

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
MAY 18, 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 Cassinetta, Engineer Gerard Fuccillo, Attorney Byron Smith, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Police Chief Mark Stinson and Fire Chief Aimee New. Absent: Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 9:30 a.m. on the 30th day of April, 2015, 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

None.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

Elena Linehan, downtown employee and owner of the historic Burnham home in Sonora, reviewed her history with the City as the Council-appointed Main Street Manager in 1986, and reported on successful programs she had administered including the establishment of the downtown Farmers Market and the successful revitalization of downtown Sonora. She expressed concern about parking in the Vision Sonora Plan, stating that "the impact of parking is all over the board". She has heard different numbers from numerous sources that the Plan will affect from minus 50 to 100 plus parking spaces downtown. She stated that she is attempting to find out the actual number of parking spaces, both lost and proposed. She requested that City Staff be directed to review and analyze parking in the proposal as it currently stands and asked that the Traffic Committee convene and review the situation to help all people understand the facts on the parking, so that everyone can talk about real numbers and not be angry at each other.

Charlotte Hague from the Fairgrounds reported that the goal of Stacy Dodge, one year new Fair Board Director, is to "bring the Fair back to Tuolumne County to showcase us". She asked the City's non-monetary support for this goal. The Fair Board has done a large outreach to encourage locals to

participate. Some participants are the Mother Lode Art Association, local wineries and brewers, Master Gardeners, the Sonora photography group and numerous food vendors. She reported that there is no cost for non-profits, and the application process is simple. She hopes that Councilmembers and Staff will mention this goal to locals and ask them to participate, and they also are soliciting suggestions of what people would like to see happen at the Fairgrounds. Councilmember Segarini asked that Stacy Dodge do a presentation for the Council on her goals for the Fair and the community.

REQUESTS TO APPEAR

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of May 4, 2015;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on May 19, 2015, in the amount of \$329,085.34; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$154,678.18 on May 15, 2015, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 826 - Hours for Use of Public Parks, and Ordinance No. 827 - Regulations for Use and Consumption of Alcohol and Marijuana. The Council considered waiving the second reading and adopting the following:

1. Ordinance No. 826, an Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Title 9, Chapter 04, Section 045, of the Sonora Municipal Code Concerning "Occupying Public Parks, the Dragoon Gulch, and Cemeteries During Certain Prohibited Hours"; and
2. Ordinance No. 827, an Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Title 9, Chapter 08, Sections 010 and 020 of the Sonora Municipal Code Concerning "The Unlawful Public Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and the Public Use, Consumption, or Smoking of Marijuana".

Administrator Miller briefly recapped each Ordinance recommending approval and noting that as requested at the last Council Meeting, Rother's Corner Park and the portion of Sonora Creek adjacent to Coffill Park have been included. There were no public comments.

MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that the second reading be waived and Ordinance No. 826 be approved and adopted as

presented.

MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that the second reading be waived and Ordinance No. 827 be approved and adopted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Event Request. The Council considered approving a Special Event request for a Special Olympics procession from the Red Church to the Mother Lode Fairgrounds on June 20, 2015, from 10 a.m. to Noon. Local Highway Patrol Information Officer Nick Norton presented the request reporting that the procession will be a fund raiser Torch Run and will kick off the Special Olympic Summer Games. Mr. Duchany, representing the Special Olympics, reported that 115 Countries with 7000 athletes will participate in this year's World Games in Los Angeles from July 25 through August 2, and that our local athlete is Joe Delgado. Duchany noted that he will be submitting the required Certificate of Insured to the City.

There was no public comment, and upon **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, it was unanimously carried that said Special Event request be approved.**

Resolution No. 05-18-2015-A, Temporary Exemption from Commercial Organic Waste Recycling. The Council considered adopting Resolution No. 05-18-2015-A which provides the City of Sonora with a temporary exemption from the requirements of AB 1826 regarding mandatory commercial organics recycling. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller reviewed the requirements of AB 1826 noting that Tuolumne County has no facility to accommodate organic recycles, has a population of less than 70,000 people, and therefore, the City qualifies for said temporary exemption. There was no public comment, and upon **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Garaventa, it was unanimously carried that Resolution No. 05-18-2015-A be approved and adopted as presented.**

MONTHLY REPORTS - April 2015

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

COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only
None.

COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Stinson reported on a quiet Round-Up weekend; there were no arrests one hour prior and one hour after the Parade, and overall arrests were down. He gave an update on parking citations noting that they are complaint driven, and that his Department is issuing citations in spite of not having a parking enforcement officer at this time. **Administrator Miller** reported that Budget Sessions will begin in June. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** suggested that a thank you

be sent to Foothill Leadership Academy for its donation for the Dragoon Gulch Trail Extension; requested that no parking signs be taken down sooner after next year's Mother Lode Round-up Parade; noted that the trash cans were overflowing after the Parade and full for the Second Saturday Downtown Art Event, and would like to see coordination with Waste Management to pick trash up sooner; she attended the Tuolumne County Tourism Summit on May 5, 2015; and she asked that Councilmembers Segarini and Garaventa possibly be representatives on the Vision Sonora Sub-Committees. **Attorney Smith** stated that he would research the Sub-Committee membership in regard to the Brown Act. **Councilmember Segarini** asked that the Council routinely be made aware of Vision Sonora Committee Meeting actions, and placed on the Agenda so that the Council and discuss matters relating to Vision Sonora. **Administrator Miller** responded that it could be added to the Reports on the Agenda, or possibly placed on the Agenda for action. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** suggested that quarterly Town Hall Meetings could possibly be held at a time when people who work during the day can come, and it could be an avenue to answer concerns about Vision Sonora.

An unidentified woman in the audience interrupted stating that she believes the Council is having a discussion about Vision Sonora, and it is not an agenda item; she advised the Council not to discuss it any further or come to any consensus. Attorney Smith responded that it is simply a discussion item, there is no action being proposed.

Administrator Miller stated in regard to Williams' comment, if it is added to the Agenda it will provide an opportunity for public comment. **Councilmember Garaventa** reported on the recent 4th Grade tours at the Fire Museum which went very well; he attended the Local Agency Formation Commission on May 11, 2015, which adopted its Budget; on May 13 he attended the Conservation Center Citizens Advisory Committee and attended the County Chambers Transportation Committee and the Transportation Council which both passed their Budgets; he attended the Innovation Lab Open House at which Summerville High Students displayed robots they had made, and drone demonstrations were given. **Councilmember Segarini** attended the Visitor's Bureau Workshop; he attended the Board of Directors Meeting of the Economic Development Authority; he attended the Yes Partnership Meeting on May 14, 2015, with a report and presentation by the Friday Night Live kids on their activities; and he attended the GAC Meeting at the Tuolumne County Chamber. **Mayor Stearn** commented on the lack of a sidewalk on the portion of South Washington Street past the Probation Office on the east side; he discussed the City's 50/50 match program for sidewalk improvement in front of businesses; and he reported that the Sheriff's Possee did a great job on the Mother Lode Parade.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date