

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
MARCH 16, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Ronald Stearn, Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Williams, Councilmembers: Bill Canning, George Segarini and Jim Garaventa; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Engineer Gerard Fuccillo, Attorney Byron Smith, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Police Chief Mark Stinson and Acting Fire Chief Grant Miller. Absent: None.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember George Segarini, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of March 2, 2015;
2. Approval of invoices for previously budgeted expenses to be paid on March 17, 2015, in the amount of \$214,248.96; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$149,027.95 on February 20, 2015, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 10:20 a.m. on the 12th day of March, 2015, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Non-Agenda)**

**Elena Linehan** reviewed her history with the City as the Council-appointed Main Street Manager in 1986, and reported on successful programs including the establishment of the downtown Farmers Market and revival of downtown businesses achieved by herself and the dedicated committee she worked with. She appeared before the Council to warn it against making some terrible mistakes with Vision Sonora. Linehan stated that it is not a matter of change, but any change has to be an improvement. Linehan read numerous negative comments in regard to the Vision Sonora Plan that she has received when talking to business owners, building owners, those driving down Linoberg Street, and City staff.

**Jim Davis**, City resident, thinks the proposed changes to downtown Sonora are "not Sonora", and it seems that the City is

trying to make Sonora look like old town Sacramento. He stated it will not help merchants, but "kill them". He feels that the City is missing the big picture; streets cannot be closed, though he is not opposed to temporary street closures for events. He said to "leave the traffic alone and keep it moving; keep the pots and the flowers and the all the rest of the stuff, we don't need it".

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Inclusion of Theall Street in Pre-Approved Street Closure List.** The Council considered approving the inclusion of Theall Street, from Washington Street to Stewart Street, on the Special Event Permit Application City Council Pre-Approved Street Closures List. Community Development Director Kellogg presented the matter recommending approval. Kellogg noted that said item was continued from the last Council Meeting to be sure that the owner of the barber shop on that portion of Theall was aware of the proposed action; she noted that he had been contacted and invited to the Meeting. Councilmember Segarini reported that he had talked to the business owner, and he understands what is proposed and doesn't have a problem with temporary closure, but would prefer that during special events the parking spaces at his business entrance are kept open for his customers.

**MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams that Theall Street from Washington Street to Stewart Street be included on the Special Event Permit Application City Council Pre-Approved Street Closures List.**

The Mayor asked for public comment. Elena Linehan suggested that a street not be closed if there is a business or a household whose sole entrance is on that street, and suggested that the Council consider removing Linoberg Street from Washington Street to Stewart Street from the pre-approved list as it has a sole entrance business on that portion. She stated that although the current business owner on Theall Street is fine with closure during special events, that a future business owner may not feel the same way, and requested that Council not add Theall Street to the pre-approved list. Linehan said that the business of downtown is business, and to please take this into consideration when making any decisions.

There being no further comment, said **MOTION passed four to one as follows: Ayes: Williams, Canning, Segarini, Garaventa; No: Stearn.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) Budget.** The Council considered endorsement of TCEDA's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. Administrator Miller introduced the matter noting that if approved, the City's contribution of \$83,106, will be reflected in the City's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. Larry

Cope, TCEDA's Director, presented the proposed Budget reporting that the total expenses are anticipated at \$390,400 with anticipated revenues of \$390,400; \$258,894 to be supplied by the County of Tuolumne and \$83,106 supplied by the City of Sonora. The final \$48,400 will be supplied by miscellaneous revenues such as outside contracts, transfers from reserves, reimbursements and interest income. The FY16 Budget does not anticipate income from the Central Sierra Economic Development District. Cope noted that upon approval by the City and by the County of Tuolumne, TCEDA will approve its Budget at its annual Budget Hearing on May 8, 2015.

Mayor Stearn asked for public comment of which there was none. Councilmember Segarini congratulated Cope for working within its Budget, and stated his pleasure with the TCEDA. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that the Council approves said TCEDA's FY 2016 Budget as presented.**

**Resolution No. 03-16-2015-A Re: Joint Powers Agreement for the Central Sierra Economic Development District (CSEDD).** The Council considered approval of Resolution No. 03-16-2015-A which approves the Second Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between Alpine County, Calaveras County, Mariposa County and Tuolumne County and the Cities of Angels Camp and Sonora, for the Purpose of Creating an Economic Development District, and authorizes the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Sonora. Administrator Miller presented the Resolution recommending approval.

