

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
August 5, 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, Connie Williams, Mark Plummer, Colette Such; City Administrator Tim Miller, Deputy City Attorney Robin Baral, 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 3:45 p.m. on the 1st day of August, 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)

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Hawkins, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, approval of the July 15, 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. 858 approving a Development Agreement with the Bract House LLC

Administrator Miller provided background of the ordinance and agreement. There was no public comment.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing to consider adoption of Resolution No. 08-05-2019-A approving a 3.51 percent cost of living adjustment to the refuse collection rates for Cal Sierra Disposal/Waste Management

Administrator Miller provided background information on the request, contract provisions, proposed resolution and fee increases. There were Council questions regarding the contamination charge and downtown collection frequency and it was noted the contamination fee went into effect last year and collection is twice a week downtown. The days will be confirmed by Waste Management.

Councilmember Hawkins asked about recycling green waste and was advised the City is exempt from organic recycling. **Mayor Garaventa** noted collection was Monday through Saturday. **Councilmember Plummer** asked if the County used the same CPI and was advised it was the same but the methodology was different. There was interest expressed by the Council in coordinating the City's renewal cycle with the County and revisiting the CPI basis and methodology. There was no public comment.

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

2. Public hearing to consider waiving the first reading and introducing Ordinance No. 859 amending Section 4.04.020, regarding franchise requirements, and adding Chapter 4.11, State Video Franchises, to the Sonora Municipal Code establishing a Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) fee

The **Mayor** recused himself and left the Council Chambers. The **City Administrator** reviewed the authority for the PEG fee and the approximate amount the City may receive. **Councilmembers Williams and Hawkins** noted the fee was being collected but not passed through. During public comment, **Supervisor Campbell**, as Board President for Access Tuolumne, described the improvements and services being provided noting that Jerry Day is Station Manager. In response to his question, **Councilmember Hawkins** was advised the ordinance could be rescinded.

Motion by Councilmember Williams second by Councilmember Plummer, and unanimously carried on a vote of 4-0, with one absence, to waive the first reading and introduce the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by Fire Chief Aimee New regarding Fire Safe activities

Chief New reviewed the Department's fire safe activities including inspections, public education, identifying fuel breaks, establishing fire wise communities, exploring creation of a CERT team and implementing the new defensible space ordinance.

During public comment **Joe Silva** advised he was working with a group to establish buffers around schools to create safety zones.

2. Presentation by Administrative Services Director Chris Gorsky regarding Vacation Rental monitoring and compliance services

Director Gorsky reviewed the services that would be provided by Host Compliance. These services would augment City staff to ensure that operating short term rentals were properly permitted and remitting the required TOT payments. City staff anticipates that additional TOT will be collected to cover the cost of the contract services and still provide additional TOT revenue. There was no public comment.

MONTHLY REPORTS

None

VISION SONORA COMMITTEE REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director Kellogg reported that Magic of the Night was successful. **Chief New** thanked everyone for supporting the Fire Museum fundraising at Magic of the Night. **Chief VanderWiel** reminded the Council about National Night Out. **Councilmember Williams** reported attending Magic of the Night, Chamber Mixer, Coffee with a Cop, Energy Action Plan, Government Affairs and Access Tuolumne meetings, and, the Japanese Student Exchange; **Councilmember Such** reported attending the Vision Sonora Design and Yes Partnership executive committee meetings and noted the Suicide Prevention Hope and Honor Walk on September 21st, attending the Japanese student exchange, and is working with the County, GSAC and property owner regarding placement of portable toilets (Supervisor Campbell provided additional information on available funding) and, clarified her position on her vote on

the employee MOU's and cost of living adjustments; **Councilmember Hawkins** noted Magic of the Night was excellent and enjoyed the car show; **Councilmember Plummer** echoed Council member comments on Magic of the Night; and, **Mayor Garaventa** reported attending the Japanese student exchange.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

Date