

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
June 17, 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; 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 3:30 p.m. on the 13th day of June, 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. Councilmember Such expressed her thanks for having the agenda packet available on Thursday.

PRESENTATIONS

(This item was considered after the consent calendar)

The Rotary Club of Sonora was presented a certificate of appreciation for their efforts and donations of labor and material for improvements to Woods Creek Rotary Park. Diana Cooper, President accepted the certificate on behalf of the club.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

There was no public comment

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0, approval of the May 6, 2019 Council Open Session minutes, previously budgeted expenses and payroll disbursements. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to allow the possession and consumption of alcohol on Linoberg Street during a Special Event for the Sonora Tap Room on June 22nd

Administrator Miller reviewed the request noting the event closure and event hours were similar to previous events.

John Williams, expressed appreciation for being contacted by the City and applicant and noted he will be open until 7:00. Administrator Miller suggested the start time be moved from 7:00 to 7:30.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0, to allow the consumption of alcohol for the special event between the hours of 7:30 to 10:30 pm and continue the street closure up to 11:30 pm.

2. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 06-17-2019-A, approving the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Operating Budget

Director Gorsky presented the budget noting there were no changes from the June 3rd meeting and the budget maintains existing staff and services. **Councilmember Hawkins** noted the budget was 8.8 million, balanced and same staffing levels with limited resources for a small city. **Councilmember Such** questioned whether the \$200,000 funding was enough to complete the bathroom project. **Administrator Miller** advised that if the costs exceed the amount budgeted additional funding is available from the reserves, noting projects such as this do have unknowns and construction costs continue to increase. **Councilmember Such** also suggested investigating an intern program with Columbia College to help support public works activities.

Administrator Miller offered general comments regarding the City reserves; other funds including Zone A and B; Special Programs and its growing deficit and the City's staff time in these activities; historical staffing changes; and, increased costs of health care, retirement contributions and related personnel costs. **Councilmember Such** noted two typos needing correction. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Such second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0, to adopt the resolution and approve the budget with the changes noted.

Mayor Garaventa noted that he did not report on the **Closed Session** at the beginning of the meeting but noted there was no action taken.

3. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 06-17-2019-B, approving updated user fees and services for the Fire Department

Chief New introduced the fees schedule and reviewed the changes and additions. **Chief New** responded to a question from **Councilmember Hawkins** regarding fire sprinkler inspection and plan review costs and clarified for **Councilmember Plummer** who performed the inspections. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Plummer, and approved on a vote of 4-0, to adopt the resolution as presented.

4. Consideration to adopt updated rental rates for the Opera Hall

Director Kellogg introduced the updated rate schedule which would increase the daily rate and weekend rate by \$100 per day and provided comparison rates for similar facilities. **Councilmember Hawkins** expressed concerns with the rate adjustment and suggested it be implemented over time. **Director Kellogg** and **Administrator Miller** reviewed the recent improvements and addition work needed at the Opera Hall, the additional staff time required that is not charged to the Opera Hall account and that the Opera Hall operates at a deficit. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Such second by Councilmember Plummer, and carried on a vote of 3-1, with Councilmember Hawkins dissenting, to adopt the resolution as presented.

5. Consideration to authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Chabin Concepts to solicit public input and prepare a findings report regarding economic development

Administrator Miller reviewed the proposal from Chabin Concepts. The **Councilmembers** expressed their support for the concept and approach. **John Williams** liked the one-time expense, considered the proposal a positive approach and noted the consultant's experience in similar cities.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer second by Councilmember Hawkins, and unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0, authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Chabin Concepts

6. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 06-17-2019-C adopting the Tuolumne County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and City of Sonora Annex A

Administrator Miller noted this was a readoption of a prior resolution to reflect approval of minor amendments to the plan as requested by FEMA. There was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins second by Councilmember Plummer, and approved on a vote of 4-0, to adopt the resolution as presented.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief New noted that all burning has been suspended. Councilmember Such reported attending the TUD tour and the TCTC, YES Partnership and Executive meetings and the TCEDA meeting was cancelled due a lack of a quorum. Councilmember Plummer noted attending the P G & E power shut off meeting. Councilmember Hawkins informed the Council his mother was in the hospital, wished everyone a great Father's Day and noted that his family cleaned up weeds downtown after receiving a complaint. Mayor Garaventa reported attending the TCTC and TCEDA meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

Date