

**April 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy  
and one Council Member attended remotely  
at the following location:

Web Site: [www.cityoftracy.org](http://www.cityoftracy.org)

Mardi Gras Hotel, 3500 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call found Council Members Arriola, Bedolla, Evans, Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Mayor Young present. Council Member Bedolla participated remotely.

Pastor Kevin James, New Creation Bible Fellowship offered the invocation.

No actions required by City Council pursuant to AB 2449.

Mayor Young presented a proclamation for Arts Month to Cynthia Reis, Tracy Arts Commission Chairperson.

Mayor Young presented a proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to Public Safety Dispatchers Heidi Horner, April Uribe, Shaina Marquez, Matthew Sieperda, Jessica Henry.

Mayor Young presented a proclamation for National Volunteer Week to Leonard Steele, Volunteer for Athletics (Jr. Giants & Jr. Warriors Program).

1. CONSENT CALENDAR – Following the removal of consent item 1.E by Robert Tanner motion was made by Council Member Arriola and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis to adopt the Consent Calendar. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.
  - 1.A Approval of March 21, 2023, Closed Session Minutes, March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, and March 22, 2023, special concurrent City Council and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – **Minutes were adopted.**
  - 1.B Adopt a resolution to 1) authorize the acceptance of a grant award from San Joaquin County in the amount of \$99,000 to fund City tourism attraction efforts, and 2) appropriate \$99,000 in grant funds to the Mobility and Housing department for uses consistent with grant requirements.- Resolution 2023-056 authorized the acceptance of the grant award from San Joaquin County.
  - 1.C Adopt a resolution approving a leave of absence for Transportation Advisory Commissioner Maurice Francis for the month of April 2023 pursuant to the requirements of the Transportation Advisory Commission Bylaws - Resolution 2023-057 approved a leave of absence for Transportation Advisory Commissioner Maurice Francis.

- 1.D Adopt a resolution to (1) accept the construction for the Tracy Transit Station Renovations, CIP 77584, for work completed by Gowan Construction Company, Inc., of Tracy, California, (2) authorize the City Clerk to File the Notice of Completion with the San Joaquin County Recorder's Office, (3) authorize the City Engineer to release the bonds and retention payment, and (4) authorize the Finance Department to close the Project. – **Resolution 2023-058** accepted the construction for the Tracy Transit Station Renovations, CIP 77584.
- 1.F Adopt a resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Black Water Consulting, Inc. to prepare an update to the City's Sewer System Management Plan for a term of one year and a not-to-exceed amount of \$64,000. – **Resolution 2023-059** approved a Professional Services Agreement with Black Water Consulting, Inc.
- 1.G Adopt a resolution approving a Master Services Agreement with CommSys, Inc. for the installation, implementation, training, and maintenance of the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System for a term of five years and a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000. – **Resolution 2023-060** approved a Master Services Agreement with CommSys, Inc.
- 1.E Adopt a resolution (1) accepting the construction for the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Improvements Project, CIP 73177 for work completed by Tracy Grading and Paving, Inc., of Tracy, California, (2) authorizing the City Clerk to File the Notice of Completion with the San Joaquin County Recorder's Office, (3) authorizing the City Engineer to release the bonds and retention payment, and (4) authorizing the Finance Department to close the Project.

Robert Tanner pulled the item to let people know this is one of the few CIP's that is under budget.

There was no public comment.

There were no Council comments.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Council Member Arriola and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis to adopt **Resolution 2023-061** (1) Accepting the construction for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Improvements Project, CIP 73177, for work completed by Tracy Grading and Paving, Inc. of Tracy, California; (2) Authoring the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the San Joaquin County Recorder's Office; (3) Authorizing the City Engineer to release the bonds and retention payment; and (4) Authorizing the Finance Department to close the project. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

2. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Dotty Nygard urged Council to direct staff to update the City's census tract by using the US DOT Disadvantaged mapping tool so we can be more reflective of our current community and be competitive when pursuing grant funding. Ms. Nygard shared she started a Go Fund Me for Mayor Young to go to Washington D.C. to

attend the African American Association Conference and presented Mayor Young with a check in an amount close to \$5,000 to help represent the community.

Mayor Young thanked the community for their love and support. Will share info on the conference.

A resident thanked Mayor Pro Tem Davis, and Council Members Bedolla and Evans for watching the travel budget. The resident stated she is watching PRA's and spoke about items on the Mayor's travel expenses.

Mayor Young responded to the previous speaker regarding her travel expenses.

