

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Attorney Byron Smith, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Police Chief Mark Stinson and Fire Chief Aimee New. Absent: Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of September, 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

Recognition of Eagle Scout. City Clerk Cassinetta read a Proclamation recognizing Jonathan Walter Skelly for his exemplary commitment to personal excellence in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and commending Skelly for his outstanding accomplishment. Mayor Stearn presented the Proclamation to Skelly, and Skelly was congratulated by the Council.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

A woman from the public, said that the City is filthy, especially Stockton Street, and said that something should be done. Administrator Miller will contact CalTrans.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of August 17, 2015 (there was no Closed Session on August 17, 2015);
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on September 9, 2015, in the amount of \$178,326.10; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$141,376.42 and \$132,994.74 on August 21, 2015, 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. 09-08-2015-A. The Council considered adoption of Resolution No. 09-08-2015-A which modifies the parking limits in downtown Sonora from 2 to 3 hours, and adjusts the enforcement period from 9 a.m. to 8 a.m. The extension will allow more time for shopping and dining. Recommending approval, Miller noted that all the required public noticing has been done. The recommended changes would apply to those portions of Washington, Green and Stewart Streets where currently regulated, as well as Dodge and Linoberg Streets and Stockton Road west of Washington; also Theall, Church, Gold and William Streets east of Washington.

Elena Linehan, downtown employee, resident and "downtown defender" suggested that the parking lot at the corner of Shepherd and Mehun Streets, which is currently a permit parking lot, be changed to a registered lot to allow the employees of downtown businesses to park in said lot to free up parking on the streets. She suggested that incentives be offered to employees, possibly two free tickets to Hawaii. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams expressed concern about the ability to enforce parking in a registered lot, and commented that Staff has been directed to look at lots to determine whether more parking spaces will be opened up. In regard to enforcement, Miller reported that streets and parking lots are currently being patrolled, and that a candidate for parking enforcement is in background, but there has been a bit of a challenge finding an enforcement vehicle. Miller stated that the order for signs will be placed, and the signs will be installed within 30 days or so. There was no further public comment.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that said Resolution be approved and adopted as presented.

Consultant for Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program. The Council considered approving the Alliance Small Business Development Center as the Lead Technical Assistance Consultant under the City Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program, and authorizing the City Administrator to finalize and

execute a Professional Services Agreement upon State approval. Recommending approval, Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed background information and the process required to obtain a Consultant. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Garaventa, it was unanimously carried that Alliance Small Business Development Center be approved as the Lead Technical Assistance Consultant under the City Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program, and the City Administrator be authorized to finalize and execute a Professional Services Agreement upon State approval.

Final Budget FY 2015 Year-End Adjustments. The Council considered approval of the Final Budget FY 2015 Year-End Adjustments. Administrator Miller reported a \$91,294 surplus. Interim Finance Director Sadeghian stated that the City is solvent, it started with a balanced Budget and finished with a balanced Budget, and has a healthy reserve. He reviewed General Fund Revenues and Expenses, and the Miscellaneous and Self-Insurance Fund Revenues and Expenses, and proposed Adjustments. A full copy of the Staff Report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein and made a part hereof for reference.

There was no public comment, and upon **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Garaventa, it was unanimously carried that said Final Budget Review with Adjustments for FY 2015 be approved as presented.**

Vision Sonora Project Update. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams reported that there was no Vision Committee report because there was no meeting; the next Meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Elena Linehan, former Main Street Project Manager and initiator of the Farmers Market, stated that she was delighted to read an article in the *Redding Searchlight* newspaper wherein the Redding City Council is addressing its lack of connectivity which occurred when a promenade project was planned in its downtown and streets were closed and parking taken away; Redding found that the closure of streets and taking away parking resulted in driving away customers from downtown which resulted in the closure of businesses. Redding is now reopening streets and addressing the problem and seeing business return to downtown. She suggested that the Council research the cities that have had disasters because of the Vision Sonora approach and learn from them.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Stinson commented on the City of Redding and its construction of a mall which was successful for a number of years, and due to the growth outside of its downtown, it has taken off the roof of the mall and reopened some of the walkways and cross streets. **Stinson** reported that no incidents occurred downtown during the recent Strawberry Music Festival held on Tuolumne City; Officer Ryan Webb will be honored with the Governor's Medal of Honor at an invitation only ceremony at the State Capitol on Monday, September 14, 2015; he was also honored by the California Peace Officers Association, and on October 12, 2015, he will be awarded Medal of Valor by the City of Long Beach. **Stinson** also reported that at the Patriots Picnic this coming Sunday at Hurst Ranch, Officer Joel Memmer will be recognized as an officer who has served above and beyond. **Fire Chief New** reported on two fires currently burning in the Cedar Ridge area, and a fire at Wrights Tire last weekend which was successfully knocked down within 30 minutes. Also, Fire Engineer testing will be performed tomorrow. **Community Development Director Kellogg** reported that the Fire Flow Project started this week; the RFP is out for architectural design of the Stewart Street Restroom Project; the architectural design is almost completed for the seven unit Stewart Street Multi-Family Project; the RFP will be going out for the Historic Inventory Report; she and Administrator Miller will be working on documentation for the Park and Ride Project which has been approved by the State; and bids will be going out for budgeted various construction projects. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** reported that Angels Camp was the only city to submit a project to the Integrated Regional Water Management Authority; there will be a film shown at the Sonora Opera Hall on September 16, 2015, from 5 to 7 p.m. entitled "The Trafficked Life, as part of an awareness campaign by the area Episcopal Diocese of which the local Episcopal Church is a part, and the their Bishop will also take part in a 750 bike ride on October 17, 2015, as part of that campaign. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that *Drug Takeback Day* will be held on September 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Junction Shopping Center; he attended the Water Policy Advisory Committee on August 27th at which the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Draft EIR was discussed, and correspondence is being solicited; also that correspondence is being solicited in regard to Senate Bill 1894, the California Drug Relief Act; he attended the Tuolumne Utilities District Board Meeting at which its capital improvement plan was discussed and that Sonora has been designated as #12 on its priority list, and that rate increases are bring studied. **Interim Finance Director**

Sedaghian thanked Administrator Miller for his contributions and help with everyday finance matters.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Monday September 21, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date