

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SONORA  
April 20, 2020**

A Closed Session 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 4:00 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor Jim Garaventa, Mayor ProTem Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Connie Williams, Mark Plummer, Colette Such; City Attorney Douglas White; City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. None

**ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

1. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Gov. Code Section 54957) Consultation with: Douglas L. White, City Attorney

**REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

1. Councilmembers gave direction to staff, nothing else to report.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

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, Mayor ProTem Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Connie Williams, Mark Plummer, Colette Such; City Attorney Douglas White City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

**City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga** advised the Council that at 2:30 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

1. There were no changes to the Agenda.

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

1. None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**(Video Time 6:55)**

1. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$143,725.32 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions. No public comment.

**Motion by Councilmember Plummer, second by Mayor ProTem Hawkins, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that item 1 of the Consent Calendar be approved.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Video Time 13:54) (Lost connection second Video Time is 5:44)**

1. Conduct second reading of Ordinance No. 865, Emergency Shelter Text Amendment; waiver further reading of the proposed ordinance and adopt the proposed ordinance.

**Community Development Director Rachele Kellogg** Ordinance No. 865 does provide for Emergency Shelters with restrictions in our R3 zoning district. Asking Council to waive the second reading. No public comment.

**Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Mayor ProTem Hawkins, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 865.**

**(Video Time 8:48)**

2. Informational item to discuss Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 requiring all citizens to stay at home unless needed to maintain operation of essential critical infrastructures. Presenter: Douglas L. White, City Attorney.

**City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga** reported out there have been no fines issued to any businesses. We have been in contact with Businesses who are not following the Governor's guidelines and educating appropriately. Working in a group Yosemite Gateway area coordination team which is in conjunction with the County and other Agencies here in Tuolumne county with the guidelines on what is essential and what is non-essential. **City Attorney Douglas White** we are required by law to follow the Governor's guidelines. Councilmembers discussed.

- A member of the public asked who they contact for complaints on people who are not staying home?
- Laurie Lehman suggested for Council to think of creative ways for businesses when we do reopen.
- A member of the public stated that Walmart is checking temperatures
- A member of the public stated that 700 people allowed in Walmart is ridiculously large

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. None

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

1. Written Staff Reports from Community Development Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and Police Department. No comment on those reports

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Letter sent to Representative Tom McClintock requesting support of H.R. 6467

**City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga** this was a letter asking Representative Tom McClintock asking his support and sponsorship of Representative Bill H.R. 6467. This letter was sent our April 13, 2020.

**COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Administrative Services Directory Chris Gorsky we do spend everyday trying to understand how this pandemic has affected City Revenue. The City was in a remarkable good financial position prior to this starting. We have stopped some major projects. Fire Chief Aimee New the Fire Department was able to complete the USDA grant for the new Command Vehicle. Police Chief Turu VanderWiel gave an update on the protest that happened downtown. Councilmember Such has been in contact with businesses to help in any way she can.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

  
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 Sonora City Clerk

3/30/2021  
 Date

