

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
MARCH 21, 2016**

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 5:05 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, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Contract City Attorney Byron Smith, Police Chief Mark Stinson, and Fire Chief Aimee New. Absent: Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

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

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 8:30 a.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting scheduled for this date was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

No changes.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Fire Chief New introduced and swore in SAFER Grant Fire Engineer Austin Lunde who was welcomed by the Council.

**PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)**

Marilyn Schiller stated that Fire Engineer Lunde was very deserving of his new position.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, and unanimously carried that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Special, Closed and Regular Council Meetings of March 7, 2016;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on March 22, 2016, in the amount of \$251,679.66; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$151,455.00 on March 18, 2016, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution No. 03-21-2016-A Re: Mother Lode Parade and Round-Up.** The Council considered adopting Resolution No. 03-21-2016-A approving the temporary closure of State Route 49 and certain City Streets from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and temporarily restricting parking for the Annual Mother Lode Round-Up Parade on Saturday, May 7, and the Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, 2016. Jim Opie, Parade Chairman, appeared on behalf of the Tuolumne County Sheriff Posse to present said request. The request has been recommended for approval by Police Chief Stinson. In response to Mayor Pro-Tem Williams' concern that the No Parking signs be removed as soon as the Parade is concluded, Administrator Miller responded that the signs will be removed by Public Works. There were no public comments.

**MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said Resolution be approved and adopted as presented.**

**Resolution No. 03-21-2016-B Re: Sonora High School Road Closure.** The Council considered adopting Resolution No. 03-21-2016-B which authorizes the closure of School Street for the Sonora High School 2016 Presentation of the Every 15 Minute Mock Accident event which highlights the dangers of drinking and driving. Sonora High School Students Gabbie Stewart and Taylor Coleman reviewed the two-day event noting that the road closure would be from 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016. Stewart and Coleman are organizing the event as their Senior Project. Councilmember Segarini stated that said drunk driver awareness program is very effective. There was no public comment.

**MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said Resolution be approved and adopted as presented.**

**Special Event Permit for Grand Fondo Ride 2016.** The Council considered approving the Special Event Permit Application submitted by Sonora Regional Medical Center for the Sonora Gran Fondo Ride 2016 on May 1, 2016, commencing at 8:00 a.m. from the Medical Center at Guzzi Lane. Recommending approval and noting that the Medical Center will have activities throughout the day, Administrator Miller reviewed the ride route, and reported that City staff and the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments will provide patrol vehicles and

traffic control for temporary road closures. There was no public comment.

**MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, and unanimously carried that the temporary closure of Greenley Road on May 1, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. be approved as requested, subject to the required liability insurance and execution of an indemnification agreement.**

**2015 General Plan Annual Progress Report.** The Council considered accepting the 2015 General Plan Report. In the absence of Community Development Director Kellogg, Administrator Miller presented said Report, reviewing activities, Housing Element progress, and the Successor Agency Housing Report. There was no public comment.

**MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said Report be accepted and adopted as presented, and the same be submitted to the State of California as required.**

**Appointment of Member to the Vision Sonora Committee.** Mayor Stearn appointed Councilmember Segarini to replace Councilmember Canning on the Vision Sonora Committee. **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, that the Council confirms the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Segarini to the Vision Sonora Committee.**

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS - February 2016**

1. Community Development Department
2. Public Works Department
3. Police Department
4. Fire Department

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Fire Chief New** reported that the Fire Department is kicking off its Defensible Space Inspections, focusing on the Shaws Flat Road area, and the goal is to inspect each residence in the City every five years. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** noted that Tuolumne County is developing an agreement regarding transient occupancy tax for Air B&Bs, and suggested that the City consider doing the same. **Williams** suggested that the Council consider creating a noise ordinance; Administrator Miller said that it could be looked at as part of the zoning update. **Councilmember Garaventa** said that he attended the Celtic Faire over the weekend at the Fairgrounds, and that it was very good and well attended. He attended a Community Center Focus Group Meeting whose goal is to create a community center for the whole community.

**Councilmember Segarini** reported that on March 10, 2016, he attended the YES Partnership Meeting at which a presentation was given by Barry Hillman and Todd Stolp on *Health Lit Now* which provides information to high school students on job opportunities in health care. He reported that a dog has been purchased by the District Attorney's office to help children deal with child abuse. **Segarini** noted that the annual *Prescription Drug Take Back* event will be held on April 29-30, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Junction Shopping Center, and that *A Taste of Mentoring* dessert and antique fundraising event to benefit youth in our community will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2016, from 2-4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. **Segarini** noted that he attended the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority Meeting reporting that TCEDA had given Director Larry Cope high evaluation marks; and also that TCEDA is supporting AB1758 which will expand broadband to rural areas. He attended the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors Meeting, and agrees that the City should be part of an agreement in regard to Transient Occupancy Tax for Air B&B's. **Segarini** attended the Governmental Affairs Meeting of the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce where a presentation was given on the Pacific Ultra Power Plan on Biomass, and that said Plan is in jeopardy of being shut down as early as August 31, 2016, and he believes City support is important.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk      Date