

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 5:00 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor, Jim Garaventa, Councilmembers Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer, Colette Such and Connie Williams; 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 1:00 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Council was advised the introduction of **Bayley Malesky** would be rescheduled.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Visit Tuolumne County presented their 2018-2019 Annual report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

**Keri Lew** provided the Council and update regarding the Dragoon Gulch Trail project scheduled for October 12 and 13 and invited the Council and public to participate.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve the meeting minutes for City Council Closed Session Meeting of August 19, 2019 and City Council Open Session Meeting of August 19, 2019
2. Approve to pay invoices of previously budgeted expenses on September 17, 2019
3. Approve disbursements in the amount of \$135,268.14 on August 30, 2019 and \$138,666.11 on September 13, 2019 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions
4. Approve re-adoption of Resolution No. 07-15-2019-A correcting the salary schedule for Management employees and City Administrator

**Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that items 1, 2 and 3 of the Consent Calendar be approved.**

Item 4 was pulled for discussion. **Director Gorsky** presented the resolution.

**Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, carried on a vote of 4-1 with Councilmember Such opposed, item 4 of the Consent Calendar was approved.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Consideration to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 860 amending Chapter 17.32 of the Sonora Municipal code relating to Design Review/Historic Zone and Chapters 17.75, 17.66 and 17.70 regarding Demolition of Buildings, Administration and Enforcement and Penalty

**Director Kellogg** reviewed the ordinance including changes to the mural criteria. **Mayor Garaventa** suggested the appeals be heard by the Community Development Director or designee. **Councilmember Plummer** questioned the \$100 appeal fee.

**David Morgan** clarified that the design criteria did not apply to residential development.

**Motion by Councilmember Hawkins seconded by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that the first reading of Ordinance No. 860 be waived and introduced.**

City staff requested that Ordinance No. 861 be continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that Ordinance No. 861 be continued to October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Authorize the possession and consumption of alcohol on Linoberg Street as part of the Sonora Tap Room September 28th "End of Summer" tap takeover event

**Nayland Chappel** discussed the request and confirmed she talked to the adjoining business owners. There was no public comment.

**Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that the Tap Room event be approved.**

2. Adopt Resolution No. 09-16-2019-A approving the temporary closure of Washington Street (State Route 49) and certain other City streets on Friday, October 18th, for the Sonora High School Homecoming Parade

**Chief VanderWiel** discussed the request. **Bobby Wilson** and **Kristina Thompson** reviewed the plans and activities. There was no public comment.

**Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to adopt the resolution.**

3. Adopt Resolution No. 09-16-2019-B to accept the Volunteer Firefighter Assistance grant and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement and any related documents on behalf of the City

**Chief New** reviewed the resolution noting this is a 50/50 match grant. There was no public comment.

**Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Hawkins, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to adopt the resolution.**

4. Adopt Resolution No. 09-16-2019-C acknowledging receipt of the Fire Chief's report regarding annual inspections as required by Health and Safety Code sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 and measure of compliance

**Chief New** reviewed the resolution and inspection requirements. There was no public comment.

**Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to adopt the resolution.**

5. Adopt Resolution No. 09-16-2019-D providing Workers' Compensation coverage for Non-safety City volunteers through the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority

**Director Gorsky** reviewed the resolution and the need for volunteers.

Mayor Garaventa asked for public comment. A member of the public spoke in support of the resolution. There was no further comment.

**Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to adopt the resolution.**

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Reports received from Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Department.

**VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Director Kellogg** reminded the Council that a reception for **Administrator Miller** will be held at Servantes on the 17<sup>th</sup> and also recognized **Kevin Anderson**. **Chief New** reported that tickets for the 159<sup>th</sup> Firefighter's Ball were available and that an engine crew was dispatched to the Walker incident. **Councilmember Williams** reported attending eleven meetings. **Councilmember Such** advised attending the homeless camp staff meeting and listening to a webinar on permitting solutions. **Councilmember Hawkins** referenced a constituents concerns regarding city/county relations and noted meeting with Supervisor candidates and looking forward to improved City/County relations. **Mayor Garaventa** reported attending the TCTC meeting and missing 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday due to a work conflict.

**ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION [Downstairs Conference Room]**

The Council adjourned into closed session to consider City Administrator performance evaluation and appointment and one claim. There was no public comment.

**RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION [Downstairs Conference Room]**

**Mayor Garaventa** reported that the claim of **Michael Thompson** was rejected by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
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Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

21 January, 2020  
Date