Robert Tanner stated it is sad that citizens had to do a Go Fund Me account for the Mayor to go to Washington D.C. It was voted down not to go. Mayor had said she brought in new ideas and grants and asking for a summary of meetings attended from the entire Council and have transparency of what Mayor Young is bringing to the City.

Alice English stated the travel budget was over budget and shared concerns regarding Mayor Young's travel expenses. Ms. English also shared her frustration regarding comments made by James Young at a previous meeting related to a hate crime reported in 2013, dividing the community related to diversity and race, and stated the City is very united and diverse with every club, board, commission, in games and sports events and has nothing to do with race.

Mayor Young responded to Ms. English's comments.

### 3. REGULAR AGENDA

#### 3.A Adopt a resolution 1) authorizing the issuance and sale of special tax bonds for the purpose of financing authorized facilities and 2) approving and authorizing related documents and actions for Improvement Area No. 3 of the City of Tracy Community Facilities District No. 2016-2.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis recused herself from the item due to proximity of real property.

Mayor Young opened the public hearing.

Sara Cowell, Finance Director provided the staff report.

Council comments and questions followed.

Les Serpa, Surland Companies stated bonds is a financing mechanism to allow the advancement of fees and there are pieces of infrastructure to be completed. It allows to advance things like public buildings. This would be the first time he has seen the Council deny bond sale. It benefits the owner as well as the infrastructure and would be unusual for this to happen anywhere in this state. Financing is for public facilities.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Council Member Arriola and seconded by Mayor Young to adopt a Resolution to authorize 1) The issuance and sale of Special Tax Bonds for the purpose of financing authorized facilities, and 2) approving and authorizing related documents and actions for Improvement Area No. 3 of the City of Tracy Community Facilities District No. 2016-2 (ECFD). Roll call found Council Member Arriola and Mayor Young in favor. Council Member Bedolla and Council Member Evans opposed. Mayor Pro Tem Davis recused herself from the item. Motion failed.

3.B City Council receive information and provide feedback regarding 1) the proposed FY 2024 Capital Budget, 2) the proposed five-year FY 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and 3) Measure V updates.

Felicia Galindo, Budget Officer provided the staff report regarding the FY 2024 Capital Budget and the proposed five-year FY 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning & Development Manager provided a presentation regarding Measure V updates.

Koosun Kim, City Engineer responded to Council questions.

Mary Mitracos, on behalf of Nature Park Advocates and Tracy Tree Foundation and residents who would like to see the Nature Park developed, spoke in support and requested another \$1 million for the Nature Park. Staff has been looking for grants and believes if we show Council is willing to put more here and there it may be easier to get matching funds.

Robert Tanner shared his concerns that the City will be getting the Multi-Generational Recreation Center before the Aquatic Center. Been looking at an Aquatic Center since 1988. The City started that process and stopped because of another potential lawsuit. Previous Council's had opportunity to accept the 16 acres for the Aquatic Center, but no acceptance yet. Let's get the Aquatic Center done and not delay it anymore.

Sandy Taylor stated as a member of the Aquatics Task Force since 2005, she worked to pass Measure V to get funds to build an Aquatic Center and are now prepared to move forward with the community's vision. Ms. Taylor share disappointment Council wants to take the project in a new direction, disheartened to watch bitterness toward partnering, working with and supporting local businesses and requested Council do what is needed to move project forward.

Roy Hawkins stated the City can't let the people of Tracy down. They have wanted the Aquatic Center for the last 35 years. Don't let negative personalities affect reason. We can work out financial things and make it happen. People who voted for you want an Aquatic Center.

Alice English stated she saw nothing on the needed fire training site, shared support for the Nature Park and the Multi-Generational Recreation Center, and a Police substation would add benefit to the City. Ms. English shared concerns regarding the delay of the Aquatic Center, Development

Agreements going to court. There is a lot in South Tracy that has not been completed, widening on Corral Hollow, impact fees and shared concerns regarding Council Members receiving campaign funds from developers and they should not be voting on the Aquatic Center.

Council Member Arriola objected to the characterization.

James Young stated he worked with the Mayor championing Measure V for various amenities such as the Multi-Generational Recreation Center and the Aquatic Center. Were told then they could bond before money came in so they can get started right away but it has been delayed all of these years. What is really holding it up.

Michel Bazinet stated the Aquatics Center has been approved by previous Councils over the years, a lot of work has been done, financial studies have been approved, environmental and design has been done. The spirit of previous Council's needs to be respected. There is no reason to delay the Aquatic Center.

