

Thursday, August 15, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Vice Chair Bedolla attended remotely from the location noted on the agenda.

ROLL CALL- Deputy City Clerk. Roll call found Chairperson Davis and Vice Chair Bedolla present in City Hall, Council Chambers.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Adoption of June 20,2024 Special Meeting Minutes – Minutes were adopted

2. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Member of the public wanted to bring to the committees attention the Proposition 1 funding to expand behavioral health and substance abuse care for people who are homeless, benefits of applying for this grant and how partnerships between TCCC and The Salvation Army with Behavioral Health would be beneficial. Member of the public also urges the City on building low income and affordable housing so that unhoused clients have the opportunity to transition into permanent housing options.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3.A The Tracy Homeless Advisory Committee receive and accept the San Joaquin County Continuum of Care 2024 Homelessness Point-In-Time Count Report of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless.

Virginia Carney, Homeless Services Manager provided the staff report and responded to questions.

No public comment.

Committee comments followed.

ACTION: No motion was made by Committee per City Attorney guidance Staff Report is only an informational item.

- 3.B The Tracy Homelessness Advisory Committee receive an informational report regarding expenditures paid from November 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024 by the City to The Salvation Army for its operations of the City's interim shelter facilities.

Virginia Carney, Homeless Services Manager provided the staff report and responded to questions.

Committee questions and comments followed.

Member of the public asked if the budget is below or above expected costs.

Virginia Carney, Homeless Services Manager responded to question.

Committee questions followed.

Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager, responded to questions.

Committee questions followed.

Captain Juan Oregel from The Salvation Army responded by explaining the budget and how the original budget was developed. The Salvation Army is trying to provide the best services they can at a low cost, but cannot guarantee budget will remain low due to rising costs.

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- 3.C The Tracy Homeless Advisory Committee receive and discuss 1) an informational report regarding the decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court in City of Grants Pass, Oregon V. Johnson et al (200 U. S. 321) and its potential impacts on City homelessness efforts and 2) a status update on the Temporary Emergency Housing Facility and associated City-Wide efforts.

Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager and Bijal M. Patel provided the staff report, presentation and responded to questions.

Ana Contreras, Community Preservation Manager, on behalf of Tracy Police Department (TPD) provided the TPD department overview and highlights portion of the presentation.

David Murphy, Assistant Director of Operations in Public Works, provided the Community Preservations Unit overview and highlights portion of the presentation.

Brian MacDonald, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided the Parks, Recreation and Community Services department overview and highlights portion of the presentation.

Virginia Carney, Homeless Services Manager, provided the Shelter Construction and Operations department overview and highlights portion of the presentation.

Committee questions and comments followed.

Member of the public thanked all the various departments for such an informative staff report and presentation. Member also indicated how proud she is of the City of Tracy for not only focusing on clearing out El Pescadero Park but opening a shelter to provide those unhoused with services. She also hopes that SCOTUS will not influence our City in closing the shelter based on this ruling and that the City will continue to show compassion to the unhoused.

Conral Levoit, asked the committee to revisit the strategic plan especially the part that says, "ending homelessness" and hopes to see the number of unhoused go down in the City of Tracy. He also hopes to see more movement from the clients who are at the shelter receiving services and not just staying at the shelter. He also indicated that services should be provided to Tracy residents first versus others coming from different counties to take advantage of the services provided in Tracy.

Angel, client of the shelter, thanked The Salvation Army and the committee for the services being provided for the unhoused in Tracy. He also indicated that there is no timeline to end homelessness as everyone's journey is different. He also thanked Public Works for the work they are doing to make the streets safer as he walks his daughter to school every day. He also asked for the committee to consider providing more bus times as the Arbor shuttle is limited on bus times and more lighting and pavement to Arbor Road as it gets very dark at night.

Corey Christian, client of the shelter, spoke about his time when he was unhoused and how TPD would come and check on him and make sure he was okay and not to ask him to move. He also indicated that his quality of life has changed since entering the shelter and that being able to help in the Kitchen and participate in the activities that The Salvation Army has at the shelter has helped him feel like he has a purpose and giving back to the community who has given him a new life.

Captain Juan Oregel spoke about the misconception the public has that everyone wants to come to the Tracy Shelter. Each client case is treated differently, and clients are provided with the services that best meet their needs. He provided an example of a referral received for the shelter and the client was transported to Stockton to participate in the drug rehabilitation program offered there. He also indicated that if a client is transported to another facility and/or city his team still checks on the client and if the client wants or needs to come back, they will pick that client up to avoid them being unhoused in a different city. He continued to say that some clients make take longer than others to get back on their feet, but The Salvation Army is there to provide them with the support.

Shelter client spoke about his journey from being unhoused to now staying at the shelter. He participated in the clean-up today with the other clients from the shelter and is considering going into a treatment program through the Salvation Army so he doesn't fall in to his old ways and that helping keep his City clean means a lot to him and will continue doing it.

Committee questions and comments followed.

Arturo M. Sanchez, Assistant City Manager responded to the committee questions.

Virginia Carney, Homeless Services Manager provided additional information to committee questions.

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4. STAFF ITEMS – None
5. COMMITTEE ITEMS –
6. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:31 p.m.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairperson Davis and seconded by Vice Chair Bedolla to adjourn. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

The supplemental agenda was posted at City Hall on August 12, 2024. The above are action minutes.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Administration Technician