

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

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 5:01 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Connie Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer and George Segarini; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Administrative Services Director Jennifer Callaway, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Deputy City Attorney Nubia Goldstein, Fire Chief Aimee New, Interim Police Chief Michael Harden. Absent: Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 12:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of February, 2017, 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 Aimee New introduced and swore in new Intern Firefighters Josiah Hernandez and Kelley Figley. Fathers Joe Hernandez and Ron Figely pinned on their sons' badges. The Council congratulated and welcomed the new Interns.

Administrator Miller introduced new Interim Police Chief Michael Harden. Harden was sworn in by City Clerk Cassinetto. The Council welcomed him and Harden stated that it is an honor to serve the Council and the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda)

Elena Linehan commented that the 5:00 p.m. Council Meeting time discourages public participation and requested that the Council consider setting Meetings later so that those working until 5:00 p.m. have the opportunity to attend. She requested that it be placed on the Council Retreat Agenda for consideration.

Laurie Lehmann, invited the public to the first downtown 2nd Thursday event at the Opera Hall on February 9, 2017, which will be the kick off for an Indie Movie Series. The silent movie "Beyond the Rocks" will start at 7 p.m., and actors will read

cards that go along with the movie; beer, wine and champagne will be served and tickets are \$10. Lehmann also invited the public to the Richard Burleigh Scholarship Memorial Fundraiser sponsored by the Tuolumne County Arts Alliance which will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the Opera Hall; tickets are \$30 and proceeds will go towards musical activities for children.

Don Nessler wanted to let the Council know that there is an idea being birthed to develop a Teen Fair to be held at the Fairgrounds which would include many quality activities for teens. He is soliciting help with all aspects of the event. Any group or person interested can contact him by calling (209) 532-1551.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of January 17, 2017, for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of January 17, 2017, and for the Special Meeting of January 23 2017;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on February 7, 2017, in the amount of \$156,754.26; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$129,270.77 on January 20, 2017, and \$127,027.93 on February 3, 2017, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

There was no public comment, and the above **MOTION passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None. No public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None. No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Study Agreement. The Council considered approving an Agreement with KD Anderson to conduct a study of the impacts associated with the proposed closure of Linoberg Street between Washington and Stewart Streets, and authorizing the City Administrator to sign the same on behalf of the City. Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed background information recommending approval and noting that the Agreement is the same Proposal that was presented to the Council at its Meeting on November 21, 2016; there are no changes.

Kellogg stated that a 3-day, 24 hour count prior to the traffic study would be done to identify peak hour periods. The cost for the study is \$4,800 plus \$600 for the quantitative cumulative evaluation. The item was continued until after the holidays to allow for any public input related to the street closure during the Christmas holidays when Santa's house was placed in that location. Kellogg noted that she had not received any input. Councilmember Segarini said that there were no comments made at the last Townhall/Merchants Meeting.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment. Elena Linehan, downtown home owner, employee and former Main Street Project Manager for the City, spoke to concerns she has about the closure of this portion of Linoberg Street. She submitted her comments for the record which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof for reference. Laurie Lehmann spoke in support of the study.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Hawkins, that the Council approves the Agreement with KD Anderson & Associates, Inc., to provide traffic engineering consultant services related to the assessment of the closure of Linoberg Street between Washington and Stewart Streets, and that the City Administrator be authorized to finalize and execute the Professional Services Agreement. There was Council discussion. The MOTION as stated passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 02-06-2017-A CDBG Monies. The Council considered approving Resolution 02-06-2017-A which authorizes the use of \$4,031 in General Fund monies as the local match for planning and technical assistance activities under the City's 2016 Community Development Block Grant. Community Development Director Kellogg presented background information and the provisions of said Resolution recommending approval. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 02-06-2017-A be approved and adopted as presented.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Annual Council Retreat. Administrator Miller reported that the Council Annual Retreat will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in the EOC Room at the Fire Station at 9:00 a.m. and continue to approximately 4 p.m. Miller identified the proposed Agenda Items as follows, and asked the Council to submit any further items: Preview of Mid-Year Budget and Cash/Fund Balance, Annexation Process and Opportunities, City Facilities and

Properties and Surplus Property Procedure, Draft Mission Statement and Strategic Plan Priorities, and Brown Act Training. Miller suggested including a discussion regarding the Council Meeting time as was requested by a member of the public. It was Council consensus to include the item.

Councilmember Plummer discussed his desire that the backside of the Walmart Shopping Center be camouflaged to be more attractive to those driving on the Highway 108 bypass. Administrator Miller said that Staff can review the Shopping Center plans to see what was required for landscaping, and then set it as a regular agenda item and report to the Council at that time. Plummer also had concerns in regard to the view of the new Juvenile Detention Center across the bypass in the same area although he knows that the property is located out of the City. Mayor Williams suggested that David Gonzales, the new Tuolumne County Community Development Director, be invited to a Council Meeting to introduce himself and to discuss the new Center and plans for landscaping. Administrator Miller will invite him to attend.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment. Harry Ohls, in regard to the proposed Strategic Plan, said that he would like to see the Council arrive at a written purpose, how to get it and how to get there. Administrator Miller said that the matter will be addressed in the afternoon session at the Council Retreat.

There were no further proposed agenda items discussed, and the items as summarized above will be included as well as a discussion on Council Meeting times.

Discussion on Marijuana Issues and Direction for Workshop.

The Council considered setting a time for a Marijuana Workshop to allow for more discussion on options, and to provide for further public input. Administrator Miller and Councilmembers discussed a number of dates, and it was Council consensus to have Staff set the Workshop for either Thursday, March 16, or Thursday, March 30, 2017, and to advertise it for the public.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None. No public comment.

VISION SONORA REPORT

Mayor Williams read the Vision Sonora Committee Report which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" for reference. There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

None. No public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development Director Kellogg reminded the Council and the public that the 3rd Annual Dragoon Trail Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2017, with runners starting at 8 a.m. followed by hikers at 8:05 a.m., and that a pancake breakfast will follow at the 7th Day Adventist Church community room. Kellogg reported that a grant request has been submitted to the Sonora Area Foundation for \$50,000 for the Dragoon Trail Expansion, and if successful, the first phase can begin in April. **Deputy City Counsel Nubia Goldstein** thanked all those who attended today's Sexual Harassment Avoidance Training. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** reported that he attended the Mother Lode Fair Board Meeting, and noted that new local non-commercial education radio is on the air at 103.5 FM and if interested in participating, information can be found at KAADLP-RP.org. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Town Hall/Merchants Meeting, and that the next Meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on February 22, 2017, in Council Chambers; attended the Vision Sonora Committee Meeting; attended the Fair Board Meeting; attended the Tuolumne County Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting; and attended the Sexual Harassment Avoidance Training Meeting. **Mayor Williams** reported that due to the Presidents Day holiday, the next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Regular Session Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetta, City Clerk Date