Council Member Arriola supported a new CIP for a Police Substation and increased funding for the Nature Park.

Brian MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director confirmed the plan is to come back with the two following Council requests on June 20, 2023: 1) Acceptance of the 16-acres, and 2) Item to discuss other city owned locations for the Aquatic Center as well. The plan is to bring both back on June 20, 2023 and will be two separate items as they are two separate Council requests.

Karin Schnaider, Assistant City Manager responded to questions.

Council Member Bedolla asked for support to have staff include Legacy Fields as a potential site for the Aquatics Center when bringing back the pending Council item. Council Member Evans and Mayor Pro Tem Davis supported the request.

City Council comments and questions followed.

Mayor Young supported Council Member Arriola's request to bring back the Police Substation and increase funding for the Nature Park.

Mayor Young requested a specific discussion of the complete future of the Aquatic Center. Council Member Arriola seconded the request.

- 3.C City Council: (1) adopt a Resolution of Intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the City of Tracy and the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide Public Service Credit for Peace Corps, AmeriCorps Vista, or AmeriCorps Service for all local miscellaneous members and all local police members, and (2) introduce an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City of Tracy and the California Public Employees' Retirement System Plan to provide Public Service Credit for Peace

Corps, AmeriCorps Vista, or AmeriCorps Services for all local miscellaneous members and all local police members, pursuant to Government Code section 20471.

Judy Carlos, Human Resources Analyst provided the staff report.

There was no public comment.

There were no comments from Council

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis and seconded by Council Member Arriola to adopt a **Resolution of Intention 2023-062** to approve an amendment to the contract between the City of Tracy and the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide public service credit for Peace Corps, AmeriCorps Vista, or AmeriCorps Service for all local miscellaneous members and all local Police Members. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

Adrienne Richardson, City Clerk reads the title of the proposed ordinance.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Council Member Arriola and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis to introduce an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City of Tracy and the California Public Employee's Retirement System Plan to provided public service credit for Peace Corps, AmeriCorps Vista, or AmeriCorps Services for all local miscellaneous members and all local Police Members, pursuant to Government Code Section 20471. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Alice English asked for clarification if the Mayor's request was to bring back the Aquatic Center at a new location or at the current location. Last meeting people spoke about the Grand Jury Report, and it said you don't demand respect, you earn it. Ms. English shared concerns regarding Mayor Young disrespecting members of the audience, public needing to know that the Mayor's conference in January 2023, was approved but information like membership was withheld and shared concerns regarding Mayor Young's travel and food charges during the January 17 through 20 trip.

Mayor Young responded to and disagreed with Ms. English's comments.

5. STAFF ITEMS – Midori Lichtwardt, Acting City Manager provided the following updates:
- Residents and local businesses whose properties were impacted by the March storms are being urged to complete a short damage survey at [SJReady.org](https://www.sjready.org) as soon as possible to ensure our County receives assistance in upcoming recovery efforts.
  - We are currently recruiting for positions on the Building Board of Appeals and Youth Advisory Commission – learn more and apply at [CityOfTracy.org](https://www.cityoftracy.org) or contact our City Clerk's Office: (209) 831-6101.
  - The deadline to apply for the Mayor's Summer Youth Internship Program is April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., any school students who attend school or live in Tracy are

encouraged to visit [CityOfTracyJobs.com](http://CityOfTracyJobs.com) to see what opportunities are available and apply.

- Tickets are still available to see the Sun Kings, a Beatles Tribute, this Saturday at The Grand – visit [AtTheGrand.org](http://AtTheGrand.org) to get yours.
  - Bring your 3-5-year-olds to the Tracy Library on Monday for “Badges for Books,” story time with Tracy Police, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
  - Our Spring Break Edition of Rollin’ Rec, our free pop-up mobile recreation program, begins on Monday at Lincoln Park and will be at a different park every day next week. Visit [TracyArtsAndRec.com](http://TracyArtsAndRec.com) for all available Spring Break activities.
  - Check out the City’s website calendar, [CityOfTracy.org](http://CityOfTracy.org), for City-sponsored meetings, events, and activities. Links to register for classes and links to the online event calendars of our partners, like the Library and Tracy Chamber of Commerce, have been added below the City calendar to help our residents stay up-to-date with all of the exciting things that are happening in our community.
6. COUNCIL ITEMS – Council Member Bedolla stated he appreciated changes on City Calendar and asked if internships on City website available for high school graduates or if in high school.

Midori Lichtwardt, Acting City Manager responded they have to be in high school and not graduates. If currently in senior or junior years.

