

TRACY CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**August 19, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy, CA

1. Mayor Arriola called the Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. There were no actions taken pursuant to AB 2449.
3. Roll Call and Declaration of Conflicts – Council Members Bedolla, Evans, and Nygard; Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie; and Mayor Arriola were present. City Council had no declarations of conflict.
4. Items from the Audience – There were no Items from the Audience.
5. Discussion Items
  - 5.A Receive an informational presentation on the “Community Plans” for the development of an Aquatic Center in the City of Tracy.

Sandy Taylor, Roy Hawkins and Ann Langley, representatives with the Community Aquatic Taskforce Group presented the Community Plans.

Barry Long, Principal Designer Associate, and Steve Auterman, Consulting Principal, with Urban Design Associates; Michael Schommer and Steve Crocker with Water Technologies, Inc.; Amber Watson with Pro Fun; and Stuart Lumsden with Gleeds provided the presentation.

Todd Lieberg expressed concern because the item was not presented to the Parks and Community Services Commission and questioned the trustworthiness of Surland.

Lea Austin expressed support for the Community Plans that were presented and encouraged the City Council to bring this item back, conduct the necessary assessments, and move forward with the Community’s vision.

Robert Tanner asked whether the costs were current regarding the state of the economy and expressed disagreement with the proposal to provide free passes to the park.

Rosario Arulappan expressed opposition to the Community Plans, noting that Surland missed the opportunity to build in 2018, and urged the City Council to move forward with the plan that was previously adopted.

A Community Member urged the City Council to stay with their decision to continue to work with G4 and the conceptual plan previously presented.

A Community Member urged the City Council to stay with the plan that they had selected in April; asked why the City Council was revisiting this item; and asked who will be building this project.

Pat Howell indicated that the City Council had already made a decision to move forward and urged the City Council not to stall and move forward with the plans that were presented in April.

Alice English expressed frustration regarding Surland; reminded the City Council that, in April 2025, a decision was made regarding the Aquatic Park; and urged the City Council to do the right thing for the residents of Tracy.

Richard English asked why this process has taken so long; shared that other cities have been able to build water parks; and asked why was this the first time that the City Council had seen the new proposal.

A Community Member shared that this item was already approved by the City Council in April.

A Community Member expressed opposition to the Community Plans and expressed support for the plan that was previously adopted.

Sandy Taylor shared that she believes that Surland is willing to donate the plans shown and the land and affirm their commitment to their financial obligation.

Jacob expressed opposition to the Community Plans.

Marsha McCray expressed support for the Community Plans, nothing that this plan meets standards, and urged the City Council to bring this item back to adopt and build the Community Plans.

Bhaskar expressed opposition to the Community Plans and urged the City Council to continue with the G4 concept.

Prasanta expressed that Surland could have completed this project; indicated that Surland has not built school in Ellis; and urged the City Council to move forward with the plan presented by G4.

Michel Bazinet expressed support for the Community Plans; shared that the Surland plan was the original plan; and expressed that staff did not have all the information to make a decision.

City Council Members provided comments and asked questions.

**Action:** Motion was made by Mayor Arriola to ask staff to return to City Council with an agenda item to provide a comparison between the Community Plan seen today and the City's current conceptual design with Group 4 and I would ask that that include the current status of each design, including the concepts and the construction documents, an estimated timeline for each project, side-by-side comparison of the amenities, cost estimates and the assumptions that underlie them, estimated annual operating costs including the entrance fees that were discussed, staffing needs for operations, contingencies for maintenance, the sustainable design elements included in each plan, the financing options, and the analysis regarding private versus public operators, all while the Group 4 plans continue.

Council Member Bedolla requested a friendly amendment to Mayor Arriola's motion to also include an analysis regarding free passes for equity however that may be.

Mayor Arriola accepted Council Member Bedolla's friendly amendment.

Council Member Bedolla seconded the motion as amended.

Roll call found Council Members Bedolla and Nygard; Mayor Pro Tem Abercrombie; and Mayor Arriola in favor; Council Member Evans opposed; passed and so ordered.<sup>1</sup>

6. Council Items and Comments – There were no Council Items or Comments.
7. Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on August 14, 2025. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the office of the City Clerk.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> The City Council's action on Item 5.A was amended via a "motion to reconsider" during agenda Item 6 of the Regular City Council Meeting on August 19, 2025.