Mayor Stearn asked for public comment. There being none, **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 03-16-2015-A be approved and adopted as presented.**

**Appointment of Liaison to Highway 108 FireSafe Council.** Seeking confirmation by the Council, Mayor Stearn appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Williams to serve as an Agency Liaison for the Highway 108 FireSafe Council, and appointed Councilmember Garaventa as the Alternate Liaison. **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that said appointments be confirmed.** Mayor Pro-Tem Williams reported that the FireSafe Council is looking forward to the City coming on board. Williams also reported that the FireSafe Council is working with City Administration and the City Fire Department along with CalFire for a possible future fuels reduction project.

**Acceptance of 2014 General Plan 2020 Annual Report.** The Council considered accepting the 2014 General Plan 2020 Annual Report. Community Development Director Kellogg presented said Report providing background information and reviewing the content of the Annual Report which is governed by State Government Code requirements. The Report contains project related General Plan Goals and Implementation Programs, the Housing Element Progress Report, and the Housing Successor Agency Report which has been added as a requirement this year. Kellogg noted that the Report will be submitted to the State by the due date of April 1, 2015.

Mayor Stearn asked for public comments. There were none, and upon **MOTION of Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Garaventa, it was unanimously carried that the Council accepts the 2014 General Plan 2020 Annual Report as presented.**

**Matters Related to the New Administrative Services Director Position.** The Council considered the following:

- a. Adoption of the new Administrative Services Director Job Description;
- b. Retiring the existing Finance Director Job Description;
- c. Establishing the Sonora Management Employees' Association (SMEA) as the bargaining unit for represented employees in this new Classification; and
- d. Establishing Salary Range 3470 as the base salary for this new Classification (this Range is the same Salary Range assigned to Finance Director).

Administrator Miller presented the proposed changes noting that the position incorporates the duties of the previous Finance Director job description as well as adding responsibilities for human resources and information technology. With this change all personnel within the Finance and Administrative Departments will report to the Administrative Services Director. The proposed changes are supported by the City Personnel Committee.

Mayor Stearn asked for public comment. There was none, and upon **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, it was unanimously carried that the above-stated actions be approved as presented.**

**WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS - February 2015**

1. From Community Development Director Kellogg for the Planning/Building Department.
2. From Public Works Supervisor Bill Seldon for the Public Works Department.
3. From Police Chief Stinson for the Police Department.
4. From Grant Miller, Acting Fire Chief, for the Fire Department.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Information Only

None.

**COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Community Development Director Kellogg** reported that the Business Expo will be held on April 1, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the main location at the Sonora Opera Hall and secondary locations at Stage 3 Theater and the Sonora Area Foundation office. **Administrator Miller** reported on a fire that occurred at 4:00 a.m. last Saturday involving a structure at 351 Hospital Road. **Engineer Fuccillo** reported that the Mono Way Widening Project was complete with a small punch list of items to be corrected, and that the Notice of Completion will be presented at the next Council Meeting. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** noted that the next Vision Sonora Committee Meeting will be held on March 26, 2015, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers, and the public is invited to attend and participate. Williams also reported that she and Councilmember Garaventa

attended the League of Cities Central Valley Division Meeting at which there was discussion regarding Proposition 1 funding and requirements for Cities to expedite solar permits, and asked if the Police Chief would like a letter to be written in support of AB 266 regarding medical marijuana. **Administrator Miller** said that he has the League's Summary which he will be looking at tomorrow, and a letter could be presented at the next Council Meeting. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Board of Director's Meeting for the Economic Development Authority at which the services Agreement for Larry Cope was approved, and at the Meeting there was also a demonstration on the "NAO" teaching robot which has come forth through Innovation Lab. **Larry Cope** reported that there will be other demonstrations and explained about how the teaching robot will be utilized in the community. **Councilmember Segarini** also noted that he attended the YES Partnership Meeting and reported that on Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ICES is having its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Children's and Babies Fair at the Fairgrounds.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk

Date