

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
November 17, 2014**

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, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Interim Finance Director Bijan Sadeghian, Interim Fire Chief Mike Noonan, Police Chief Mark Stinson. Absent: None.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS

The presentation of the Certificate honoring Nanci Sikes for her 26 years as Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau was continued to the Council Meeting scheduled for December 1, 2014 due to Sikes' absence.

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 Closed and Regular Council Meetings of November 3, 2014;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on November 18, 2014, in the amount of \$576,966.78;
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$147,888.24 on October 31, 2014, and \$140,489.30 on November 14, 2014, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions; and
4. Approval to set a Special City Council Meeting for the City's Annual Council Mini Retreat for Monday, November 24, 2014, at 8:30 a.m., to be held in Council Chambers at City Hall.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetta advised Council that at 10:59 a.m. on the 13th day of November, 2014, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting and the Agenda for the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting scheduled for this date were posted outside City Hall for public view.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The Council considered a request by Dave Alley of Dave Alley Tree Service to allow temporary street closure at Barretta and Shepherd Streets for tree removal on a vacant lot adjacent to 700 Barretta Gardens. Mr. Alley was not present. Administrator Miller presented said request recommending approval and noting that a limb had previously broken off and blocked the street which the City removed. The owner has decided to remove the entire tree. There was no public comment. Miller reported that the required notice to property

owners will be given for the street closure, and reviewed conditions. **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said street closure be approved subject to the following conditions:**

1. **The work is limited to eight hours;**
2. **The contractor provides evidence of liability insurance and names the City as an additional insured;**
3. **The contractor provides 48 hour notice prior to the commencement of work to the City Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and to the residents affected by the street closure;**
4. **The contractor erects construction and traffic detour signage as approved by the Public Works Department; and**
5. **The contractor maintains access, to the extent feasible, to properties affected by the street closure and coordinates the work activities with the Youth Center schedule.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Non-Agenda)

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN AND RECONVENE INTO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SONORA MEETING.

The Council adjourned into the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sonora Meeting at 5:06 p.m.

CONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION MEETING.

The Successor Agency adjourned and the Sonora City Council reconvened into its Regular Council Meeting at 5:11 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 11-17-2014-A Regarding Transfer of Property. The Council considered approval of Resolution No. 11-17-2014-A approving the transfer of certain property from the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sonora to the City of Sonora for governmental use, which approvals include:

1. Approval and authorization to accept the conveyance of any interest that the Successor Agency may have in the property, Assessor Parcel Nos. 001-091-01 and 001-091-18, as identified in the Long Range Property Management Plan;
2. Authorization and direction for the City Administrator, in cooperation with Successor Agency Staff, to take such actions and submit such documents and evidence as may be necessary to obtain approval of such transfers by the Department of Finance; and
3. Authorization and direction for the City Administrator to sign an acceptance of the quitclaim deeds, or other acceptable documentation, on behalf of the City and to take such other actions and sign such other documents as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the Successor

Agency's conveyance of any interest of the Successor Agency in said property to the City of Sonora.

Community Development Director Kellogg presented the Resolution for approval, noting the information provided in the Successor Agency Meeting. The above properties include the former Education Center, the Sonora High School Parking Lot, and the Public Works yard.

There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Canning, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 11-17-2014-A authorizing the above-stated actions be approved and adopted as presented.**

Resolution No. 11-17-2014-B Regarding Closures for Sonora Christmas Craft Festival. The Council considered adoption of Resolution No. 11-17-2014-B approving temporary "No Parking" zones on certain City Streets to accommodate pedestrian and vehicle traffic associated with the Sonora Christmas Craft Festival, which will be held at the Tuolumne County Fairgrounds from Friday, November 18, through Sunday, November 30, 2014. Police Chief Stinson presented the Resolution recommending approval. **MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said Resolution No. 11-17-2014-B approving temporary "No Parking" zones for the Sonora Christmas Craft Festival be approved and adopted as presented.**

WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS - September 2014

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 Interim Fire Chief Noonan for the Fire Department.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. City of Sonora Sales Tax Digest Summary - Collection through September 2014 and Sales through June 2014.

COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Community Development Director Kellogg reminded the Council and the public that the City's Annual Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, November 28, 2014, beginning at 5:00 p.m. **Engineer Fuccillo** gave an update on the Mono Way Widening Project. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** asked about the residents' mailboxes which were removed for the Project. **Fuccillo** responded that in coordination with the U. S. Postal Service, on the north side they will be replaced with two cluster box units, and the City will be giving notice to the residents for signing up for their boxes. He also noted that the boxes on the south side have all been relocated. **Administrator Miller** reported that a Vision Sonora Open House will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. this Thursday at City Hall to talk about the Stockton Road Project, and there will be a Traffic Commission Meeting this Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. to talk about Ordinance No. 821, the parking ordinance, and it has been noticed to those who have provided comments, and/or attended the prior Council Meeting on this subject. **Miller** also reminded Council that

its Annual Mini Retreat will be held in Council Chambers on Monday, November 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** noted that the next Vision Sonora Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on December 11th, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., and the public is invited to participate. **Councilmember Canning** wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving, and encouraged the public to shop downtown on "Black Friday". **Councilmember Garaventa** reported that he had attended the following: the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Meeting, the TCTC Meeting, the City Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting at which two landscape projects were discussed, and the ITSA (Imagination, Talent, Shorts and Animation) Film Festival which was a major success. **Councilmember Segarini** encouraged everyone to shop in downtown Sonora on the Saturday following Thanksgiving as it is *Small Business Shopping Day*, and reported that he had attended the following Meetings: the Central Sierra Economic Development District Meeting on October 18, 2014, and the Yes Partnership Meeting on the same date. Segarini stated that the Yes Partnership would like a presentation on Vision Sonora on January 8, 2015, and Mayor Pro-Tem Williams offered to do the presentation as Segarini will be unable to attend. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** also encouraged the public to Christmas shop and attend the 2nd Saturday events downtown as the stores stay open late and live music is played at several venues. **Mayor Stearn** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m. to the Council Annual Mini Retreat to be held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 24, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk

Date