

December 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza

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Mayor Rickman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Rickman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Kal Waetzig, Saint Paul's Lutheran Church offered the invocation.

Roll call found Council Members Dement, Ransom, Young, Mayor Pro Tem Vargas and Mayor Rickman present.

Randall Bradley, City Manager presented Employee of the Month award for December 2018 to Lilia Perez, Police Department

1. CONSENT CALENDAR – Following the removal of item 1.D by Jacy Krogh, motion was made by Council Member Ransom and seconded by Council Member Young to adopt the Consent Calendar. Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.
 - A. Approval of November 20, 2018, Closed Session and Regular Meeting Minutes – Minutes were approved.
 - B. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 1264, an Ordinance of the City of Tracy, California, Repealing and Replacing Chapter 2.28 of Title 2, Entitled “Tracy Municipal Airport and New Jerusalem Airport” to the Tracy Municipal Code – Ordinance 1264 was adopted
 - C. Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Hold a Public Hearing on January 15, 2019, Regarding Discontinuance of Park Use of Minor Portion of the Ritter Family Ballpark (Formerly Tracy Ball Park) in Exchange for the Non-Exclusive Use of 51 Parking Spaces at the American Legion, James McDermott Post No. 172, 1960 North Tracy Boulevard, Tracy, California, By Users of the Ritter Family Ball Park – Resolution 2018-244 approved the Resolution of Intent.
 - D. Approve Leave of Absence for Tracy Planning Commissioner Ed Gable

Jacy Krogh pulled the item stating Mr. Gable has missed three meetings since joining the Planning Commission in 2018. Mr. Krogh added if the request for a leave of absence during December is approved, it would allow people to not fully commit themselves. Mr. Krogh urged City Council to discuss the item.

City Council questions and comments followed.

Randall Bradley, City Manager stated staff would meet with Commissioner Gable to explain Council's concerns regarding absences and reiterate their expectations of the City's commissioners.

ACTION: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Vargas and seconded by Council Member Young to adopt **Resolution 2018-245** approving a leave of absence for Tracy Planning Commissioner Ed Gable. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

2. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Tiffany Heben spoke about the homeless issue in Lincoln Park and thanked staff for moving people out of the park and cleaning up the area. Ms. Heben stated the cleanup is a short-term fix, and the City still has a homeless population and needs a long term plan to address the needs of the homeless. Ms. Heben encouraged City Council to do something to address the homeless issue. Ms. Heben submitted correspondence to the Clerk for distribution to City Council.

Martin Evans spoke about residential and commercial boundaries near Sutter Hospital back in the 1970's. Mr. Evans would like the maps put back and the convalescent hospital close to the hospital.

Robert Tanner asked about the City code that Mayor Rickman had asked the City Attorney about at the last Council meeting, as people had a misconception on the 9th Circuit Court. Mr. Tanner asked if that code is moving people from one park to another.

Joe Misetich spoke about the homeless issue in Lincoln Park. Mr. Misetich stated there was a bonfire in the restroom and human waste everywhere, and the picnic area is dirty. There are three schools and a library around the area and children are witnessing what is going on in the park. Mr. Misetich added something needs to be done about the homeless issue.

Ron expressed his concerns about speeding issues on West 12th Street. Ron provided a history of his previous attempts to address speeding issues with City Council including submitting a petition to City Council. Ron would like Council to take action to address speed control.

3. STAFF ITEMS – There were no staff items.

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5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Abdul Wahid stated he was alarmed that 60% of funds contributed to the City's candidates during the election came from outside of the City. Mr. Wahid added he would like to know where the interest of the members are if the funds come from outside of the City.

Marla Patzer stated she was thankful for the cleanup at the Lincoln Park on Sunday and expressed her concerns regarding the homeless issue. Ms. Patzer shared her experiences with homeless people at Lincoln Park and the effects on walkers and children.

Hailey Burton spoke about the Animal Shelter and stated she adopted a pit bull named Bella from the shelter that had been given six hours to be adopted. Ms. Burton stated the people who spoke at the previous meeting are being denied adoption to animals because they spoke out against the shelter. Ms. Burton added there is not enough time given in order to find the animals a home before they are euthanized.

4. COUNCIL ITEMS – Mayor Pro Tem Vargas announced Valley Link will be presenting an update on the progress of the commuter train, at the request of San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG). Part of the presentation is also to request SJCOG to add the project to the One Voice lobbying trip to get financing for the portion that is the obligation of the San Joaquin County. The project has over \$600 million being awarded. BART decided to give those dollars to the project and not connect or extend to Livermore. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas requested the public attend the presentation to show support of the community so the board understands how vital the train connectivity is for housing, jobs creation, connecting children to higher education in bay area, and relieving traffic. The presentation will be held at 555 E. Webster Ave, Stockton at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Mayor Pro Tem Vargas asked the Council to look into the One Voice trip and add this project to their schedule since COG is being asked to add it to their schedule.

Council Member Ransom reported the annual Christmas tree lighting event was a great way to kick off the holiday season. Council Member Ransom announced the following events on Saturday, December 8: Ornament Stroll downtown, Kimball High School's award winning theatre group presenting the Lion King show, Boys to Men Conference for young men ages 10-18 at Kimball High School sponsored by Sow A Seed.

Council Member Young asked for confirmation that the Animal Shelter item will be on the December 18, 2018, agenda. There has been a lot of input from the community. A lot of animals could be killed if we wait until the January 15, 2019, Council meeting. Council Member Ransom supported the request because the expectation from the public was for the item to be on the December 18, 2018 agenda.

Randall Bradley, City Manager responded the item was moved to January 2019 due to seating of the new City Council, and confirmed the item will be placed back on the December 18, 2018, agenda.

Council Member Dement thanked Tracy Animal Shelter staff for assisting her in trying to find her lost cat Oliver. Oliver was last seen in the Tennis Village area on November 14 and is an orange ginger cat weighing approximate 22-23 pounds.

Mayor Rickman announced the following: Ornament Stroll on Saturday, December 8, Christmas Parade on December 1 had a crowd of over 4,000 people, and Wreaths Across America at the Tracy Public Cemetery on Saturday December 15, 2018, at 10:00 am. Mayor Rickman added his family sponsors a wreath and the wreaths are placed on headstones of those who have served as a way of paying respect to those who have made a sacrifice.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 7:52 p.m.

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

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on November 29, 2018. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the office of the City Clerk.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk