

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Matt Hawkins and George Segarini; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto, Administrative Services Director Jennifer Callaway, Fire Chief Aimee New, Police Chief Mark Stinson, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: Councilmember Mark Plummer, City Attorney Byron Smith and Interim Engineer Gerard Fuccillo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Cassinetto advised Council that at 11:15 a.m. on the 16th 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

No changes.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation Declaring October 2nd through 8th, 2016, Small Business Week in the City of Sonora. Mayor Williams read a Proclamation declaring the Week of October 2nd through the 8th, 2016, as Small Business Week in the City of Sonora. Community Development Director Kellogg reported that four events will be held as a part of Small Business Week:

1. Restaurateur Management Training Course on October 3, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Best Western Conference Center;
2. Retail Business Day on October 4, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sonora Opera Hall;
3. Cyber Security Day on October 5, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sonora Opera Hall; and
4. Small Business ADA Workshop on October 12, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Sonora Opera Hall.

The Workshops are sponsored by the Small Business Development Center in cooperation with the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority, Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sonora. Further information can be obtained at [wwwAllianceSBDC.com](http://www.AllianceSBDC.com) or by calling (209)422-6416.

There was no public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that October 2nd through 8th, 2016, be declared Small Business Week in the City of Sonora.

Presentation Regarding Tree Mortality Aid Program. Mike Olenchak, representing the Highway 108 Fire Safe Council, gave a presentation on The Tree Mortality Aid Program which was launched by Sonora Lions, and is a community effort to improve the health and safety of low income seniors and disabled homeowners in Tuolumne. The collaboration, with private and public partners, will provide resources, support and assistance in the removal of hazardous trees as a result of catastrophic tree mortality. Olenchak reviewed the program requirements for applicants. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Tree Mortality Aid Program representative at Area 12 Agency on Aging at (209)532-6272, Extension 208. Mayor Williams thanked the Sonora Lyons and the Fire Safe Council for stepping up to the plate to help with this need.

Presentation on 2016 Draft Regional Transportation Plan. Darin Grossi, Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council, noted that the Draft Plan has been released for public review and comment, and reported that the financially restrained Plan takes a broad view of Tuolumne County to focus on transportation needs for the next 25 years, and it is updated every 5 years. Alex Padilla, Transportation Council Planner, gave a summary presentation including all Chapters of the Plan with new Chapters addressing individual modes of transportation focusing on public and non-motorized transportation. Padilla highlighted transportation investments focusing on the Sonora area, and the Plan's last Chapter which is the Financial Plan revealing a financial shortfall. Padilla noted that the deadline for comments on the Draft Plan is October 3, 2016. The final Plan and EIR will be released in November, and the Plan and EIR will be adopted in December, 2016. Comments should be sent to apadilla@co.tuolumne.ca.us and more information can be obtained at www.tuolumnecountytransportationcouncil.org.

Mayor Williams asked about the timeline for the North-South Connector - Phase I - Greenley Road Extension from Lyons Road to State Route 49 capital improvement project. Transportation staff reported that due to limited constrained funds the project was 20 years out.

The Mayor asked for public comment. City resident Jerry Fuccillo noting his experience as retired City Engineer, stated that there is a funding crisis for transportation improvements in Tuolumne County. Traditional funding which would have been used to help with congestion issues has been taken away by the State for greenhouse gas reduction programs with the goal of

increased public transportation to get cars off the streets which may work well in urban areas, but that our community is not urban and benefits from individual car travel. Fuccillo believes that a better way in Tuolumne County is the use of the individual vehicle and to try to get more funding for congestion relief downtown, and to find something for reduction of green gas emission which will benefit residents and tourism. He believes that policies should be set to prioritize acquisition of funding for congestion and road maintenance, and to keep local control. He would like to see the North-South Connector - Phase I - Greenley Road Extension prioritized as a 1A Project for 2020, and he said that the City needs an advocate for this Project.

There was no further public comment. No action taken as this was solely a presentation.

PUBLIC FORUM (Non-Agenda)

Elena Linehan, downtown property owner and wage earner, former Sonora Main Street Manager, and originator of the Farmers Market, commented on the City's search for a new slogan feeling that none have ranked up there with slogans from other places. She said that the slogan she always wanted to use is "A City of Landmarks" because no other community has the number of prominent buildings that Sonora has. She commented that, as another member of the public said previously, before you decide on a new slogan for the City, you need to decide what you want to promote and who you want to attract. Linehan commented on the importance of market studies, and that Vision Sonora has done none. She mentioned marketing that was done for Sonora's former Main Street Program that was very successful in bringing people into downtown. Linehan concluded that money and time can be better spent than hiring a consultant to assist in the branding of the City; the road has been walked before in selecting a slogan for Sonora, and the one all could agree on was "Queen of the Southern Mines".

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the Closed and Regular Council Meetings of September 6, 2016;
2. Approval to pay invoices for previously budgeted expenses on September 20, 2016, in the amount of \$155,253.36; and
3. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$155,655.53, on September 16, 2016, 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request by 2nd Saturday Art Night. The Council considered a request by 2nd Saturday Art Night to allow the possession and consumption of alcohol at Coffill Park for the After 8 Summer Send Off Dance on October 8, 2016. Administrator Miller presented his Staff Report recommending approval and noting conditions for approval. Sarah Rogers Nesper, 2nd Saturday Art Night Chair, appeared to request approval. She asked if they could admit persons under the age of 21 into the event? Administrator Miller responded that it would depend on the type of ABC permit and would need to work it out with Chief Stinson. There was no further public comment.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that said request be approved as presented 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.

Cooperative Agreement Regarding Greenley Road/Mono Way Intersection Project, Phase 2. The Council considered approving a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Tuolumne for joint funding of the Greenley Road/Mono Way Intersection Project, Phase 2. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller reviewed the provisions of said Agreement reporting that it has been approved as to form by both the City and County Attorneys. The Project cost has been estimated at \$3,000,000, and the County's share will not exceed \$2,000,000.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment. Sarah Rogers Nesper asked for clarification on the amount of mitigation fees being paid by Sonora Regional Hospital. Administrator Miller responded that it would be in excess of \$800,000. There was no further public comment.

MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried that the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Tuolumne for the joint funding of the Greenley Road/Mono Way Intersection Project, Phase 2, be approved as presented, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the same on behalf of the City.

Application for Funding for Southgate Drive Bridge. The Council considered approving the funding for, and authorizing the preparation and submittal of an application for funding in the amount of \$5,000, from the Highway Bridge Program for rehabilitation and widening of the Southgate Drive Bridge. Administrator Miller presented the request noting that said Bridge has been found by CalTrans to be functionally obsolete (does not meet current design standards), but has not been determined by CalTrans to be structurally deficient. Staff has explored funding given the most recent Bridge Inspection Report assessment. Southgate Bridge is rated lower in health and sufficiency ratings than the other two bridges in Sonora, and its location and lack of constraints may make it eligible for replacement, and may be the best application candidate of the three Bridges. Miller also noted public benefits with the Southgate Bridge project including its cohesiveness with the Vision Sonora Project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa asked who owns the Bridge. Administrator Miller replied that it was built for the Agricultural District on property owned by the Agricultural District but the City has an easement for the street crossing.

There was no public comment. MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that an allocation of \$5,000 be approved from the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for the preparation of a Highway Bridge Program application for the Southgate Drive Bridge, and that the City Administrator be authorized to execute an agreement with Kimley-Horn to prepare the application on behalf of the City, and also execute the application and any associated documents.

Ratification of Temporary, Limited-Duration Appointment Confirmation Form. The Council considered ratification of the Temporary, Limited-Duration Appointment Confirmation Form for annuitant Glenn Roberts to serve as a Sworn Police Officer. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller presented the request noting that the Police Department is in need of his assistance as there are vacant police officer positions. It is recommended that Mr. Roberts serve until the positions are filled or until June 30, 2017, whichever is earlier.

There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that the Council ratifies said Temporary, Limited-Duration Appointment pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 21221(h).**

Resolution No. 09-19-2016-A, City Attorney Classification.

The Council considered adopting Resolution No. 09-19-2016-A which approves a modification to the salary schedule for the classification of City Attorney. Recommending approval, Administrator Miller presented the Resolution noting that the proposed modification increases the City Attorney's salary from \$150 to \$170 per hour. There was no public comment. **MOTION by Councilmember Segarini, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa, and unanimously carried that the Council approves and adopts Resolution No. 09-19-2016-A as presented.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Community Development Department
2. Public Works Department
3. Police Department
4. Fire Department

VISION SONORA REPORT

Mayor Williams reported that there has not been a Meeting since the last Report, and that the next Vision Sonora Committee Meeting will be held on September 22, 2016, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Administrator Miller reported that the auditors are performing the year-end audit. **Mayor Pro-Tem Garaventa** noted that he participated in the first Tri-County Golf Tournament along with Mayor Williams. Participating Counties were Calaveras, Amador, and Tuolumne. **Mayor Williams** noted that it was well attended. **Councilmember Segarini** reported that he attended the Tuolumne County Transportation Commission Meeting, the ground breaking event at the Law and Justice Center, the Central Sierra Economic Development District Meeting, the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Council Meeting, and the Merchant/Townhall Meeting noting that the next Meeting will be held on September 28, 2016, at 8 a.m in the Council Chambers. Segarini also noted that CalTrans will begin the process in regard to the lights at crosswalks in downtown. **Councilmember Hawkins** reported that "life is good". **Mayor Williams** reported that she attended the Silicon Valley Marijuana Awareness Conference at the Santa Clara Convention Center on September 8th, and gave a brief review of statistics and topics discussed. **Administrator Miller** reported that he and

Police Chief Stinson will be attending a training session on the marijuana initiative on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, to obtain more information for the City. **Mayor Williams** asked that the Public Safety Committee look into the lighting at downtown crosswalks.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk Date