

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
SEPTEMBER 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 Connie Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Mark Plummer and George Segarini; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Administrative Services Director Jennifer Callaway, City Attorney Byron Smith, Fire Chief Aimee New, Police Chief Mark Stinson, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Councilmember Matt Hawkins, Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 8:45 a.m. on the 2nd day of September, 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

At the presenter's request, Mayor Williams requested that Item D.2 (Presentation regarding Tree Mortality Aid Program) be removed from the Agenda and placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting). There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that said matter be removed and be placed on the Council Agenda for the Meeting of September 19, 2016.**

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation Declaring September 17 - 23, 2016, as Constitution Week in the City of Sonora. Mayor Williams noted that the proposed Proclamation has been requested by Susan Logan of San Jose, California, who is the Chairperson for National Constitution Week and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Williams read Logan's request and letter of support for Constitution Week which was made official in 1957 by President Eisenhower. Connie O'Conner, also a member of the DAR, spoke in favor of the request. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried that September 17 - 23, 2016, be declared Constitution Week in the City of Sonora.**

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

Elena Linehan downtown property owner and wage earner, former Sonora Main Street Manager and originator of the Farmers Market, stated that the Vision Sonora Plan relies on additional

parking garages, and requested that parking structures be built first and put at top priority before proceeding with any other aspects of the Plan. She referenced land that was available for a parking structure, suggested requesting permission to use the Bank of America parking lot after hours, and also noted that a number of years ago the owner of the Bank of America parking lot offered to let the City deck the lot for additional parking and suggested that as something the City might pursue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and second by Councilmember Segarini, that the Consent Calendar be approved as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of August 15, 2016;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on September 7, 2016, in the amount of \$211,028.64; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$152,821.57, on August 19, 2016, and \$150,516.57 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

Resolution No. 09-06-2016-B, Zoning and General Plan Revisions. This was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider adopting Resolution No. 09-06-2016-B which approves a General Plan Text Amendment to *Table 3: General Plan 2020 Land Use Designations and Compatible Title 17 Zoning Classifications*, and *Table 4: Summary of Title 17 Revisions Necessary for General Plan 2020 Consistency* located within Chapter 1 to include the existing zoning districts listed in Chapter 17 of the Sonora Municipal Code as compatible Zoning Districts for General Plan consistency. Recommending approval, Community Development Director Kellogg reviewed General Plan history and the provisions of said Resolution which will clean up inconsistencies between the General Plan and the current Zoning Districts and bring the Zoning Districts in compliance with the General Plan. Kellogg noted that all revisions are in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Although Mayor Williams did not officially indicate that she was opening the public hearing, Mayor Williams opened the matter up for public comment at 5:31 p.m. City property owner and Tuolumne County Supervisor Evan Royce appeared and supported the passage of the Text Amendment to the General Plan. Mr. Royce thanked the City Staff for its efforts in cleaning up

inconsistencies. There were no further comments from the public, and Mayor Williams closed public comment at 5:33 p.m.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 09-06-2016-B be approved and adopted as presented which approves the General Plan Text Amendment to Tables 3 and 4 of Chapter 1, Land Use.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 09-06-2016-A Re: Street Closure for Homecoming Parade. The Council considered adopting Resolution No. 09-06-2016-A which authorizes the closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and certain other City streets for the 2016 Sonora High School Homecoming Parade on September 30 2016. Zach Abernathy, Director of the Sonora High School Associated Student Body Executive Board, made the request to the Council noting that the theme for the floats is *Vintage Video Games*.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 09-06-2016-A be approved and adopted as presented authorizing street closures for the annual Sonora High School Homecoming Parade on September 30, 2016.

Tuolumne County Arts Alliance Request. The Council considered a request by the Tuolumne County Arts Alliance to allow the possession and consumption of alcohol at Coffill Park, and closure of the Park, for a KAAD-LP radio station dinner and dance fundraising event. Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa recused himself as he is involved with the new radio station. Attorney Smith noted that a decision to approve would need to be by a unanimous vote. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller presented his Staff Report noting a number of conditions that would be required for the Alliance, and noting that approval needs to be given before Staff can sign off on the Alcoholic Beverage Control application. Connie O'Connor, Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Arts Alliance, requested approval. There was no other public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Segarini, and unanimously carried that the City authorizes the temporary closure of Coffill Park on September 24, 2016, between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to accommodate said fundraiser, and allows the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) subject to the following conditions:

- a. Obtaining an ABC license;

- b. Providing the required liability insurance;
- c. Executing an indemnification agreement;
- d. Staffing the three entrance/exit locations to allow access only from Washington Street and no access from Green street or the adjacent parking lot entrance (except for ADA access); and
- e. Placing "no alcohol beyond this point" signs at all exits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa resumed his seat on the Council.

California League of Cities Annual Conference. The Council considered designating a voting Delegate and Alternate to the League of California Cities Annual Conference on October 5th through 7th, 2016, in Long Beach. Mayor Williams reported that at the Council's last Meeting, she requested that she be given time to look into whether it would be worth the City's expense to send a Delegate to the Conference. She reported her conclusion to not recommend sending a Delegate because there is only one resolution that will be addressed at the Conference and it asks for city support for Vision Zero, a program committing to make safety a top priority for transportation projects, and she feels confident that it will pass by the cities in attendance at the Conference. She reported that there is a New Mayor and Council Member Academy on January 18th through 20th, 2016, and would like to make sure funds are budgeted for that. Administrator Miller noted that he will review the Travel and Training budget item. There was no public comment. No action taken as no action needed.

Mayor's Request to Attend The Silicon Valley Marijuana Awareness Conference. Mayor Williams asked for Council approval to attend the Silicon Valley Marijuana Awareness Conference at the Santa Clara Convention Center on September 8th and 9th, 2016, and for authorization to use money from the Council's Travel and Training budget item. Williams reported that the cost for the Conference is \$65, lodging is \$138, and she would pay for the gas. She believes that it is important for the Council to be educated on the legalization of marijuana initiative which will appear on the November 2016 General Election ballot. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Plummer, that the Mayor be authorized to attend said Conference, and that funds in the amount of \$203 be allocated from the Council Travel and Training budget item as requested.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa had concerns about Williams attendance; that it would be better to wait to see what the outcome will be, and that the County of Santa Clara and speakers will be focused on the Silicon Valley. He would rather see Sonora sponsor an

event for our community awareness, and he asked how the information will be related back to the Council. Williams said that she will prepare a summary of what she learns and bring back any literature. She also noted that the majority of the presenters are not local to Santa Clara County, that she would only be educating the Council and not advocating any position, and that Santa Clara County is being a leader in putting out advance information before the November Election which she feels is important to our County.

Cindy Zelinsky, businessperson and teacher, appeared in support of the Mayor's attendance. There was no further public comment.

**The above Motion passed three to one by the following vote:
Ayes: Williams, Segarini, Plummer; No: Garaventa; Absent: Hawkins.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

VISION SONORA REPORT

Mayor Williams noted that there was no August Meeting, therefore no Report, and that the next Meeting will be held on September 22, 2016, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REOPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Police Chief Stinson noted that a member of the public who would like to address the Council on a matter was dropped off at the wrong location downtown and has walked up to City Hall causing her to arrive late. He requested that the Mayor reopen the Public Forum. Mayor Williams reopened the Public Forum. A member of the public asked if the marijuana initiative on November General Election ballot would only pertain to medical marijuana or would it authorize the legalization of all marijuana. Police Chief Stinson replied that it could be sold to everyone and not solely for medicinal purposes. Administrator Miller responded that the Initiative does not prevent cities or counties from controlling dispensaries, cultivation, distribution; how it is going to be implemented is to be seen. Mayor Williams said we need to educate ourselves as much as possible so the Council can make the best decisions for our City. There was no other public comment.

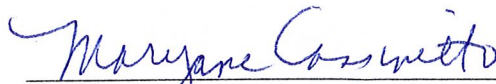
COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Stinson reported that the Homecoming Parade is early this year, and that there will be a news release starting tomorrow to let the public know the September 30th date. He also noted that Labor Day weekend was quiet for the Police

Department, the annual Strawberry Festival was great and did not cause any problems for the City, and the Patriot Day Picnic will be held this coming Saturday at the Sheriff Posse Grounds at which Sgt. Glen Roberts will be honored. **Community Development Director Kellogg** reported that demolition permits will be considered by the Planning Commission for 549 South Washington Street and 558 and 559 South Stewart Street, and those properties are not eligible for historic National or State registers. She also reported that the Stewart Street Project will start construction at the end of the week and provide seven affordable units in the City. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** reported that he attended the Sonora Chamber Mixer, attended a Celebration of Life for Leonard Ruoff who was 95 years old and a Tuolumne County oracle, attended the Town Hall/Merchants Meeting, and attended the Mother Lode Fair Board Meeting. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Vision Sonora Marketing Committee Meeting, and attended the Town Hall/Merchants Meeting, and that its next Meeting is September 28th. He attended the Mother Lode Fair Board Meeting, chaired the Vision Sonora Finance Committee Meeting, attended the Tuolumne County Water Advisory Committee Meeting, and the Vision Sonora Branding Committee Meeting. **Mayor Williams** reported that she attended the Vision Sonora Marketing Committee Meeting, the Town Hall/Merchants Meeting, the Vision Sonora Finance Meeting, the County Transient Occupancy Tax Meeting, the Mother Lode Fair Board Meeting, the Cable 8 Board Meeting, the Vision Sonora Branding Committee Meeting, the Highway 108 Fire Safe Council Meeting, and the Regional Transportation Plan Public Hearing.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

 9/16/16
Marijane Cassinetta, City Clerk Date

Minutes Approved By
Sonora City Council
On 9/16/2016