

TRACY HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

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CALL TO ORDER-Chairperson Bedolla called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL- City Clerk. Roll call found Chairperson Bedolla and Vice Chair Abercrombie present in City Hall, Council Chambers

Chairperson Bedolla addressed the public and made an announcement recognizing the hard work from City staff along with the service providers and the community and his commitment to continue the conversation and to find the appropriate solutions together.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR- Motion was made by Vice Chair Abercrombie and seconded by Chairperson Bedolla to adopt the Consent Calendar. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

- 1.A. Adoption of February 20, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes- **Minutes were adopted**

2. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE - Jerry, member of the public shared that he and other volunteers are providing meals to those participating in Tracy Community Connection Center (TCCC) laundry services program while they wait for their loads to be completed. He is asking for the community to reach out, connect and donate so they can continue to provide meal services.

Paul Healey asked the committee if they were aware of how the City of San Jose is addressing their homeless community and how churches are adding tiny homes to their property to provide housing support to the unhoused. He also highlighted the innovated ways that the City of San Jose is looking at the problem and looking for solutions.

Tom Heckman with Innovated Dwelling Solutions wanted to follow-up with what was said by the previous speaker and expressed that he is well versed in the programs and models that they are doing in San Jose and SB 4 and would like to have a discussion with someone in the City and potentially facilitate that process.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

- 3.A The Tracy Homelessness Advisory Committee receive an informational update on efforts pertaining to the City of Tracy's Strategic Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness and a project update on the Temporary Emergency Housing Facility, CIP 71112.

Virginia Carney, Homeless Services Manager provided the staff report and responded to questions.

Victor Lopez, project Manager with Roebbelen provided the project update and responded to questions.

Committee questions.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Rec and Community Services responded to questions.

Yara Grimaldo, client at the Tracy Shelter shared her story of substance abuse and the challenges she suffered during that time. She was referred to the shelter by Gavin with TCCC in November and suffered a health scare in January. She expressed if not for the support from the shelter she may have not survived living unhoused. She is now an active participant in the programs provided at the shelter like Keeping It Clean and thanked The Salvation Army staff, TCCC, City staff and City Council for continuing to provide her with support.

Torey Davis, client at the Tracy Shelter expressed his gratitude for the shelter and staff and how fortunate he is to have a place where he can focus his time to achieving his goals. Thanked committee, City staff and the residents of Tracy for this opportunity and encouraged those needing help to take advantage of the program.

Community member expressed his gratitude to the City of Tracy, The Salvation Army and Familiar Faces.

Grace Gutierrez, client at the Tracy Shelter, shared that she was uneasy when she arrived at the shelter because she wasn't sure what to expect. She expressed that The Salvation Army provided her with the support she needed and she now volunteers through the Keeping It Clean program, at Tracy Interfaith and was kettle ringer during the holidays. She is also thankful for staff connecting her with a sober living facility where she can get help and reunify with her son who is in foster care. She expressed that The Salvation Army has become her family and appreciates all that they have done for her.

Paul Healey shared that he is the success story of the shelter. He is no longer at the shelter and was able to obtain permanent housing through the help of his case manager at the shelter. He expressed the shelter provides amazing support and stability so you can focus on getting your life together. He thanked

the City of Tracy and Tracy PD who put together familiar faces and both Hector and Ayesha were pivotal in getting him off the street and into the shelter. He expressed he tells people to go to the shelter because you cannot move your life forward living in the streets and that you need a stable environment to move forward.

Committee comments followed.

ACTION: No Motion was made, informative update.

- 3.B The Tracy Homelessness Advisory Committee recommend that City Council adopt a resolution: 1) Authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from San Joaquin County Homelessness Housing Assistance and Prevention Round 4 allocation in the amount of \$436,246 to partially fund operations costs of the Tracy Interim Shelter Site (Temporary Emergency Housing Facility, CIP 71112); and 2) Appropriating \$436,246 of the total grant funds to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, Homeless Services Division.

Virginia Carney, Homeless Services Manager provided the staff report and responded to questions.

Committee comments and questions followed.

No public comment.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Abercrombie and seconded by Chairperson Bedolla to recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from San Joaquin County Homelessness Housing Assistance and Prevention Round 4 allocation in the amount of \$436,246 to partially fund operations costs of the Tracy Interim Shelter Site (Temporary Emergency Housing Facility, CIP 71112); and 2) Appropriating \$436,246 of the total grant funds to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, Homeless Services Division.

4. STAFF ITEMS- Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Rec and Community Services shared that a website engagement survey will be going out and encourage the community to participate by completing the survey.
5. COMMITTEE ITEMS- Vice Chairperson Abercrombie asked if staff felt that there was still a need for monthly THAC meetings and if they should return to quarterly.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Rec and Community Services responded to committee questions.

Chairperson Bedolla expressed he would be following up on the things he heard today from the public and staff. He believes in this team and all that is being done to provide support to the unhoused community and that at this time meetings will continue to be monthly and encourages the community to stay involved and to seek assistance if needed through the community services offered.

6. ADJOURNMENT- Time 8:00 PM

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Abercrombie and seconded by Chairperson Bedolla to adjourn. Motion found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on April 14, 2025. The above are action minutes.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Administration Technician