage containers. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas and Council Member Bedolla supported the request.

Council Member Bedolla wished the community a safe weekend.

Mayor Young wished everyone a happy Labor Day, and acknowledged those affected by what is happening in Afghanistan in prayer and asked for a moment of silence.

Mayor Young welcomed Bob Adams, Interim City Manager.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 9:43 p.m.

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

The agenda was posted at City Hall on August 26, 2021. The above are action minutes.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk