

September 21, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza

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1. The Mayor Pro Tem Tucker called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call found Council Members Abercrombie, Maciel, Tolbert, and Mayor Pro Tem Tucker present; Mayor Ives absent.
3. Items from the Audience - None.
4. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE PROJECT STATUS OF THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) IMPLEMENTATION AND RELEASE OF THE PUBLIC GIS WEBSITE - Andrew Kellogg, Division Chief, Fire Department, and project manager for the project, presented the staff report.

During 2008, the Council identified implementation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) as a critical infrastructure project for the City. The system is needed to comply with regulatory requirements related to sewer system evaluation and capacity analysis. The implementation of the GIS project will benefit citizens by providing reliable information about the City's assets and services and greatly benefit the business community by providing business critical information on the City's website. Developing a citywide GIS is a collaborative effort that includes all City departments and provides a common platform for the City to provide efficient and effective service to Tracy citizens. The GIS Team has been working to build the Citywide GIS project over the last two years.

The GIS website will provide public access to information and tools which will allow users to see a clearer picture of the City and allow questions to be answered that might otherwise generate calls to City staff. The public GIS website will also provide developers, brokers and businesses access to City assets and demographic information which will ultimately increase economic development activities in Tracy. The GIS website will consist of several web-based applications that provide powerful search tools to allow residents to find parks, parcels, City facilities and other points of interest. The GIS project team has completed the initial stages of development and has planned a demonstration of the GIS website to select external stakeholders such as developers, engineers, planners, real estate agents and the Tracy Press. Several demonstration meetings are planned in September. The plan is to receive comments from Council and external stakeholders, update the GIS website and open it to Tracy residents in early November.

Chief Kellogg introduced V. J. Kumar of CH2MHill, and Jason Bone, who provided a power point presentation regarding the GIS website and gave an update on the project.

Council Member Abercrombie asked how difficult it was to update the information. Mr. Kumar indicated it would require 1-2 man-hours per month.

Council Member Maciel asked if code enforcement information would be available to the public. Mr. Kumar stated it was up to staff to identify which information would be available to the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Tucker asked about the structure for updating the portal and inquired if there would be a central place where changes are made, or would staff be responsible for specific areas. Mr. Kumar responded at this point there are a few specific individuals able to update the information. However, as departments become more familiar with the system, they will assume the responsibility. Mr. Johnston added a part-time GIS position has been added to the budget beginning January 1, 2011. The position is not funded from the General Fund

Mayor Pro Tem Tucker asked Mr. Johnston to give Council an update regarding the fiscal impact. Mr. Johnston indicated it was a three-year capital funded project. Mr. Johnston indicated there would not be any investment to make productivity much higher.

Council Member Abercrombie asked when a new development is completed, would the van go around and update GIS within the new development. Mr. Kumar indicated yes, and suggested that the information be updated every 2-3 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Tucker asked if the aerial view was from Google Earth. Mr. Boone stated it was purchased by the City in 2008. Mr. Kumar indicated it was purchased from a company that does aerials for the City.

5. It was moved by Council Member Abercrombie and seconded by Council Member Maciel to adjourn. Voice vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered. Time: 6:39 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on September 16, 2010. The above are summary minutes. A recording is available at the office of the City Clerk.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk