

April 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

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Mayor Arriola called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

There were no actions taken pursuant to AB 2449.

Roll Call and Declaration of Conflicts – Council Members Bedolla, Evans, Nygard, Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and Mayor Arriola present. City Council had no declarations of conflict.

Mayor Arriola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Priest Atul Batra, Sant Nirankari Mission offered the invocation.

Mayor Arriola presents Dr. Nancy Young with National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR – Andrew Shen, Interim City Attorney stated for the record that there was a corrected version of the Resolution for Item 1.B placed on the dais due to the deleting of some extraneous wording. Council Member Nygard pulled Item 1.C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and seconded by Council Member Evans to adopt the Consent Calendar with Resolution for 1.B as amended and minus Item 1.C. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.
 - 1.A. Adoption of April 1, 2025, Closed Session and Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Minutes were adopted.
 - 1.B. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the purchase of one Mini Mac Model 400 Thermoplastic Ride-on Detail Stripper from Mark Rite Lines Equipment Company, Inc., a subsidiary of Federal Signal Corporation, in the amount of \$124,534 for the application of thermoplastic markings for intersection work, symbols, legends, bike lane and short line striping. – Resolution 2025-073
 - 1.D. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution (1) approving a Master Terms and Conditions Agreement with Via Mobility, LLC, to provide a mobility on-demand software solution for the TRACER bus system for a total not to exceed amount of \$175,184, for an initial term of five-years, and an administrative option for the City Manager to extend the term for one additional year, and (2) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to sign any ancillary support agreements. – Resolution 2025-074
 - 1.E. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution approving a Purchase Agreement for information technology goods, commodities, and ancillary services with SHI International Corp., utilizing OMNIA Partners cooperative purchase for a not to exceed amount of \$500,000 per calendar year and the term ending on July 1, 2034. – Resolution 2025-075
 - 1.F. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution approving Contract Amendment 1 with CDW Government LLC, utilizing the OMNIA Partners

cooperative purchase agreement for Information Technology Solutions and Services, increasing the spend authority to an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000 annually, for the original contract term expiring on April 30, 2028. – Resolution 2025-075

- 1.G. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the purchase of one 2025 Ford Utility Police Explorer Interceptor from Phil Long Ford of Denver in the amount of \$54,120 for the Police Department. – Resolution 2025-077
- 1.H. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution: (1) approving a General Services Agreement with R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc., for the removal and replacement of poured-in-place playground surfacing at William Adams Park for a not-to-exceed amount of \$141,229, and (2) appropriating \$98,000 from the General Fund (Fund 101) and \$20,000 from the Tracy Consolidated Landscape District Zone 15 (Fund 271). – Resolution 2025-078
- 1.I. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution (1) approving the Offsite Improvement Agreement between the City and Prologis, L.P. for offsite improvements on Promontory Parkway, (2) authorizing the City Clerk to accept land dedications, and (3) authorizing the City Clerk to file the conveyance documents with the San Joaquin County Recorder. – Resolution 2025-079
- 1.C. Staff recommends that the City Council adopts a resolution 1) authorizing the purchase of six (6) 29-foot low floor buses for Tracer fixed route service for a total of \$4,620,546 from Gillig, LLC through the California Association for Coordinated Transportation/Morongo Basin Transit Authority Purchasing Cooperative Contract #23-01, pursuant to Tracy Municipal Code section 2.20.220; 2) approve a contingency amount of \$240,000 for change orders necessary resulting during production; and (3) authorizing the City Manager to take any or all actions that may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the purchase.

Ed Lovell, Transit Manager, provided the staff report.

Council questions and comments.

Ubbo Coty shared his professional experience in the inspection of buses specifically electric buses and shared some of the drawbacks for battery operated buses when it comes to the range and how the range can be diminished by running the AC or turning on the lights, the potential combustion issues, and how impactful the battery pack production is on the environment and urged Council to not take the path of electric buses.

Tim Silva expressed support for the bus purchase from Gillig, and shared information from Santa Clara where several electric buses malfunctioned, supports the low-emission buses and the exploration of the potential purchase of hybrid and or hydrogen buses, this item is needed since there is a need for reserve buses for when a bus is down.

Veronica Vargas requested clarification on the percentage of the grant funds being used for this purchase, see the need for the backup bused and expressed

that hybrid is better than the diesel that powered buses in the past, and whatever new technology is out there is helpful to the environment, requested the cost savings and the percentage that the taxpayers are paying, requested Council provide a future update regarding grants and show that the City is being a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

Community Member was expecting a comparative analysis between electric, low-emission and hybrid buses and asked if that analysis had been done, shared that electric buses are not the same as electric cars and the infrastructure is not there to support electric buses, what would the proposed range of electric buses and shared concerns regarding the expense of purchase, maintenance and potential fire hazard and requested that Council take into consideration all the information presented before making a decision.

Ed Lovell, Transit Manager responded to questions.

ACTION: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and seconded by Council Member Evans to adopt **Resolution 2025-080**; 1) authorizing the purchase of six (6) 29-foot low floor buses for Tracer fixed route service for a total of \$4,620,546 from Gillig, LLC through the California Association for Coordinated Transportation/Morongo Basin Transit Authority Purchasing Cooperative Contract #23-01, pursuant to Tracy Municipal Code section 2.20.220; 2) approve a contingency amount of \$240,000 for change orders necessary resulting during production; and (3) authorizing the City Manager to take any or all actions that may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the purchase. Roll call found Council Members Bedolla, Evans, Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and Mayor Arriola in favor; passed and so ordered. Council Member Nygard opposed.

2. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Robert Tanner shared that August 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. will be National Drug Take Back Day, when the Police Department is open, there are two separate containers, a SHARPS container for drug disposal, urged community to take advantage of these containers for safe disposal of old or unused medications.

Melissa Watkins expressed her frustration with the Police Department and requested an investigation.

Veronica Vargas requested an update and provided historical information regarding the updating of the basins and redesign the basins to give them a park feel, shared that standards were supposed to come back to Council and shared that the newest basin has no community access and that all basins built should be an asset.

Ubbo Coty congratulated and thanked the City for the improvements on Chrisman and Schulte, asked if there was a way that additional patrols can take place between Chrisman and Valpico due to constant speeding.

Anne Langley requested that Council work on the preservation of the original Town Hall that was built in 1900, is concerned that the building may be lost prior to the upgrades that it needs and is on the National Register of Historic Buildings and it is important to preserve the architectural heritage of the City and place these repairs high on the CIP list.

Community Member requested the City replace the four-way stop with traffic lights at the Corral Hollow and Valpico Rd intersection, requested that Tracer accepts commuter cards since at this time they only accept cash and at times credit cards.

Christina from Tracy Dog Girls Rescue shared an update on the work that Tracy Dog Girls Rescue is doing and requested assistance from Council and shared the dangers of untrained community members attempting to help stray dogs.

Denise from Tracy Dog Girls Rescue shared experience with attempting to return a chipped dog back to the owner through Animal Services, and would like owners who are not responsible with their pets be fined and held accountable for dumping their pets.

Midori Lichtwardt shared that the puppy that was referenced in the public comment was found by the Animal Services Team and is in the care of the Animal Shelter.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3.A. Staff recommends that the City Council takes the following actions: (1) by motion provide direction on the next phases, including detailed design, environmental review, and funding strategy refinement; and (2) adopt a Resolution: (A) approving implementation of an Aquatic Center Final Conceptual Plan, completed by Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc., and (B) authorizing Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc. (Consultant) and staff to proceed with Phase 2 of the Professional Services Agreement between the City and Consultant approved pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-160 for services related to Capital Improvement Project 78054, and (C) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to take all necessary actions to advance the project for further consideration in accordance with City policies and procedures.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Community Services, Richard Joaquin provided the staff report.

Consultants, Dawn Merkes and Andrea Gifford representing Group 4 Architecture and George Deines from Councilman-Hunsaker Aquatics for Life provided a presentation of the design options.

Council comments and questions.

Dr. Nancy Young shared historical information regarding the Aquatic Center regarding the approval by the previous Council of a scaled back from \$120-million dollars to \$65-million-dollar conceptual plan and urged Council to bring back the community into the discussion and requested that the same commitment that has been shown to Legacy Fields and the Multigenerational Center be applied to the Aquatic Center, a handout was provided to the Clerk.

Community Member shared from Ellis Community expected that the lazy river and toddler area would be included if Council goes with the proposed base plan, its just another pool, requested that Council approve the full \$98 million plan that includes all the amenities that the community requested.

Mary Mitracos encouraged council to move forward as fast a possible and likes that this amenity will be phased in and that Council should stay within the \$65 million dollar budget, there are other needs in the City and requested that Council be as prudent as possible.

Multiple Community Members from the Ellis Community expressed support for the Aquatic Center and urged Council to approve and move forward with the project, the community in the South part of Tracy does not have nearby amenities, recommendations for an indoor pool for year-round revenue, lazy river and seating areas, this item is long overdue and hopes that it will be open by 2028, and Tracy is lagging in comparison to nearby cities and urged Council to look into exploring the idea of private investors.

Pat Howell complimented the consultants on the conceptual design and shared that this facility is for Community Members of all ages and hopes that Council goes with the \$65 million dollar option.

Multiple Community Members from the Ellis Community echoed the sentiments of their neighbors and added that the roads leading in and out of the Aquatic Center be expanded along with better traffic and sound controls for the potentially impacted homes that may be in the immediate vicinity to the Aquatic Center.

Sandy Taylor shared historical information, and provided a handout to Council and Clerk that showed side by side comparisons of a community plan and the City plan and the comparison is owed to the taxpayers.

Tim Silva shared his frustration that the taxpayers will be paying for this project rather than going with the Aquatic Center that was proposed over 20-years ago, expressed frustration that the Surland was let off the hook on this project, suggested that the Council go with the base design and if the Ellis Community wanted more, they should provide the funds.

Dan Randall thanked Council for moving forward with plans and is happy that this is being addressed, Council should attempt to merge the Community asks with the conceptual design.

Burnell Shawl shared that the previous speaker does not live in Tracy and expressed disagreement with the former, asked why the funds that are there now should be used, most of those on a fixed income or lack of transportation may not be able to participate and roads still need to be fixed, adding to this project will take away from other projects and urged Council to think about what they are doing.

Chris Fairfield was a part of the Tracy Tridents and shared that there is significant demand in the community for lap pools and the activities such as water aerobics for the elderly and if priced to high, it may impact teams and those on fixed incomes.

Alice English expressed disappointment that the lazy river and toddler area is not in the \$65-million-dollar option, this commitment was made to the community over 15-years ago, supports the \$65-million-dollar option because that is what

the City can afford, this is an amenity for the whole City and urged Council to be good stewards of taxpayer money.

Tracy Hills Community Member suggested that Council go with the base plan and consider the indoor plan due to the winds in the Tracy Hills area and consider amending the plan to make that accommodation.

Todd Lieberg encourages Council to move forward with the City funded and designed Aquatic Center, urged Council to look at Legacy Fields and the Multigenerational Center and asked that Council trust staff to lead this project, former partnerships caused delays, lawsuits and refused to turn over designs they have, asked Council to be fiscally conservative and this project should not impact other Council priorities.

Tracy Hills Community Member expressed support for the City to explore private partnerships, widen the roads and improve traffic management and fire issues that affect Tracy Hills.

Michel Bazinet shared that the new design had very little community engagement and no stakeholder consultation and there were no input from the community aquatic experts in the community, the new design plan will require the City to subsidize a large portion of the operating costs, the original design projected a significantly lower City contribution of operating costs, this could potentially be a huge burden on the City and urged Council to defer its decision.

Marsha McCray was a member of the original group that requested an aquatic center and is urging the Council to vote no on Item 3.A, the City is doing a disservice to the Community, but they refuse to use those plan that would serve the community well, the City Council and the public should have the opportunity to compare both designs along with the financial feasibility of both plans

Community Member expressed concerns regarding common items presented different price points, requested that a community room be included in the plan since this could be a potential revenue generator, supports the widening of the roadways and expressed concerns of the potential safety issues if roads are not widened

Council Comments and questions continued.

ACTION: Motion was made by Mayor Arriola and seconded by Council Member Bedolla to adopt a Resolution that (A) approve the implementation of an Aquatic Center Final Conceptual Plan, completed by Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc., and (B) authorizing Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc. (Consultant) and staff to proceed with Phase 2 of the Professional Services Agreement between the City and Consultant approved pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-160 for services related to Capital Improvement Project 78054, and (C) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to take all necessary actions to advance the project for further consideration in accordance with City policies and procedures and amend to reflect the option of an indoor full build out aquatic center with potential alternative indoor options. Roll call found Council Members Bedolla, Evans, Nygard, Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and Mayor Arriola in favor; passed and so ordered.

3.B. Staff recommends that the City Council receive an update on the Measure V revenue projections, current spending plan and provide direction to staff regarding priorities.

Sara Castro, Director of Finance, provided the staff report.

Council comments and questions.

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and seconded by Council Member Evans to accept the Measure V revenue projections, current spending plan. Roll call found Council Members Bedolla, Evans, Nygard, Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and Mayor Arriola in favor; passed and so ordered.

3.C. Staff recommends that the City Council discuss, consider actions to accept a donation from Integral Communities for a Public Art Sculpture and installation in the public right-of-way on the roundabout at Corral Hollow Road and Sierra View Drive Intersection, and provide direction.

Karin Schnaider, Assistant City Manager provided the staff report.

Council comments and questions.

John Palmer, Project Manager from Tracy Hills shared that he and Mike Souza would be available to answer Council questions and thanked staff and Arts Commission for their work and asked Council for support and that the existing policy be looked into by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Mary Mitracos requested that Council revisit the donation policy down the road and this donation should be accepted and requested that Council make an exception and that this is a donation made by the developer, it should have the Tracy Hills name on it since it is a marker.

Council comments and questions.

Mr. Palmer answered Council questions regarding the donated

ACTION: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and seconded by Council Member Evans accept the donation with a one-time exception to the policy and direct staff to work on donation policy language. Roll call found Council Members Bedolla, Evans, Nygard, Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie and Mayor Arriola in favor; passed and so ordered.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Alice English thanked staff and Council for the work that's being done, shared that Corral Hollow and the commitment to those improvements need to be transparent and it needs to be moved up in the priorities and if the Aquatic Center comes in, the disruption on Corral Hollow is going to be a huge impact on those that reside South of Tracy.

5. STAFF ITEMS – Midori Lichtwardt, City Manager shared that there will be a free document shredding event for Tracy Residents on April 19, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This event will be held at the north parking lot of Tracy City Hall.
<https://www.cityoftracy.org/our-city/departments/public-works/recycling-solid-waste>
4. COUNCIL ITEMS – COUNCIL ITEMS – Council Member Nygard thanked the developer for bringing this piece of art, shared her attendance at various community events and the Council Retreat on April 6, 2025, thanked fellow Council Members, City Managers, facilitator and staff for an informative and productive session.

Mayor Arriola expressed condolences on the April 10, 2025, passing of former Council Member Willard Souza, the father of former Council Member Mary Mitracos.

Mayor Arriola wished the community a Happy Easter, Happy Earth Day, Happy Cinco de Mayo, and a Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 11:16 p.m.

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

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on April 10, 2025. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the office of the City Clerk

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk