

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
July 06, 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 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of July 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

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATOIN

1. Administration of the Oath of Office
 - i. Matt Hawkins, Council Member: Four-Year Term
 - ii. Mark Plummer, Council Member: Four-Year Term
 - iii. Ann Segerstrom, Council Member: Four-Year Term

Judge Donald Segerstrom administered the Oath of Office (via Zoom) to Council Members Matt Hawkins, Mark Plummer, and Ann Segerstrom.

2. Consideration to select Mayor of Sonora: Two-Year Term

No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Plummer, second by Councilmember Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Hawkins as the Mayor of Sonora.

3. Consideration to confirm the Mayor's selection of Mayor Pro-Tem: Two-Year Term

Motion by Mayor Hawkins, second by Councilmember Garaventa, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to appoint Councilmember Mark Plummer as the next Mayor Pro-Tem.

No public Comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Video Time 10:40)

1. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$161,137.75 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer, 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 12:57)

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 the Governor's Executive Order. Masks are required at all time inside and outside if social distancing cannot be maintained. Also, to make sure we are restricting travel. **City Attorney Douglas White** the Governor has put together a task force Cal-Osha and Alcohol and Beverage to go out and take away licenses of businesses that are operating and not following the guidelines. They have also put together a task for of CHP to go into jurisdictions where law enforcement refuses to enforce the rules, they have yet to use these forces. The Legislature also gave the Governor the ability to deny jurisdictions that do not enforce these orders any kind of FEMA funding or CARES recovery money if they are not going to enforce the orders. Further discussion with Councilmembers.

- A member of the public understands that the Governor's Executive Order has ended.
- A member of the public commented who is going to enforce the businesses to follow the guidelines.
- A member of the public commented that the City should put out a statement to the public to make it clear what the guidelines are.

Councilmembers discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

(Video Time 48:20)

1. Approve the CAL FIRE Tuolumne Calaveras Unit 2020-21 Local Government Assistance by Hire Agreement and authorize the Mayor and the Fire Chief to sign the agreement; Approve Resolution 07-06-2020-C adopting the 2020-21 Local Government Assistance by Hire Agreement.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga this is a two-action item asking to approve the Hire Agreement and approve Resolution 07-06-2020-C. **Fire Chief Aimee New** asking the Councilmembers readopt the ADH Agreement so to a change in the California Fire Assistance Agreement to the amount of money that can be reimbursed back to the City. Councilmembers discussed.

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to approve the CAL FIRE Tuolumne Calaveras Unit 2020-21 Local Government Assistance by Hire Agreement and authorize the Mayor and the Fire Chief to sign the agreement; Approve Resolution 07-06-2020-C adopting the 2020-21 Local Government Assistance by Hire Agreement.

(Video Time 56:44)

2. Consideration to approve beyond a two-week trial period a City of Sonora Temporary Outdoor 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; authorize the City Administrator to execute the permit.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga asking the Council to consider closing Bradford Avenue for the duration of the pandemic due to COVID-19. Councilmembers discussed. **Fire Chief Aimee New** did not see any significant delay from the two-week trial of Bradford Avenue being closed. **Police Chief Turu VanderWiel** my concern is it could increase traffic on Washington Road if Bradford Avenue is closed long term. They did not incur any significant delays during the two-week trial.

- Thomas Silva owner of Sonora Brewing Company commented it did add about \$3,500 dollars in revenue for the first weekend. Second weekend we were not as busy due to the heat but saw more on Sunday. Went well for us, we were able to safely accommodate for social distancing. Did not see any serious affects from the closure of Bradford Avenue. We used my Chevelle car as a temporary barrier, and the key is in the register for quick access. Councilmembers asked Mr. Silva questions.

- Several members of the public supports closing Bradford Avenue for Sonora Brewing Company.
- Sandra Betty music director/staff for St. Patrick Catholic Church let the Councilmembers now that St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Sonora Brewing Company worked together during the closure of Bradford Avenue and it worked out very well for both parties.
- A member of the public is against the closure of Bradford Avenue.
- A member of the public is against the closure of Bradford Avenue
- A member of the public feels closing Green Street is a better choice
- A member of the public purposes closing Green Street for a two-week trial

Councilmembers discussed.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer, dies for lack of second. Consideration to approve beyond a two-week trial period a City of Sonora Temporary Outdoor 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; authorize the City Administrator to execute the permit.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer, second by Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to direct staff to work on Green Street closure solution for Sonora Brewing Company outside seating for a two-week trial.

(Video Time 2:08:04)

3. Consideration to approve or to provide direction to staff on a resolution by the Sonora city Council condemning racism.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga the City of Sonora has been a part of a Nationwide Movement addressing systematic the racism regarding the tragic death of George Floyd. On June 3rd, the City was witness to a protest regarding addressing equal justice for black lives. Requested to bring forth Resolution by a Councilmember regarding addressing systematic racism and condemning racism and bigotry Resolution 07-06-2020-A. Resolution 07-06-2020-B condemning racism and discrimination and addressing our Sonora Police Department has done a profound job in insuring that the rights of those are protected while peacefully protesting in the City of Sonora. Councilmembers discussed.

- A member of the public is for the Resolutions and encourages the Councilmembers to pass them
- A member of the public read a prepared speech.
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Councilmembers discussed. Councilmember Such read a prepared speech by Silvia Roberts.

Motion by Councilmember Such, second by Segerstrom, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0, to direct staff to form a committee with two Councilmembers serving on the committee and bring back a resolution.

Mayor Hawkins appointed Councilmember Such and Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer to serve on the committee. Should be a 7-member committee, each Councilmember to pick a member of the public to serve on the committee. To bring back a resolution that is agreed upon the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

- Jeff Muzio gave an update on Hazy Bulldog and how well business has been going. Asked Councilmembers to consider recreational sales.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg cancelling Magic of the Night. Next big event will be the Christmas Parade. Farmers Market is going well but it is not as busy as usual. Councilmember such would like to have toilets for the homeless camp be put on the next agenda. Councilmember Garaventa the Transportation Council will not be meeting this month. Councilmember Segerstrom attended the League of City Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



 Sonora City Clerk



 Date

