

0. A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Bublak called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Bublak announced the Council meeting is being streamed on the City’s website, YouTube, and Spectrum Channel 2 and advised members of the public may participate in the meeting via the Zoom system.

Mayor Bublak also announced that members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Council during public participation and noted the City Clerk will provide additional details once we near the public participation section of the meeting.

C. ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PRESENT: Councilmembers Nicole Larson, Andrew Nosrati, Pam Franco, Rebecka Monez, and Mayor Amy Bublak.

ABSENT: None

D. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS: None

*City Clerk Jennifer Land announced that members of the public will be given the opportunity to address Council concerning any item that has been described in the notice for this meeting. For those who are interested in addressing the Council, please press the “raise hand” feature on your screen or press *9 from your telephone keypad once the Mayor opens public comment and before she closes public comment.*

Members of the public will be allotted three (3) minutes for comments and will be taken in the order of which requests are received. When it is a member’s turn to speak, they will hear an automated prompt indicating their line has been unmuted – and that is when the three (3) minutes will begin.

Lastly, we request members who choose to address the Council to please state their first and last name in the event any follow up is needed; however, this is not mandatory.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The following members of the public spoke:

- Becky Arellano
- Alyssa O’Neill
- Member of the public
- Micah Littlepage
- Darelyn Silveira
- Lisette Sims
- Mike Melendez
- Michelle Park

Milt Trieweiler
 Donna Endsley
 Member of the public
 Catherine Doo read a statement on behalf of Mary Jackson
 WCAMStudios
 DJ Fransen
 Bill DeHart
 Robert Puffer

Councilmember Nosrati expressed concerns with the Closed Session matters, raised objections to holding Closed Session discussions without legal representation specializing in human resource law, noted concerns with the new Councilmembers having not completed ethics and Brown Act training, and introduced a motion to table the Closed Session items until the new Councilmembers have received necessary certifications and with the presence of legal counsel specializing in human resource law. Councilmember Larson seconded the motion.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Nosrati, seconded by Councilmember Larson, Tabling the Closed Session Items until certification is completed by the newly elected officials on ethics and Brown Act violations and with the assurance of the presence of legal counsel specializing in HR law for all future Closed Session on these matters. Motion failed 2/3 by the following vote:

Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	No	No	No

2. CLOSED SESSION:

City Clerk Jennifer Land introduced the Closed Session Items.

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Cal. Gov't Code §54957(b)(1)

3. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Clerk Jennifer Land reported during Closed Session the City Council took action to place the City Manager on investigatory leave in accordance with his employment agreement.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

4. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Possible action regarding Agreement for City Attorney Services

Mayor Bublak read a letter of resignation received from the City Attorney firm of Churchwell White LLP, effective February 28, 2021.

Mayor Bublak opened public participation. No one spoke. Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

Council discussed this item including concerns with the process and expressed thanks to Churchwell White LLP and City Attorney Douglas L. White for their/his service to the City of Turlock.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Monez, seconded by Councilmember Franco, Accepting the letter of resignation by the City Attorney firm of Churchwell White LLP. Motion carried 3/2 by the following vote:

Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Franco	Councilmember Monez	Mayor Bublak
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bublak adjourned the special meeting at 1:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Jennifer Land
City Clerk