SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
May 6, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was opened this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:15 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor, Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer, Colette Such and Connie Williams; City Administrator Tim Miller, Deputy City Attorney, Nubia Goldstein, Administrative Services Director, Chris Gorsky, Community Development Director, Rachelle Kellogg and Fire Chief, Aimee New. Police Chief Turu VanderWiel was not present.

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Administrator, Tim Miller, advised the Council that at 1:15 p.m. on the 3rd day of May, 2019, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Jennifer Lopez, Marketing Director, Tuolumne County Visitor's Bureau, reported that the Adventure Trolley free transit service would be available Saturdays from May to September.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, approval of the April 15 Council Study Session and Open Session minutes, previously budgeted expenses and payroll disbursements. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consideration to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 835 regarding defensible space

Chief New introduced the draft ordinance noting it incorporated the statutory code provisions with an addition to address unimproved properties for clearance when abutting adjoining structures. Under public comment **Karie Lew** and **John LaTorre** expressed their support for the ordinance and suggested changes and clarifications to the language regarding trimming of trees, removal of vegetation and clearing dead or dying grass. They offered to meet with the Chief New to review their concerns.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to continue this item to the May 20th Council meeting.

2. Consideration to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 852 regarding penalties, enforcement, citations and appeals

Director Kellogg introduced the ordinance noting the changes requested by the Council at the previous workshop had be incorporated. There was no public comment. Councilmember Plummer expressed concerns with each day being a separate offense. **City Attorney Goldstein** responded to his questions noting the offense needed to be observed and noted and that due process needed to be followed.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Such, and approved on a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Plummer opposed, to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 852.

3. Consideration to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 853 regarding service, notice and order, permit expiration, post disaster assessment and dangerous buildings

Director Kellogg introduced the ordinance noting the changes requested by the Council at the previous workshop had be incorporated then described the code sections being revised. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Such, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 853.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to accept Fiscal Year 2018/19 3rd Quarter Budget Update

Director Gorsky reviewed report noting revenues and expenditures were tracking as anticipated. Unknowns at this time that needed to be addressed included the TCEDA unfunded liability, storm drain damage costs and the increasing PERS costs which would be addressed during the 4th quarter with adjustments as needed. The Council complimented the staff. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to accept the 2018/19 3rd Quarter Budget Update.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief New noted their participation in the Columbia Muster and that the volunteer will have tri-tip sandwiches at the Fire Museum for the Mother Lode Round-Up. **Director Kellogg** reported on the opening of the Farmer's Market, the Old West Fest on May 18th and the commencing of the Housing Survey for the Housing Element update. **Director Gorsky** noted the credit card machines and security cameras are being installed. **Councilmember Williams** reported attending the IRWM, Access Tuolumne and GAC meetings, League Legislative Action Day and left materials for the Council, Police Dispatch ice cream social and ATCAA meetings and Director selection. **Councilmember Such** reported attending the GAC, TUD and Fire Safe Council meetings and toured several homeless camps. **Councilmember Hawkins** wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. **Mayor Garaventa** reported attending the Chamber Mixer and Fire Safe Council and GAC meetings.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION at 7:07 PM (First Floor Conference Room)

1. Conference with Legal Counsel
   Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9(e)(3): Two claims

2. Real Property Transactions - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
   Property Address: 178 and 184 Fairview Lane, APN 02-210-39 and 40
   Agency Negotiator: Timothy A. Miller, City Administrator
   Negotiating Parties: City of Sonora and Center for Non Violent Community
   Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Purchase

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION 7:46 PM (First Floor Conference Room)

1. Announce Action Taken, if any, during Closed Session

Mayor Garaventa reported that by unanimous vote of the Council as moved by Councilmember Hawkins and seconded by Councilmember Williams the claim of Michael Savino was denied. The Mayor further advised that Staff was provided direction regarding the other items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem Date