

TRACY CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – Council Members Arriola, Bedolla, Davis, and Mayor Young present. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas absent.
3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None
4. WORKSHOP TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED INCREASE TO SOLID WASTE RATES AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATES

Don Scholl, Director of Public Works introduced staff and the consultant and thanked staff for their efforts.

Connie Vieira, Management Analyst provided the staff report and presentation and responded to questions.

Marva M. Sheehan, HFH Consultants provided information regarding study methodology and the key residential rate changes and answered questions.

Mary Mitracos spoke about bulky item pickup and suggested going back to annual pickup, if increasing cost of solid waste pickup, include the cost for free pick up also, and do more heavy advertising for two free bulky item pickups per year.

Robert Tanner stated some people did not know they could call to schedule a pickup so make people well aware or go back to spring and fall pick up, need brochure for new cans, shared concerns regarding a 21% increase, and asked if cans will be replaced and stay the same size.

Karen Moore asked that people who don't need every week pickup could go to every other week to reduce costs. Ms. Moore asked Council to push back on rate increases as they are excessive and go for bids from other waste management companies that can do organic composting.

Adrienne Richardson, City Clerk announced Ms. Moore also submitted two comments by email that were sent to Council and a copy provided on the dais.

City Council questions and comments followed.

Scott Stortroen, Tracy Delta Disposal described the cart color adding change out is part of the state mandate and also labelling with a laminated picture.

Mayor Young stated we can increase for those in houses but we need to account for apartment multi-unit dwellers as well, and asked for that to be part of the consideration when it comes back to the hearing. Council Member Arriola seconded the request.

ACTION: Motion was made by Council Member Arriola and seconded by Council Member Davis to direct staff to distribute notification to property owners of the proposed solid waste rate increases in accordance with Proposition 218. Further assessment to be done related to increases to low-income rate adjustment and include additional multi-unit bulk pickup. Roll call found Council Members Arriola, Bedolla, Davis and Mayor Young in favor; passed and so ordered. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas absent.

5. COUNCIL ITEMS AND COMMENTS – Council Member Bedolla requested an item to make a lump sum pay down of unfunded accrued liabilities to reduce UAL with PERS and annual payments and look into upfront prepayment of annual UAL payments. There was no support for the request.

Council Member Bedolla requested information to seek proposals from property owners and operators who are interested in selling a property to the City or a development partner to develop permanent supportive housing. Leticia Ramirez, City Attorney clarified the request was seeking an agenda item to talk about issuing a request for interest to see who is interested. Mayor Young seconded the request.

Council Member Bedolla requested an item to install solar on City buildings and look into requiring solar on nonresidential projects. Council Member Arriola supported consideration of the request.

Mayor Young stated Council received an email regarding the redistricting letter that she sent out on behalf of the City of Tracy due to time sensitivity, also there was time to call in last week, and seven spoke from Tracy. Mayor Young spoke about quiet zones and noise due to trains on Union Pacific lines and would bring it up at the ACE meeting on Friday at 8:00 am. Mayor Young encouraged calling in regarding the noise in south part of Tracy. There was a premeeting and one option would be quiet zone for City of Tracy. Mayor Young requested support to bring back discussion on quiet zones. Council Member Bedolla supported the request.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 7:03 p.m.

ACTION: Motion was made by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Arriola to adjourn. Roll call found Council Members Arriola, Bedolla, Davis and Mayor Young in favor; passed and so ordered. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas absent.

The agenda was posted at City Hall on October 28, 2021. The above are action minutes.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk