SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
July 15, 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 5:10 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Connie Williams, Mark Plummer, Colette Such; City Administrator Tim Miller, City Attorney Doug White, Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky, Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg, Fire Chief Aimee New and Police Chief Turu VanderWiel.

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Administrator, Tim Miller, advised the Council that at 4:30 p.m. on the 11th day of July, 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

Loida Jacinto, owner of 11 South Washington Street, was presented a Vision Sonora Award of Excellence. Ms. Jacinto expressed her thanks for the award and appreciation for being part of the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Greg Popovich shared problems he continues to have with the homeless at both his and his wife's place of business. He suggested his Stockton Road building be purchased and used as a shelter and place to provide services. He offered to contribute $100,000 in cash. **Earl Randall** described the efforts to clean up the Rotelli Camp. **Hazel Mitchell** expressed support for portable toilets and was advised by the Mayor that the item was on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, approval of the July 1, 2019 Council Open and Closed Session minutes, previously budgeted expenses and payroll disbursements. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 856 regarding rezoning various properties

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Director Kellogg provided background of the ordinance. 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 second reading and adopt the ordinance.

2. Consideration to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 857 regarding various revisions to the zoning code

Director Kellogg provided background of the ordinance. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consideration to waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 858 approving a Development Agreement with the Bract House

Administrator Miller reviewed the terms of the Development Agreement. **Ralph Calderon** was available for questions and he advised the Council that he has a collective in San Andreas and provides patient education and outreach. **Councilmember Hawkins** commented on the $500,000 investment in the building for the business. **Councilmember Plummer** confirmed with the applicant that he would comply with the Planning Commission's requests. **Hazel Mitchell** asked for clarification on source, type and quality of the products. The State regulations and process was described by the applicant and City Attorney.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to waive the first reading and introduce the ordinance.

Councilmember Hawkins asked the applicant about his experience with the City and the applicant responded that the City was helpful guiding him through the process and that the process was clear.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to adopt updated Memorandum's of Understanding (MOU) with the Sonora Employee's Association, Sonora Fire Fighter's Association and the Sonora Management Employee's Association

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Administrator Miller reviewed the MOU's. **Councilmember Williams** confirmed that the costs were included in the budget. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Hawkins, and carried on a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Such dissenting, to approve the three MOU's.

2. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 07-15-2019-A, updating the salary schedules for the Sonora Employee's Association, Sonora Fire Fighter's Association, the Sonora Management Employee's Association and the City Administrator

Director Gorsky reviewed the resolution. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Plummer, and carried on a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Such dissenting to approve the resolution.

3. Consideration to adopt an update of the Injury Illness Prevention Program

Chief New reviewed the plan noting the plan had not been updated since 2005 and that the City was assisted by our Risk Management Authority. **Administrator Miller** also recognized the work of the City staff and Safety Committee members. Councilmember Such commented that it was a great document and asked that the Council be included in workplace violence training. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Hawkins, and approved on a vote of 5-0, to adopt the plan as presented.

4. Consideration and direction to staff regarding funding for portable toilets

Administrator Miller indicated that staff was seeking direction from the Council. **Councilmember Such** expressed concerns regarding public health issues and the need for portable toilets at homeless camps suggesting a partnership with the County and possibly others, such as ATCAA, that the City begin with a trial period and the need to address any City liability issues. **City Attorney White** noted there needed to be a public benefit finding to use City funds for this purpose.

Greg Popovich commented that it would be a benefit to the City to provide this service. **Barbara Dressler** noted it would be a good idea because there are camps near the creek. **Hazel**

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Mitchell explained the portables would be placed at three locations; be serviced twice per week; that GSAC would contract with the provider; and, in response to a question by Councilmember Williams, would be responsible for damages.

City Attorney White and Administrator Miller summarized the parameters to include a 1/3 contribution with an up to amount through an agreement with GSAC. **Councilmember Such** indicated she would work with the County and **Councilmember Williams** indicated she would work with other agencies to identify funding partners.

Motion by Councilmember Such second by Councilmember Plummer, and carried on a unanimous vote of 5-0, to move forward based on the Council discussion.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Community Development Department
Fire Department
Police Department
Public Works Department

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Business License Activity - 4th Quarter FY 2019

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director Kellogg reminded the Council about Magic on the Night on August 2nd and an upcoming Housing Element open house. **Chief VanderWiel** reminded the Council about Coffee with a Cop. **Councilmember Williams** reported attending Government Affairs, TCEDA and Vision Sonora Design meetings and that the Mother Lode Fair that had great fireworks; **Councilmember Such** reported attending the TCEDA and Vision Sonora Design meetings; **Councilmember Plummer** commended the Chamber for the Coffill Park music event; **Councilmember Hawkins** noted he volunteered with Friend of the Fair; **Mayor Garaventa** reported attending the LAFCO and TCEDA meetings and the Mother Lode Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem Date

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