

SPECIAL SONORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINI RETREAT

NOVEMBER 3rd, 2009

A Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was held this date at the Sonora Fire Station, 201 South Shepherd Street, commencing at 8:00 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Ron Stearn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Anderson, Councilmembers Hank Russell, David Sheppard and Bill Canning, City Administrator Greg Applegate, Fire Chief Mike Barrows, Community Development Director Ed Wyllie, Finance Director Karen Stark, Grants/Redevelopment Program Manager Rachelle Kellogg. Absent: City Clerk Marijane Cassinetto and Police Chief Mark Stinson. Note: City Planning Commission Member John Andersen attended all sessions, while Planning Commission Members George Segarini, Dwain McDonald and John Richardson attended several Retreat sessions. Richard Matranga, City Attorney was present for his afternoon session while Gerard Fuccillo, City Engineer attended the early afternoon Retreat sessions.

CITY CLERK'S POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Administrator Greg Applegate advised the Council that at 3:29 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28th, 2009, the Agenda for the Special City Council Mini Retreat, scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009, was posted at City Hall for public review.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council engaged in the following discussions, training and/or actions:

- 1st District Supervisor Liz Bass conducted a "Quality Circle" discussion to kick-off the Annual City Council Mini Retreat. This year's discussion was on "Where Are We, And Where Are We Going". The goal of this session was to stimulate thought and discussion on examining where we are as a City/County and where do we see ourselves going as a City/County.
- Larry Cope, Economic Development Director for the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) provided Councilmembers with an update on the progress that has been made since he was hired in April 2009. Larry went over the 30, 90 and 180 day plan that he has carried out as the Economic Development Director for the Joint Powers Authority with the City and County. Larry also provided feedback from the October 8th, 2009, TCEDA Retreat by discussing goal development and prioritization, identifying a vision and community issues that the TCEDA will be dealing with over the next year.
- Administrator Applegate conducted a session on City Goals for 2010. Mr. Applegate indicated that at the Annual Department Head Staff Retreat held on October 15th, 2009, Department Heads reviewed the top five goals for their individual departments from the

previous year and then set their top five goals for the coming year. Department Heads and the Administrator went over with Councilmembers their top five goals for 2010.

- Grants/Redevelopment Program Manager Rachelle Kellogg reviewed the draft Sonora Redevelopment Agency's Five-Year Implementation Plan with Councilmembers. Ms. Kellogg reminded Councilmembers that Assembly Bill 1290 requires that the City's Redevelopment Agency approve a Five-Year Plan for their Redevelopment Agency every five years. The proposed draft Plan will cover 2010-2014. Ms. Kellogg went over the anticipated projects and costs that are projected over the next five years. Also included in the Plan is a Housing Production Plan which pertains to the twenty percent (20%) mandated Redevelopment Housing Set-Aside fund. Ms. Kellogg indicated that a Public Hearing and consideration of the Plan's adoption has been scheduled for the November 16th, 2009, Sonora Redevelopment Agency meeting.
- Stephen Qualls, Central Valley Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities provided a legislative update regarding the various Senate and Assembly Bills currently in the works or recently signed, ballot initiative information, and a State budget analysis. Mr. Qualls entertained questions from Councilmembers and staff, noting that the State budget's financial situation remains very critical and that the Governor has again called for a "special" budget sessions to be conducted later this month. The current State budget deficit is estimated to be in excess of \$26 billion and growing. Mr. Qualls spoke on emerging pension reform and concluded his session by reminding Councilmembers and staff the importance of being involved in assisting the League of California Cities with legislative efforts and the upcoming Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act, an initiative aimed for the November 2010 ballot that would protect funding for public safety, transportation and other vital local services. This Measure would prevent the Legislature and the Governor from borrowing, taking or otherwise redirecting local government, public transit and transportation funds.
- Richard Matranga, City Attorney presented his every other year update on the Brown Act (Open Meeting Laws) and Conflict of Interest Laws. Mr. Matranga provided a quick refresher and went over those legislative changes that have taken place over the last two years with regard to the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Laws. Mr. Matranga ended his presentation by fielding questions from Council and Planning Commission members.
- Karen Stark, Finance Director made a presentation on the City's Sales Tax Audit and the analysis that goes into the Audit. Sales tax represents approximately 50% of the total General Fund revenue and provides additional funding for Police, Fire and Public Works through the formation of the Special Sales and Use Tax District (Measure I). Ms. Stark went over various graphs, charts and spread sheets explaining the details associated with the Audit work provided by the Consulting firm MuniServices. Ms. Stark explained what sales tax information is public and what is confidential with regard to sales tax data received by Staff. Included in Ms. Stark's handouts was a document provided by MuniServices on their Economic Outlook for the second quarter of 2009.

- Administrator Greg Applegate provided an update from the City's Finance Committee, who, at the Council's direction, has been meeting on a monthly basis to work on balancing the 2009-2010 budget through reductions/revenues. Mr. Applegate went over the list of expenditure reductions and revenue increases established by the Finance Committee and the associated actions. Mr. Applegate asked Councilmembers if there were any other ideas that they would like to see the Finance Committee explore. Councilmembers were reminded that the mid-year budget review would provide an analysis of revenues and expenditures to see if the adopted budget is on target, or not. Rental options for the former Education Facility were discussed since Chief of Police Stinson no longer believes this facility is a viable location for the Police Department's Patrol Division. City Staff will work with Larry Cope to find tenants.

In a finance related matter, Finance Director Karen Stark presented Resolution No. 11-03-2009-A, a Resolution approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and related Documents with respect to the Sale of the Seller's Proposition 1A receivable from the State; and Directing and Authorizing Certain other Actions in Connection Therewith. Ms. Stark went over her report and the supporting documentation indicating that the City needed to be part of this Securitization program authorized under ABX4 and ABX4 15, the Proposition 1A Securitization program. These bills allow California Communities (group of cities and counties) to sell their respective Proposition 1A receivables to California Communities who will simultaneously purchase the Proposition 1A receivables, issue bonds (Prop 1A Bonds) and provide each agency with the cash proceeds they would normally receive in two equal installments, thus keeping cities and counties whole this year with regard to their property tax revenue.

Motion by Councilmember Canning, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Anderson and approved unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 11-03-2009-A, and direct the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City.

- Ed Wyllie, Community Development Director provided a power-point presentation on "A Year in the Life of Public Works". This presentation provided highlights on the various jobs throughout the year that the Public Works Department has completed.
- Greg Applegate, City Administrator gave a brief wrap-up of the City Council Mini Retreat's day long sessions and thanked Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners, Staff and the Public for their time, effort, and valuable input.

ADJOURN. The City Council Special meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m., to the next Regular Council meeting to be held on Monday, November 16th, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Greg Applegate, City Administrator