

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
JUNE 6, 2016**

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 Cassinetto, Administrative Services Director Jennifer Callaway, Contract City Attorney Byron Smith, Fire Chief Amiee New, Police Chief Mark Stinson, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Interim City Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd day of June, 2016, 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)**

**Shirley Sarno appeared on behalf of Sonora Signature Events** to thank the City for its help and support with the first Signature Event produced by the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce, held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the Sonora Opera Hall. Scott Kirby, pianist, composer, and visual artist, gave a performance titled "A Unique Celebration of America" which incorporated music, artwork, video and narrative. Sarno gave the Council a signed copy of the publication "Main Street Souvenirs, A Journey through the America Heartland" with an accompanying DVR.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of May 16, 2016;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on June 7, 2016, in the amount of \$284,175.50; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$148,205.35, on May 27, 2016, for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Notice of Completion for the Sonora Residential Fire Flow Improvement Project.** The Council considered accepting the work under the contract with Mozingo Construction, Inc., for the Sonora Residential Fire Flow Improvement Project, and authorizing the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Tuolumne County Recorder. Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed the Grant funding and the Project scope which included the replacement of 84 existing wet barrel fire hydrants with dry barrel hydrants, the replacement of the associated hydrant lines, as needed, and replacement of ten 4" water main sections with 8" water main. The original Contract amount was \$1,087,812, and with Council approved Change Orders, the final Contract amount was \$1,238,732.34. Reporting a great job and the pleasure to work as a team with Mozingo Construction and Interim Engineer Fuccillo, Kellogg recommended acceptance and direction for the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion for the Project. It was noted that the Councilmembers received letters from Tuolumne Utilities District thanking the City for its help and cooperation.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There being none, upon **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Canning, it was unanimously carried that the Council accept the work under said Contract with Mozingo Construction, Inc., for the Sonora Residential Fire Flow Improvement Project, and that the City Clerk be authorized to file a Notice of Completion with the Tuolumne County Recorder.**

**Proposed Building Recognition Program.** The Council considered approving the Vision Sonora Committee recommendation to implement a Building Recognition Program. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Chair of the Vision Sonora Committee, presented the recommendation to the Council which included an example of the Award of Appreciation Certificate and the nomination form and criteria. Williams reviewed criteria which would be submitted to the Sub Committee to make recommendations to the Vision Sonora Committee which would make the award. Awardees will be recognized by the Council. Councilmember Canning suggested

improving the design of the Certificate. The Mayor asked for public comment, and there was none.

**MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that the Council approves the Vision Sonora Committee recommendation to implement a Building Recognition Program.**

**Vision Sonora Committee Report.** Mayor Pro-Tem Williams gave the Vision Sonora Committee Meeting Report for May 26, 2016. A copy of said Report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof by reference.

**Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Proposed Budget.** Administrator Miller, thanking Administrative Services Director Callaway and Department Heads for their efforts in preparation of the Budget, presented the balanced FY 16/17 Proposed Budget. A copy of the City Administrator's Staff Report is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof by reference. Councilmembers and Staff had discussion regarding the use of Transient Occupancy Tax monies for economic development for the City. Administrator Miller and Staff will run calculations and meet with the Finance Committee to bring back information to the Council. Miller noted that there may not be much capacity to do more than what the City is presently doing. Councilmembers thanked Staff for their diligence in preparation of the Budget.

Mayor Stearn asked for any public comment. A member of the public suggested raising funds for a canine for the Police Department, and the allocation of more funding for public safety on sidewalks, streets and for lighting. There was no further public comment.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

None

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Police Chief Stinson** gave a very positive report on the Special Olympics Torch Run held last week, that the City Police Department was awarded for having the largest group representation present, and Chief Stinson was awarded for being the top fund raiser for the event. Stinson encouraged residents to look at the Police Department's webpage in regard to fraud and identity theft where there are five articles posted with valuable information. **Community Development Director Kellogg** reported Kinly Horn & Associates is working on the Active Transportation Program Grant which is due on June 15, 2016, and letters of support have been received from the Sonora Historic

Chamber of Commerce, Sonora High School and from the TCTC. RFP's for the website will be out Thursday, and the deadline is July 29, 2016; also the CDBG Grant application is due July 27, 2016. **Administrative Services Director Callaway** thanked the City Administrator and all Departments for their assistance in preparation of the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget. **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** reported that she attended her last League of Cities Administrative Policy Meeting in Sacramento on June 2, 2016, and reported that the California Legislative Transparency Act, which provides for more transparency for State Government, will be on the November General Election ballot. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that there was a good turnout for the Merchants/City Town Hall Meeting on May 25, 2016, and that the permitting process for businesses will be discussed at the next Meeting; he attended the Vision Sonora Committee Meeting; attended the Water Policy Advisory Committee Meeting on May 26, 2016, with discussion on strategic water storage for fighting fires and other emergency needs; and attended the Tuolumne County Chamber Governmental Affairs Meeting where it was announced that proposed AB 2395 enacting legislation requiring the elimination of telephone land lines in California by the year 2020 did not come out of Committee.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, June 20, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk      Date