

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
APRIL 1, 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 5:02 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, 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 29th day of March, 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

Presentations included a proclamation presented to Mary Ann Fielder recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Martin Blake, advised the Council he objected to canceling the Spring Festival and instead holding a western themed event.

Martin Blake, advised the Council that the Leadership Tuolumne County 2017/18 class was again holding the volunteer fair on April 25th at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds.

Barbara Dressler, advised the Council that the City would have an exposure if a sink hole opened up in the Beer Garden where the City acquired an easement to access an existing manhole.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, approval of the March 18th Council minutes, previously budgeted expenses and payroll disbursements. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to approve a Special Event Permit application to allow alcohol possession and consumption (beer and wine) at on Linoberg Street for the 2nd anniversary of the Tap Room on April 13th.

Administrator Miller reviewed the Tap Room's request noting it was the same as for previous events but the music would start one hour later. **Nayland Chappell** discussed the request and in response to a question by Councilmember Such, indicated she had contacted the surrounding businesses and that Mountain Home would be closing early so the event could start at 7 pm instead of 8 pm. She also noted there would be a caterer serving bar-b-que food. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins seconded by Councilmember Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to allow the possession and consumption of alcohol on Linoberg Street April 13th between the hours of 7 and 10 pm.

2. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 04-01-2019-A authorizing the closure of State Route 49 (Washington and Stockton Roads) along with other City streets for the Mother Lode Round-Up

Chief VanderWiel reviewed the resolution. Mayor Garaventa noted the resolution needed to include the Fire Museum parking lot. Jim Opie thanked the City for their support. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 04-01-2019-A authorizing the street closures for the Mother Lode Round-Up including the closure of the Fire Museum parking lot.

3. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 04-01-2019-B authorizing alcohol possession and consumption (beer and wine) within the street closure area for the Mother Lode Round-Up

Chief VanderWiel reviewed the resolution and noted the hours would generally be between 10 AM and 1 PM. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Williams, and unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 03-04-2019-B.

4. Review and direction to City staff regarding the Red Church Pedestrian & Circulation Improvement Project

Director Kellogg introduced the project. **Galen Gritz** reviewed the changes for the 65% plans. Councilmembers asked questions regarding the handicap ramp color, alignment of Snell Street, turning movements at Elkin and Washington, remarking of the loading zone, recommendation for bollards at the Red Church and pedestrian warning signs.

Gerald Fuccillo suggested the elimination of the bulb outs at City Hall and Dorthea's, add sidewalk from the Red Church to the north along Washington and install pedestrian warning signs at Wyckoff. **Barry Rudolph** expressed concerns about narrowing the street and affecting evacuation routes and public safety services. **David Morgan** questioned whether the City or CalTrans would be responsible for the improvements. **Stephanie Seuss** commented that while the improvements are better at their business location she was concerned about the impacts to the Red Church and the need to involve TUD regarding their utilities. **Elena Linehan** suggested the public was not being kept informed, questioned the hardscape and the loss of parking, Snell alignment and costs for maintenance, liability and damages. **Bill Seldon** raised concerns about the condition of utilities, the problems with bulb outs, too many signs and the impacts to the historic character. **Olivia Phillips** also expressed concerns about bulb outs and their effects on circulation especially during evacuations. **Sharon Marovich** suggested eliminating the modern improvements, was opposed to the pedestrian warning signs and concluded the design should be more tailored to a historic district. **Bill Atkins**, stated he agreed with the comments of Gerald Fuccillo and Bill Seldon and noted hardscape is better than landscape because of increasing demand and fewer employees in the Public Works Department.

Written comments from **Gerald Fuccillo, Marianne Wright and Barry Rudolph** are attached as a part of the record.

Councilmember by consensus provided the following direction:

1. Eliminate the curb extension in front of City Hall
2. Eliminate the curb extension at Dorthea's
3. Install "sandwashed" concrete for a more historic look to include brick bands
4. Eliminate the pedestrian activated warning signs and consider "rumble strips" and other types of advanced warning signs or pavement markings

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief New reported the department had a successful Career Day. **Director Kellogg** reported on the defensible space clearing behind Alpine Lane and Leland Drive. **Councilmember Such** requested that the Council pay be agendized and that the City consider partnering with the County to provide portable toilets at the homeless camp. **Mayor Garaventa** reported attending the Parking and Traffic Commission meeting and their action to install red zones north and south of the Cosmetology School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

Date