

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
NOVEMBER 2, 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, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Attorney Byron Smith, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Police Chief Mark Stinson, 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 3:35 a.m. on the 28th day of October, 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**

Mayor Stearn moved New Business Item 1 to Item D.2 under Presentations.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Fire Chief New** introduced and swore in new Fire Engineer Derek Drown, and he was welcomed by the Council.

**Marguerite Bulkin, Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools,** gave a power point presentation on *Common Core*, which she calls An Educational Renaissance changing memorization to application to prepare students for college and jobs, and has also given local control to individual school districts to make its own decisions on how they spend their money. Presentation only.

**PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)**

**Elena Linehan,** ATCAA Mentoring Works Coordinator, noted that ATCCA has a good mentoring program for those who make use of it, and encouraged the public to contact said Agency for further information.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of October 19, 2015;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on November 3, 2015, in the amount of \$137,282.67; and

3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$137,480.26 on October 30th, 2015, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **The Following Two Items Were Presented Together:**

**1. Resolution No. 11-02-2015-A** approving a General Plan text amendment eliminating the minimum lot size requirement in the Medium Density Residential (MDR) and the High Density Residential (HDR) Land Use Designations. Approval will reduce the minimum lot size to 6000 square feet. Recommending approval, Community Development Director Kellogg presented the matter noting that the same has been City initiated, and is one of the cleanup actions coming before the Council as Staff reviews the General Plan and Title 17 for consistency.

**2. Introduce by Title Ordinance No. 831** amending the City of Sonora Zoning Map by rezoning Assessor's Parcel No. 056-150-23 located at 241 Hospital Road from General Commercial (GC) to Multifamily Residential (R-3), and waiving the first reading. Recommending approval, Community Development Director Kellogg, noted that this is also City initiated and a cleanup action.

Kellogg reported that a request was received to subdivide the existing parcel at 241 Hospital Road into two parcels through the Tentative Parcel Map process, and upon Staff review, it was discovered that the use was consistent with the General Plan designation of High Density Residential (HDR), but the current zoning of the property as General Commercial (GC) was not; thus resulting in Staff's City initiated requests.

Mayor Stearn opened the Public Hearing on both the above matters at 5:48 p.m. There being no appearances, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:49 p.m.

**MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 11-02-2015-A be approved and adopted as presented.**

**MOTION by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 831 be introduced by title, and that the first reading be waived.**

**Ordinance No. 832 Regarding Title 17 of Municipal Code.** This was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider introduction by title and waiving the first reading of Ordinance No. 832 which includes amending various Sections of Title 17, Zoning, of the Sonora Municipal Code including Section 17.42.060, Number of Parking Stalls; Section 17.56.020, Applicability; Section 17.20.020,

R-3 Multi-Family Residential, Uses Allowed By Right; Section 17.22.020, CO, Tourist and Administrative Zone, Uses Allowed By Right, Section 17.24.020, C, Commercial Zone, Uses Allowed by Right, Section 17.26.020, CG, General Commercial Zone, Uses Allowed by Right, Section 17.60,040, Uses Permitted by Use Permit, Uses Permitted in Specific Zones; Section 17.04, Definitions; and Section 17.58.030, Nonconforming Uses and Structures.

Recommending approval, Community Development Director Kellogg presented the Ordinance and proposed amendments. Kellogg reported that the Zoning Ordinance text amendments are a culmination of changes necessary to bring the Zoning Ordinance into compliance with the General Plan. Amendments pertain to the Housing Element with revisions pertaining to low income housing and to senior housing, and to the Land Use Element in regard to nonconforming use regulations to facilitate replacement of historic uses and structures.

Mayor Stearn opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Elena Linehan requested that copies of documentation be made available to the public. There were no other appearances, and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

**MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Canning, and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 832 be introduced by title, and the first reading be waived.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Finance Committee Recommendation** on Sonora Chamber of Commerce funding request was continued due to cancellation of the Finance Committee Meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 1 was moved to D.2 Presentations.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

None.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS** - Information Only

None.

#### **COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Police Chief Stinson** reported on a very quiet Halloween, and noted that our community does a great job of providing alternative safe Halloween activities which helps keep the children off the streets; and his Department is participating in *National No Shave November* which bring awareness to cancer. **Fire Chief New** thanked all who attended the 155<sup>th</sup> Firemen's Ball and thanked *The Union Democrat* for promoting the event. **Community Development Director Kellogg** noted that beginning with the next Council Agenda, supporting documents to the Agenda Items will be available on the City's website, that Staff

is still working out a few details on the Restroom/Farmer's Market Office Architectural Agreement and it should be executed soon, and that replacement of hydrants will begin again on this coming Monday. **Councilmember Garaventa** reported that he attended the TUD Public Forum last Monday, the Fair Board Meeting on October 28, and the Firemen's Ball, and thanked The Union Democrat for its nice article on the Ball. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting at which it was announced that the Governor has authorized disaster assistance for tree mortality; he stated that the garbage that collects along Hwy 49 heading north is unsightly, and asked if something could be done about it. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** noted that the Vision Sonora Committee Report will be on the next Meeting's Agenda; the next Vision Sonora Committee Meeting will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers; the next Vision Sonora Design Committee Meeting will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers; **Williams** attended the Mother Lode Fair Board Meeting, and that Cable 8 has requested that the Council consider passing an ordinance for 1% to go back to Cable 8. She attended the 155<sup>th</sup> Firemen's Ball, and she hopes for more attendance next year; there was a lot of work put into the Ball by the Fire Department. She asked if Staff is working on an ordinance in regard to the medical marijuana issue, and would like to see a review of the current Ordinance in light of what is coming down from the State. **Administrator Miller** responded that he is reviewing various documents from the League of California Cities and other jurisdictions, and will bring the matter to the Council; there will be a number of things to take a look at. **Williams** thanked Staff for having Agenda documentation available for the public; she has received numerous concerns from a constituent about several issues in downtown Sonora, and another constituent asked if something can be done about smoking on the street. **Williams** would like to have a discussion about these matters at the Council's next Meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. to the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk      Date