

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
June 15, 2020**

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 3:15 p.m. on the 11th day of June 2020, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. **City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga** pulled item I Public Hearing and requested it to be moved after New Business on the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of Jeff Janes, Sonora Certified Building Official

Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg introduced Jeff Janes our new Certified Building Official. He has 15 years of experience, and we are excited to have him on board.

2. Proclamation recognizing Connie Williams eight years of service to the residents of the City of Sonora

Mayor Jim Garaventa read Councilmember Connie Williams Proclamation. **Fire Chief Aimee New** presented Councilmember Connie Williams with a plaque.

- Several members of the public wanted to thank Councilmember Connie Williams for her hard work and dedication to the City of Sonora.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to adopt the Proclamation honoring Councilmember Connie Williams for her eight years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

1. Jeff Munoz gave an update on his business Hazy Bulldog how well it is doing. And hopes the Council will consider allowing recreational sales.
2. Laurie Lehman gave an overview of a New York Times Article which mentioned the City of Sonora

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Video Time 27:09)

1. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$137,271.08 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Video Time 29:28)

1. 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.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga gave an update on Governor Newsom's Executive order. Gyms, camps, recreation, and short-term lodging have been opened. Advising all business to follow the guidelines for reopening.

NEW BUSINESS

(Video Time 32:21)

1. Provide direction to staff and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council to move forward with Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 Dragoon Gulch Connector project.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga we are looking for direction from the Council for the Dragoon Gulch connector Trail if the Council so chooses to allow the City and TCTC to move forward with this project. **Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg** stated this is the same funding we received for the Red Church project. Not all of it is on the City's property which makes it a little different then projects we have worked on in the past. **Darren with TCTC and Jeff Schwein** presented a Power Point Presentation. Councilmembers discussed. No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Such, second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to move forward with the Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 Dragoon gulch Connector project.

(Video Time 1:06:45)

2. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute a City of Sonora Temporary Outdoor Operations Permit to type One Enterprises dba Sonora Brewing Company for closure of Bradford Avenue for use of outdoor restaurant seating due to COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga we have received two applications from Sonora Brewing Company for additional seating on the sidewalk which was approved. Asking direction from the Council on the application from Sonora Brewing Company to close Bradford Avenue for additional outside seating. Councilmembers discussed and asked questions concerning the closure of Bradford Avenue on the weekends.

- Thomas Silva owner of Sonora Brewing Company feels that shutting down Bradford Avenue on the weekends should not impact traffic or Emergency Vehicles. Wants to know if the Police Chief and the Fire chief if they could still do their job if Bradford Avenue is shut down? He is willing to work with the City on the amount of time Bradford Avenue can be closed.
- A member of the public supports the closure of Bradford Avenue
- Laurie Lehman feels closing Green Street would be the way to go
- Fire Chief Aimee New responded to Thomas Silva's question that absolutely they would still be able to do their job
- Charles Segerstrom feels public safety is priority but is all for outside dining

Councilmembers discussed and would like to keep other avenues open to discuss and think about closing Green Street for outside dining.

Motion by Mayor Protem Hawkins, second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 4-1 Councilmember Such No, to close Bradford Avenue Friday from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday and Sunday 11am to 9pm for a two-week trial starting on June 19th, 20th & 21st and June 26th, 27th & 28th.

(Video Time 2:21:00)

3. Adopt an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sonora repealing Urgency Ordinance No. 867 concerning the operation of short-term rentals subject to State and County guidelines.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga ordinance No. 867 would repeal the urgency ordinance put into place in response to the Governor's Executive Order that restricted use of short-term rentals for non-essential lodging. The short-term lodging sector opened on Friday with COVID restrictions and guidelines. No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to adopt an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sonora repealing Urgency Ordinance No. 867 concerning the operation of short-term rentals subject to State and County guidelines.

(Video Time 2:24:39)

4. Approve Resolution 06-15-2020-A, approving an application, and receipt of, LEAP Program Funds and authorize the City Administrator to execute the grant Application, the Standard Agreement, and all other grant documents and any amendments thereto.

Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg proposing to use our \$65,000 allocations to go through Ordinances go through the Municipal Codes and make sure we are in compliance with all the housing laws that the City is required to comply with. Funds will be used to make sure those new laws are consistent with our general plan, Zoning, and impediments. No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Such, second by Mayor ProTem Hawkins, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to approve Resolution 06-15-2020-A approving an application, and receipt of, LEAP Program Funds and authorize the City Administrator to execute the grant application, the Standard Agreement, and all other grant documents and any amendments thereto.

(Video Time 2:31:47)

5. Approve Resolution 06-15-2020-B revising the job description of the Community Service Officer Position effective June 16, 2020

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga asking Council to approve the revision of the description of the Community Service Officer Position. Councilmembers discussed. No public comment.

Motion by Mayor ProTem Hawkins, second by Councilmember Williams, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to approve Resolution 06-15-2020-B revising the job description of the Community Service Officer Position effective June 16, 2020.

(Video Time 2:37:08)

6. Approve the Mayor's Appointment of City resident Peter M. Ghiorso to serve as a Planning Commission

Mayor Jim Garaventa presented his decision of City resident Peter M. Ghiorso. Councilmembers discussed. No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Such, second by Councilmember Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to approve the Mayor's Appointment of City resident Peter M. Ghiorso to serve as a Planning Commission

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Video Time 2:43:53)

1. Waive first reading, read by title only, and introduce an ordinance, amending Chapter 1.16, General Municipal Election, of Title 1, General Provisions, to designate the City Administrator as the City Elections Official in the event of a vacancy in the office of the City Clerk.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga presented the Ordinance amending Chapter 1.16 to designate the City Administrator as the City Elections Official in the event of a vacancy in the office of the City Clerk. **City Attorney Douglas White** it is customary when the City has a vacant City Clerk position that the City Administrator acts as City Clerk. No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer, second by Mayor ProTem Hawkins, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to waive first reading, read by title only, and introduce an ordinance, amending Chapter 1.16, General Municipal Election, of Title 1, General Provisions, to designate the City Administrator as the City Elections Official in the event of a vacancy in the office of the City Clerk.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Aimee New wanted to remind our constituents that fire season has been declared and we are starting our defensible space inspections. Each year we split the inspections up into quadrants and this year we are doing Beretta on the East side of town all the way to Columbia. We have been able to produce some nice Brochures that show what your property should look like before and after great educational tool and has all the new ordinance information in there as well. Administrative Service Director Chris Gorsky we are working everyday to upgrade our accounting system and it will be going live July 1st we will also have a new look to our City Checks. Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg received two landscape plans in one for the Bank of Stockton and one for King Cagey's Project. Public Works is working on getting the stripping project moving forward and working on the plans for Snell Street. City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga announced in person meetings will begin on July 6th will be working with Tuolumne Access to make sure we are following all the social distancing guidelines. Councilmember Such would like to make sure that everyone wears their masks for the upcoming meeting. Councilmember Such read a notice from a member of the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Sonora City Clerk



Date