Council Member Bedolla stated as a former participant in Tracy Youth Soccer League, Tracy Babe Ruth, MJB Basketball, Tracy Tritons, In shape basketball, flag and high school football, and coach and volunteer for Junior Warriors Basketball League, this is important to him, the community, and everyone who plays organized sports and asked for support to bring back to Council as soon as possible an informational item about a joint use agreement with Tracy Unified School District for the construction and maintenance and use of sports facilities including but not limited to gyms, fields, tracks and outdoor courts. Mayor Young supported the request.

Council Member Bedolla stated at the last meeting of each month he will provide his written report on Council appointed boards, commissions, committees, events and updates and appreciates the perspective that all Council Members, residents and staff bring to the table and added he started his post college career in public service, loves public service but is not a fan of the politics.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis reported on the National League of Cities conference. A highlight was the rail roundtable where had an opportunity to speak with a Union Pacific Director and shared concerns the City has with encampments, blight and trash and barriers we have putting in signalization at Linne and Corral Hollow Roads and how difficult it is to get a hold of Union Pacific at times and wanted to establish a relationship with someone from Union Pacific that we can contact when we have issues. Union Pacific did reach out and they will help us.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis also shared the lobbying efforts in Washington D.C. for the Multi-Generational Recreation Center, Police and Fire needs and improvements to I-205. Had a good time listening to Dr. Biden regarding her commitment to education at the Community College level and access to free education as well students not necessarily on the college track.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated she did post a transparency report about the trip and will be supplying that in writing.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated she heard we are coming back next month regarding infrastructural needs and asked a year or so ago about an infrastructure and critical needs strategic plan and where are we with that and if that could be part of the conversation because we need a policy that prioritizes infrastructure and our commitment to funding our infrastructure, so we take the reliance off the developers and grants.

Ms. Lichtwardt responded it is on the Council Follow Up list and she will look at it and get a timeframe.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis remembered asking a year or so ago about the substation in south Tracy and heard a couple of her colleagues bring that up as well. If there is any additional information that Council can get about that as she considers it a priority. We are growing and south Tracy is too far away from downtown and response times are getting longer as traffic is getting dense.

Ms. Lichtwardt responded staff mentioned a project is being discussed in the Public Facilities Master Plan which will come back to Council. They are not on the CIP just yet, but timing and juggling will need to occur to get that on to a CIP list.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis expressed support for the Nature Park. It should be a priority. Went to Legacy Fields a few weeks ago and got to see what looks like marshland and birds and think it would be a good thing to get that going sooner than later. It compliments Legacy Fields very well if the budget allows.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis announced the various Tracy events she attended, invited our littles to come out and have pictures with the Easter bunny and get a free treat at Workvine209 suites on Friday. Will also be attending the Red Tour tomorrow.

Council Member Arriola reported on the National League of Cities trip to Washington D.C. and lobbying efforts for the needs of Tracy. Concur with Mayor Pro Tem Davis that the best thing to do is get contact information as useful tools.

Council Member Arriola stated he had good time on Taps on Tenth and thanked the Mayor for issuing a Proclamation for Transgender Day of Visibility and wished everyone a happy Easter.

Council Member Evans reported on the National League of Cities trip to Washington D.C. and lobbying efforts and connecting with leaders from other cities. Council Member Evans felt in the future he does not know if it is necessary to send five Council Members and staff to Washington D.C., could reduce to two and collaborate when they return. Travel policy is coming back and can discuss at that time.

Council Member Evans supported the Nature Park also. Council Member Evans announced various events he has attended in Tracy.



Mayor Young asked for support to get our census tracking updated and current because right now to show we do not have any disadvantaged communities is bad for our community because we are not taking advantage of the different opportunities to show we have a need in our community. Council Member Evans and Mayor Pro Tem Davis supported the request.

Mayor Young wished everyone a happy Easter. Mayor Young spoke about the importance of making contacts and connections and building relationships and reported on the National League of Cities trip to Washington D.C and her past and current experiences and grant benefits for the City because of relationships she has built with various other elected officials such as Congressman Harder, Senator Eggman, Senator Padilla, CEO of AAMA. Mayor Young shared other grant and project opportunities she has had the opportunity to seek for the City due to connections and relationships.

Mayor Young thanked those who contributed to making sure she attends the AAMA and anticipates there will be a lot more positive things that will come from that which will help our community. Mayor Young read out the theme for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 10:29 p.m.

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

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on March 30, 2023. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the office of the City Clerk.

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ATTEST:

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City Clerk