

1. **A. CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Bublak called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Andrew Nosrati, Nicole Larson, and Mayor Amy Bublak
ABSENT: Councilmember Gil Esquer
- B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:** None
4. **WORKSHOP AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
Community and business engagement on strategies to address vagrancy and homelessness issues in Turlock.
 - a) Opening Remarks by Mayor and City Manager
 - b) Workgroup Breakouts
 1. Bathroom and Businesses Workgroup
 2. Prevention / Jobs Workgroup
 3. Community Engagement Workgroup
 4. Housing Workgroup
 - c) Reassemble to receive and discuss Workgroup recommendations
 - d) Recommend items for City staff review
 - e) Schedule date for follow-up Meeting to receive and discuss staff advice

Mayor Bublak provided an overview of the workshop and breakout sessions including the four topics/workgroups that have been identified for discussion.

City Manager Robert C. Lawton spoke regarding the purpose of the workgroups to discuss and brainstorm ideas to mitigate homelessness and vagrancy in the City.

Stanislaus County Supervisor Vito Chiesa introduced Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jody Hayes who spoke regarding the broader issues of homelessness in Stanislaus County, programs and initiatives, various funding streams, goal of having one governance structure within the county, shelter crisis declaration, one-time funding (\$7.2 million) from the state allotted to Stanislaus County to support issues of homelessness within the community, cities to identify what services and partnerships are needed, and the Board of Supervisors having recently approved additional funding (\$25,000) for Turlock to support expansion efforts.

Mayor Bublak opened public participation.

The following members of the public spoke:

Julie Fox
Molly Amant

Executive Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development and Housing Maryn Pitt spoke regarding the funding (\$25,000) received from the county being used to help the Gospel Mission open the day center as an overnight warming center during the winter months.

Liz Padilla

Executive Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development and Housing Maryn Pitt presented information regarding the shelter crisis declaration, facts about homelessness, programs and support services, various funding streams, potential uses of allotted funding for Turlock, and rehabilitation and/or affordable housing projects in Turlock.

Council and staff discussed this information including competitive and non-competitive grant funding and the purpose of the breakout groups to define new strategies for the funding.

DJ Fransen

Mayor Bublak provided information regarding the structure of the breakout sessions and requested citizens be assigned as the spokesperson to come back after the recess and present the top three ideas from each group.

Mayor Bublak recessed the City Council meeting at 3:22 p.m. to convene the breakout sessions.

Mayor Bublak reconvened the City Council meeting at 4:09 p.m.

The following strategies and ideas were presented by each workgroup:

Prevention / Jobs Workgroup

Preventative Services
Work Program
Utilized Apprenticeship Program
Resource Center Single-entry Services

Bathroom and Business Workgroup

Bathrooms (Portland Loo)
Washer and Dryer Stations
Shower Shuttle
Pamphlets for Businesses
Downtown Streets Team

Community Engagement Workgroup

Homeless Access Center/Database
Public Education – Not Enabling Pan Handling
Better Coordination between Providers

Housing Workgroup

Immediate Housing Needs:
Empty Warehouses/Lots within the City of Turlock
Salvation Army Facilities
Large Tent
Emergency Shelters
Transitional Housing

Permanent Support of Housing
Housing Programs

Long Term Solutions:

Tiny Houses or Trailers on Lots

Old/Vacant Hotels or Office Buildings Converted to Studio Apartments or Family Shelter

Housing First Model

Rent Control

Mayor Bublak thanked each group, spoke about there being no immediate resolution, her hope that Council will support staff to begin evaluating some of these options, and identifying a future meeting date to bring some of these matters forward.

Council and staff discussed the necessity of considering the shelter crisis declaration at today's meeting to allow access to state funding.

Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

5. SCHEDULED MATTERS

- A. Executive Assistant to the City Manager for Economic Development and Housing Maryn Pitt presented the request to declare a shelter crisis pursuant to Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Section 8698.2

Council and staff discussed this item.

Mayor Bublak opened public participation.

The following members of the public spoke:

Molly Amant

Christian Curby

DJ Fransen

Dr. Ann Strohm

Member of the public

Interim City Attorney Jose M. Sanchez and Police Chief Ninus C. Amirfar provided a summary of the recent Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Boise decision.

Member of the public

Member of the public

Pam Franco

Dan Tallman

Kathy Doo

Mayor Bublak closed public participation.

Council and staff further discussed this item.

Action: **Resolution No. 2018-335**: Declaring a shelter crisis pursuant to Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Section 8698.2 as introduced by Councilmember Nosrati, seconded by Councilmember Larson, and carried 3/0 by the following vote:

Councilmember Nosrati	Councilmember Larson	Councilmember Esquer	Mayor Bublak
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Nosrati, seconded by Councilmember Larson, to adjourn the special meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Jennifer Land
City Clerk